

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday the 28th of March 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk) & Cllr Lister (Borough & County Councillor)

209/19 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

210/19 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Lee

211/19 Declarations of interest on the agenda

No declarations of interest were received.

212/19 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

213/19 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 31st of January 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

214/19 Adjournment of the meeting

No members of the public present.

215/19 Reports

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

PCSO Crome apologised for being unable to attend the meeting and advised that there had been no reported incidents in the parish since the last meeting.

Adrian Cozens from the Village Hall Committee reported they had had a very successful quiz night in memory of Harry Douglas. Last week there was a film night which was Mamma Mia 2. The next event is a curry night on Saturday the 27th of April, tickets cost £12.00. The grass has started to be cut in the play area and the annual inspection from the church surveyor was favorable. The committee still requires a chairman and the options are being considered for altering the constitution in order to provide limited liability to the trustees.

216/19 Payment & Receipts

Payments of the following accounts were considered & authorised:

Clerk's Salary and Expenses (postage 14.59)	£ 179.41
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 41.20
The Great North Air Ambulance	£ 100.00
Bromfield Church PCC – Grass Cutting	£ 400.00
Blencogo Village Hall	£2100.00
Cllr Lee (trees for orchard)	£ 54.00
Mike Taylor (Village Hall Sign)	£ 44.00

Cllr Lister joined the meeting and advised that Bromfield were now in Silloth Ward so he would no longer be Bromfield's Borough councillor. The new sports stadium in Workington was ongoing and some of the roads had not been repaired to a good standard. There was no update on the Biomass unit at Langrigg but he advised he would request a progress report. The council asked for advice on

planning application ref nos; FUL/2019/0044 & FUL/2019/0045 – agenda item 218/9, Allerdale had made a decision on these prior to the consultation end date - Cllr Lister to look into.

Cllr Lister left the meeting - 7.55pm

217/19 Financial Statements

- The current balance of the council's bank account as at the 28th of February 2019 was approved & accepted.
- The Bank Reconciliation as at the 28th of February was approved & accepted.

218/19 Planning Matters

A devolved decision by the clerk of 'No Objection' after consultation with the Chairman & Councillors on the following planning applications was noted;

Ref No: FUL/2019/0044 – Proposed roof over silage clamp – New Mill Farm – Mr Brown, W & H Brown – ***full plans approved 15/03/19.***

Ref No: FUL/2019/0045 – Proposed roof over slurry pit - New Mill Farm – Mr Brown, W & H Brown - ***full plans approved 15/03/19.***

Ref No: FUL/2019/0024 – Replacement dwelling type on plot 4 – Field No 3800, Blencogo, Wigton.

The above applications (Ref FUL/2019/0044 & FUL/2019/0045) were approved by Allerdale Planning prior to the consultation end date, an email from Allerdale's Planning & Building Control Manager advised on the following; *the council mistakenly issued the decisions prior to the statutory consultation period expiring. I am examining the legal background. At this stage, whilst the legal process was not followed, it appears that the decisions stand as they were issued by us as the local planning authority; we are not able to rescind them. However, I fully acknowledge that the decisions are challengeable and a party such as the parish council could seek leave for a judicial review. I am more than willing to explain the Council's error and the process in more detail in person should the Parish consider this beneficial (noting that there is normally a maximum of 6 weeks following the decision for challenge). Please accept my apologies.*

It was agreed that the parish council should reply that this serious error is of great concern, and would have been highly significant had this been a controversial application.

219/19 Correspondence

The following correspondences received were noted;
CALC – Feb & March Circular
Wigton Baths Trust – Thanks for Donation
Solway Plain Team Magazine – Thank you for Donation
Clerks & Councils Direct – March Issue
Cumbria County Council – Working Together
Transport Services – Changes to Service 39

220/19 Highway Matters

The following highway issues were noted; a sign had appeared at Scales saying 'Crookdake Road' this has concerned residents as the road has never been known or called this - highways have been advised; clerk to request update. The Leegate to Fletchertown road is breaking away on the edges (CA7 0BP), at Langrigg Bank (CA73NA) the road requires repairing, piles of grit still required on the Gillmorend Brow road (CA73LU). There is still a blocked drain under the road at the bottom of Gillmore Brow (opposite the wood & next to the milestone CA73LU). After

Greenah Villa to the Waverton road there are large pot holes. Mess on the road & obstructive parking at the new build houses/bungalows in Blencogo (field no. 3800) to be monitored.

221/19 Thomason Nelson Charity Trust

It was noted that a meeting had been held and the trustees from the parish council were Cllr Ian Brough & Cllr Shirley Holland-Reid. There were two other trustees from the Bromfield Parish and one from Dundraw. The bank signatories have now been updated and they were now looking into the re-wording of the charity papers and giving to the children of the parish. The pensioners' lunch would still be funded by the charity.

222/19 Effectiveness of Internal Control

The effectiveness of internal control including arrangements for the management of risk assessment were reviewed and approved with no amendments required.

223/19 Langrigg Biomass

No further update received.

224/19 Public Rights of Way

Deferred until the next meeting.

225/19 Items of inclusion on the next agenda

Public Rights of Way – Moss Lonning, Langrigg
Langrigg Biomass CHP Unit
Litter Picking

226/19 Date and time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Meeting & the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Thursday the 16th of May 2019 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending & closed the meeting at 8.30pm.