

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 16th May 2019 following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Councillors Present: M Underwood, J Lee, I Brough, S Holland-Reid, B Sharp, J Brough, R Davison, D Jeffries & P Batch

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk).

227/19 Election of Chairman

Cllr Jeffries proposed & Cllr Holland-Reid seconded that Cllr Ian Brough be elected as Chairman for the 2019/20 council year.

228/19 Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

229/19 Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Lee proposed & Cllr Jeffries seconded that Cllr Underwood be elected as Vice-Chair.

230/19 Apologies

No Apologies received.

231/19 Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of interest were received.

232/19 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

233/19 Adjournment of Meeting

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

234/19 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the ordinary council meeting held on the 28th March 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

235/19 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 2018/19 was received & accepted.
- c) The Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 was approved, authorised and signed by the Chairman & the Responsible Financial Officer.
- d) The council approved the Accounting Statements 2018/19 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 2019 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 17th June 2019 to the 26th July 2019 & the Publication on the Website were authorised.

236/19 Reports

(i) No report received from the PCSO.

(ii) The Village Hall forwarded the following report; *we've just had a meeting this evening. Last event was the curry night on the 27th April. Very poorly attended by just 4 of us from the village everyone else came from roundabout. We have a family fun event next on Saturday the 8th of June 2pm for kids, BBQ from 4pm. Spring clean on the 13th July. 5yr fixed wire was completed yesterday, one matter to fix which will be about £200 so that's good, it's a C3 which means 'recommended' only – will sort in the next couple of weeks. Still no chairman – we are looking to revise the constitution so that the trustees have limited liability, process to be started in the next few weeks.*

The Village Hall annual accounts were received, circulated & accepted.

(iii) No report received from the Allerdale Borough Councillor

(iv) No report received from the Cumbria County Councillor.

237/19 Payments

The following payments were agreed & authorised:

E Clark – Salary £164.82 & Expenses £18.42	£183.24
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 41.20
Mrs E Bell	£ 30.00
CALC – Annual Membership	£151.82
Blencogo & District Village Hall – Annual Produce Show	£200.00
Crooklands Farm – Open Day 2019	£200.00

238/19 Receipts

The following receipts received were noted;

Allerdale Borough Council – Precept £3000.00

239/19 Planning Consultations

A devolved decision by the clerk of 'No Objection' after consultation with the chairman & Councillors on the following planning application;

Ref No: HOU/2019/0071-retrospective consent for partially completed rear extension – Willone House, Blencogo – Mr J Cork

Ref No: VAR/2019/0010 – Application for the removal of conditions 5 on planning approval 2/2017/0155 –Crookdake Mill – Mr & Mrs Miller.

The following planning application was received after the issue of the agenda & the parish council had no objection in principle but questioned the following; Will these additional houses cause an added strain on the utilities, in particular the sewerage system which already has problems?

The track is currently used as access to land; will this be suitably constructed/adopted by highways?

There is the question of ownership on the land between the Village Hall & the Play Area and access to these areas on the application is vague.

Ref No: FUL/2019/0092 – Erection of four detached two storey dwellings – Bramble Lane Cottage, Blencogo – Mr Gordon Stalker.

The following grant of planning permission was noted;

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

240/19 Langrigg Biofuels

No further update received.

241/19 Public Rights of Way

Deferred until the next meeting.

242/19 Standing Orders & Financial Regulations

The Standing Orders & Financial Regulations were adopted for 2019/20.

243/19 Highways

The following highway issues were noted; Bridgefield, Langrigg (Old railway embankment) the road has washed away (nearest postcode CA7 3NA). Sandy Hill, Langrigg (going up the hill) the road has gone (nearest postcode CA7 3LL). The gully top has sunk 8" outside Post Office Row, Langrigg, CA7 3LL. Footpaths require sweeping in Blencogo.

It was noted that the recently erected 'Crookdake' sign had now been removed.

244/19 Correspondence

The following correspondences were noted;

Great North Air Ambulance – Thanks for Donation

CALC – May Newsletter

St Mungo's Church – Thanks for the Grasscutting Donation

245/19 Parish Litter Pick

Litter picking in the parish was considered and it was agreed that the clerk look into acquiring hooks, bags, hi-vis jackets etc

246/19 Bromfield Traffic Speed Limit

Following an enquiry for a 30mph speed limit in Bromfield, the highways traffic management officer stated the following; *unfortunately this would not be possible – Bromfield is too small to be considered for such a limit. There are literally only two or three properties on the main routes through; with the remainder being on the dead end road leading up to Bromfield Hall. Speeds along here will already be below 30mph, and all of it is local traffic – none of it through-traffic.*

The council agreed that the traffic management officer be asked to carry out a site visit.

247/19 Provision of information on the Website

It was noted that the village hall, fund the Blencogo website, while the parish council's information was added to the website free of charge. It was advised that the parish council granted an annual donation to the hall which perhaps should be increased to cover these costs.

248/19 Parish Councillor Vacancy

There is currently one parish councillor vacancy.

249/19 Items for forward consideration

Parish Benches

250/19 Forthcoming Meetings:

(i) The dates of forthcoming meetings were circulated.

(ii) It was noted the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Thursday the 25th of July 2019 in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

The chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.