

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 31st May 2018 following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Councillors Present: J Stockdale, J Lee, I Brough, S Holland-Reid, N Sidaway, B Sharp, R Davison, D Jeffries & W Miller.

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk) & Cllr Lister (arrived late).

109/18 Election of Chairman

Councillor James Stockdale was duly re-elected as Chairman for the council year 2018/19.

110/18 Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

111/18 Election of Vice-Chairman

Councillor Ian Brough was elected as Vice-Chairman.

112/18 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Underwood, Cllr Brough & PCSO Crome.

113/18 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of interest were received.

114/18 Requests for Dispensations

No requests received.

115/18 Adjournment of Meeting

No questions asked or matters of interest raised by members of the public.

116/18 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on the 29th March 2018 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

117/18 Annual Audit & Financial Statements

a) The certificate of exemption was approved & authorised and signed by the Chairman & Responsible Financial Officer.

b) The annual internal audit report for 2017/18 was received.

c) The Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 was approved & authorised and signed by the Chairman & the Responsible Financial Officer.

d) The council approved the Accounting Statements 2017/18 of the Annual Return & the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer were authorised to sign them.

e) The accounts book for the year ending 31st March 2018 was approved by the council and authorised to be signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer.

f) The Period of Exercise of Electors Rights from the 4th June 2018 to the 13th July 2018 & the Publication on the Website were authorised.

118/18 Reports

(i) An email from Cumbria Constabulary advised that there had been no incidents reported to the police for parish area since the last meeting. Cllr Lee reported that six of the newly planted trees & guards etc had been stolen from Rannergill.

(ii) The Village Hall forwarded the following report; A pudding night was held on the 20th of April with 30 or so people attending. The next big event is the carnival on Saturday the 30th of June. The committee doesn't have a secretary and its treasurer wishes to step down. There is now three teams cutting the grass in the field/play area etc, a fourth would be better. The hall has been used by a few different organizations in the last three weeks including Cornwall Young Farmers & Cumbria Biodiversity Group. The annual accounts were circulated to councillors by email.

(iii) Cllr Lister was not present at this point of the meeting.

119/18 Payments

The following payments were agreed & authorised:

E Clark – Salary & Expenses	£166.90
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 38.20
Mrs E Bell	£ 30.00
CALC – Annual Membership	£165.00
Blencogo & District Village Hall – Annual Produce Show	£200.00

120/18 Receipts

The following receipts received were noted;

Allerdale Borough Council – Precept	£2975.45
Allerdale Borough Council – CTRS Grant	£ 24.55

121/18 Planning Consultations

A devolved decision by the clerk of 'No Objection' after consultation with the chairman & Councillors on the following planning application; Ref No: 2/2018/0194 – proposed roof over existing silage pit – Blencogo House, Blencogo – Mr Ferguson.

122/18 Langrigg Biofuels

An email from Allerdale Borough Council's Environment Protection Officer thanked the council for forwarding the photos and asked if he could speak directly to the person who took them for times & dates etc of the disturbance as this would assist greatly. He advised that a response to the planning application had been made by another officer however he would be adding to this in relation to noise, he had previously visited the premises & requested further details of the biomass boilers which have been submitted with the planning application and he was currently assessing these documents to check adequacy and if any further information or assessments were required. The operator had informed him that they had some problems with emissions from the boilers due to a change in fuel use; this was prior to his visit and should not be ongoing at this time.

123/18 General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Cllr Jeffries gave a summary of the GDPR outlining legitimate interests and consent. Companies must be able to demonstrate consent was

given by the individual to the processing of the personal data. Individuals have the right to access their own personal data.

Cllr Miller joined the meeting 8pm.

124/18 Highways

The following highway issue was noted; the grass verges are being eroded at Forge House & The Vicarage, Langrigg due to large vehicles.

125/18 Correspondence

The following correspondences were noted;
Great North Air Ambulance – Thanks for Donation
CALC – May Newsletter
Allerdale Borough Council – Footway Lighting – advised that for the 2018/19 financial year the budget had been reduced by £12,500, leaving a real risk of not being able to repair lights over the winter 2018/19 unless further funding is made available. Allerdale are not at this point expecting any significant changes with the next 2-3 years & is therefore not expecting parishes to assume all costs within their next budget. There is a separate budget to deal with the issue of lights being removed when Electricity North West replace their poles. In the next few weeks, discussions will be held between Allerdale & the County Council and then CALC & individual parishes in order to find a sustainable solution against its reducing budget.

126/18 Parish Bus Shelter

Further quote still required for the 'Village Hall' sign and a local business had agreed to advertise on the shelter.

127/18 Blencogo Footway Lights

A report from Allerdale advised that lights 1 & 2 in Blencogo needed replacing with 5m columns, due to the close proximity to the telephone & electric cables a pole box would not be possible. Light 2 should now be working and is currently maintainable. It was also asked if lights 1 & 2 were required, bearing in mind the footway letter regarding the future responsibility of lights. It was agreed that these lights were needed & a site meeting to be arranged with Cllr Jeffries and David Bryden from Allerdale.

Cllr Lister joined the meeting 8.15pm.

Cllr Lister reported that he had received an update from Kevin Kerrigan (Allerdale Planning) which stated the following;

2/2018/0098 Erection of replacement general purpose shed (retrospective) – A fire at the site resulted in a building being replaced in the same location of the same materials without consent. However the shed was erected at 14.5m which is approx. 3m higher than the building it replaced. Due to the proximity of the shed to the Grade II Listed Building concerns were raised with regard to its impact on the setting of the Listed Building and no information had been submitted with the application to demonstrate the need of the building at this height. At the meeting with the applicant and his agent on the 20 April they said they would provide justification for the height of the building and proposed landscaping for the local planning authority to assess. The justification was received on 17 May and the landscaping details are expected to be submitted week commencing 21 May. No objections have been received from any statutory consultees to this application.

2/2018/0097 Change of use of farm building to install 1 x CHP and 2 x RHI units and retention of associated chimneys with increase in height to 3m above roofline - The first plant was installed in an existing building in 2014, the second in 2016 and the third in 2017. This has resulted in 3 external flues having been erected to the building which are proposed to be extended to 3m in height as part of this application.

A number of objections have been received to the application that were concerned with the traffic movements associated with these units and the conditions they were leaving the verges along with the noise of the units and smoke. The Environmental Protection Team were also made aware of these complaints and visited the site on the 4 April. Smoke was witnessed to be dropping to ground level and collecting around the surrounding locality. The Environmental Protection Team are undertaking further monitoring to inform a decision as to whether formal enforcement action would be justified. The Environmental Protection Team objected to the planning application based on the limited information submitted with the application and advised further information should be submitted on the stack details, predicted emission and a noise report.

Cumbria Highways had no objections to the application. The planning officer sought clarification regarding increased vehicle movements and highways advised that their position may change on this if the movements were significantly higher and they should be re-consulted if additional information is received.

As the information within the application differed from that received from complainants a Planning Contravention Notice was served. The response received highlighted that the movements in relation to the CHP and RHI units is approx. 10 per week. The Environmental Protection Officer has also sent diary sheets out to the complainants he is aware of and the Planning Officer has provided details to the Environmental Protection Officer from the objectors to the planning application.

At the meeting on the 20 April the Environmental Protection Officer raised his concern with regards to the smoke and advised that if any further smoke witnessed on site again like that on his previous visit statutory nuisance action may be taken. The Applicant advised that they had tried using olive pellets which caused the smoke and this has ceased, the units closed down and fully cleaned before operating on wood chip again and the use of olive pellets would not happen again.

The agent requested an extension of time to allow the additional reports to be undertaken and calculations carried out to determine the exact flue heights required. They were also considering the options of removing some of the units for the site and operating on a smaller scale. The additional information would include updates on the traffic movements.

The neighbours and consultees will be re-consulted on the additional information when received.

The applications have not been 'called in' for consideration by development panel but may be referred to the Development Panel depending on the outcome of the assessment of the additional information received. There is no firm timescale for this at the present time.

The council requested that Cllr Lister asks highways to monitor the traffic and that the application is 'called in'.

128/18 Items for forward consideration

Trees – Community Orchard

129/18 Forthcoming Meetings:

- (i) The dates of forthcoming meetings were noted & agreed.
- (ii) It was noted the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Thursday the 26th of July 2018 in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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