

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday the 26th of July 2018 at 7.30p.m.

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

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk).

Prior to the start of the meeting the council held a minutes silence in memory of Cllr Stockdale.

- 130/18 Election of Chairman**
Councillor Ian Brough was elected chairman.
- 131/18 Chairman's announcements**
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 132/18 Apologies**
Apologies were received & accepted from PCSO Crome
- 133/18 Declarations of interest on the agenda**
Cllr Lee declared an interest in planning application ref no. 2/2018/0323, minute ref. 142/18.
- 134/18 Requests for Dispensations**
No requests for dispensations received.
- 135/18 Minutes**
Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 31st of May 2018 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- 136/18 Adjournment of the meeting**
No members of the public present.
- 137/18 Reports**
Report from Cllr Lister – no report received
- Report from Cumbria Police** – an email from PCSO Crome apologised for being unable to attend the meeting and advised that there had been one incident in the parish reported to police since the last meeting and it was that on the 23rd of July a 7.5 tonne horse box had broken down in the area of Bromfield blocking the road. Recovery was arranged for the vehicle and alternative transport for the horses in the horse box.
- Report from the Village Hall Committee** – an emailed update asked if there would be the possibility of a defibrillator (or two) in the parish. The committees now have a secretary & treasurer and are having a meeting in September to recruit additional volunteers. The carnival went well with 25 youngsters in the parade, games on the play area and photos in the local paper. Weeding, cleaning etc has been carried out outside the play area and Playdale have been asked for prices to replace the two swings in the toddler play area. The next big event, which has been advertised round the parish, is the Produce show on the 1st of September.
- 138/18 Payment of accounts**
The payment of the following accounts were considered & authorised:
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| Clerk's salary and expenses | £ 160.38 |
| HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE) | £ 38.40 |
- 139/18 Receipts**
The following receipt received was noted;
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| HM Revenue & Customs (VAT Refund) | £ 23.93 |
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- 140/18 Financial Statements**
The current balance of the Council's Bank Account & bank reconciliation as at the 30th of June 2018 were noted and approved.

- 141/18 Cumberland Building Society**
The updating of the clerk's correspondence address was authorised and the accounts signatories were approved and authorised as being; Cllr Underwood, Cllr Holland-Reid, Cllr Ian Brough & Cllr Jeffries. P Roberts & J Stockdale to be removed.
- 142/18 Planning Matters**
A devolved decision by the clerk of 'No Objection' after consultation with the Chairman & Councillors on the following planning application;
Ref No: 2/2018/0220 – Variation of condition 2 on planning approval 2/2016/0703, to amend house design plot 2 – Field No. 3800, Blencogo – Mr J J Lattimer.
- The following planning application was noted with no objection;
Ref No: 2/2018/0306 – Extension to existing livestock building for crop storage – Crooklands Farm, Blencogo – Mr John Mann, Crooklands Farm Ltd.
- There was no objection to the following planning application which was received after the issue of the agenda;
Ref No: 2/2018/0323 – Concreting of existing farmyard to diffuse clean and dirty water – Langrigg House, Langrigg – Mr John Lee, Messrs Lee.
- The following grant of planning permission was noted ;
Ref No: 2/2018/0194 – proposed roof over existing silage pit – Blencogo House, Blencogo – Mr Ferguson.
- 143/18 Correspondence**
The following correspondence were noted;
Blencogo & District Produce Show – Thanks for Donation & invite to attend
CALC – June & July Newsletter
CALC – AGM Info
CALC – Planning Training
Highways – Restoration of Signposts – *Posts at Leegate Brow & opposite Seaview House to be added to the restoration list.*
- Clerks & Councils Direct – July Issue
- 144/18 Langrigg Biofuels**
The noise impact assessment report & air quality report were considered and found lacking. It was considered that the tests were not credible, had been monitored from bizarre locations and the impact of the chipping operation had been estimated. The surveys were not independent, biased and lacked transparency. Concerns were still present in respect of what was being burned. Traffic monitoring surveys had not been carried out covertly and partially on the wrong road. The application fails to demonstrate the environmental impact on residents with numerous houses in the locality now being on the market. Clerk to forward these observations to Allerdale Planning.
- 145/18 Footway Lighting**
Mr Bryden of Allerdale Borough Council advised that no 2 light in Blencogo was now working and 1 & 3 would be re-instated.
- 146/18 Highway Matters**
The following highway issues were reported; at the Bromfield crossroads going to Scales there is a large gorge (6" wide 2/3" deep) in the middle of the road. The grit bin at Bromfield had not yet been replenished.
- 147/18 Parish Bench**
It was resolved that a new parish bench be installed by the noticeboard in Bromfield in memory of James Stockdale & Harry Douglas.
- 148/18 Community Orchard on Parish Land**
6 x new trees to be planted in November time to replace those stolen. Enquiries to be made to see if the Heritage trees were now available.
- 149/18 Parish Councillor Vacancy**
Current vacancy to be advertised as per Allerdale Borough Council's vacancy process.

150/18 Advertising on the Parish Bus Shelter

A quote of £34 was received to supply a 'Village Hall' sign made using black vinyl on white aluminum composite material. The price included setting, proof and white screw caps.
Resolved – sign to be purchased.

151/18 Clerk's Salary

The NALC recommended clerk's salary increase was considered and approved. Current hourly rate being £9.591 (April 2009 rate) new hourly rate increasing to £10.301.

152/18 Parish Land at Heathfield

An increase of £5.00 on the annual rent at Heathfield was approved, new rent rate therefore £10.00.

153/18 Parish Noticeboards

It was considered that the parish noticeboards were in need of refurbishment, especially the Bromfield board. Cllr Sharp to inspect and repair as required.

154/18 Items of inclusion on the next agenda

Parish Land
Defibrillators

155/18 Date and time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Thursday the 27th of September 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.