

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday the 30th of January 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors Present: M Underwood, I Brough, S Holland-Reid, R Davison, G Fellows, W Miller, P Batch, J Lee & B Sharp.

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

309/20 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

310/20 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J Brough & Jeffries

311/20 Declarations of interest on the agenda

Cllr I Brough declared an interest in planning application ref no: FUL/2019/0280 & Cllr Holland-Reid declared an interest in agenda item 15 – donation for the maintenance of the trees in the Churchyard.

312/20 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

313/20 Minutes

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

314/20 Adjournment of the meeting

No members of the public present.

315/20 Reports

- Cllr Lister (Cumbria County Councillor) advised that all was quiet at County level .
- Cllr Johnson (Allerdale Borough Councillor) joined the meeting and apologised for not attending a meeting sooner. He advised that he was also the deputy leader of Allerdale Borough Council, a ward councillor and a parish councillor. He updated the council in respect of Allerdale Borough Council transferring the footway lighting energy costs to parish/town councils from April 2021, with Allerdale continuing to pick up the maintenance costs. The parish council will be asked if there are any lights that can be done without. Energy costs for Sodium lights will cost approximately £30 and LED approximately £18. When sodium lights are depleted they will be replaced with LED. The waste service contract with FCC is to be dissolved and brought back in-house and to be a wholly owned company of the Borough Council. Council tax is looking at a 1% increase (decision still to go to full council).
The council gave an overview to Cllr Johnson on the Langrigg Biomass Boiler planning application and asked for his assistance. Cllr Johnson advised that he would address the councils concerns with Simon Sharp (Planning & Building Control Manager).
- An email from Inspector Gale of Cumbria Constabulary advised that in the future the parish council would be provided with a Newsletter update for the meeting, which would keep the parish council up to date with engagements undertaken in the community as well as any relevant crime prevention advice. The Newsletters will provide information from the relevant Neighbourhood

Policing Teams as well as the Local Focus Hubs, including updates from their partners. This new format will be rolled out across the County and it is hoped that the parish council will find it useful and informative. This change means less administration for the PCSO's and Problem Solving team, meaning they can spend more time in the community.

- An email update from the Village Hall Committee stated the following; Gary Bickley is the new chairman. There have been six new volunteers joining the committee at the meeting on the 22nd. A list of events has been published on Facebook and on the website and flyers and posters should soon be going out as well as in other media. The bonfire night is looking at being resurrected but this is in the very early stages at present. Next event is a pop up pub night on the 21st of February.

Cllr Johnson & Cllr Lister left the meeting – 8.10pm.

316/20 Payments & Receipts

Payments of the following accounts were considered & authorised:

Clerk's salary and expenses (salary £164.82 expenses £10.25)	£175.07
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 41.20
Wigton Baths Trust	£100.00
CALC – Managing Trees Course	£ 45.00
Zurich Insurance	£444.00
Ministry of Doing – Web Site Hosting (Bank Transfer)	£ 70.00

317/20 Financial Statements

The current balance of the council's bank account as at the 31st of December 2019 was approved & accepted. The 2019/20 parish council budget was reviewed and approved.

318/20 Planning Matters

Devolved decisions of 'No Objection' by the clerk after consultation with the Chairman & Councillors on the following planning applications were noted;

Ref No: FUL/2019/0246 – Resubmission of FUL/2019/0092 – for the erection of two detached dwellings – Bramble Lane Cottage, Blencogo – Mr Gordon Stalker - no objection in principal but do have the same following concerns as per previous planning application No: FUL/2019/0246; 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 of the land between the Village Hall & the Play area and access to these areas on the application is vague.

Ref No: FUL/2019/0280 – roof over existing collecting yard, Langfauld, Langrigg – Mr I Brough.

The following grants of planning permission were noted;

Ref No: FUL/2019/0262 – Change of use of redundant farm storage building to form dwelling – Mereside Farm, Bromfield – Mrs J Marshal.

Ref No: FUL/2019/0280 – roof over existing collecting yard, Langfauld, Langrigg – Mr I Brough.

319/20 Correspondence

The following correspondences received were noted;
Allerdale Borough Council – Footway Lighting Update

Allerdale Borough Council – Draft Council Tax Base 2020/21
Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) – Inspectors Report
Allerdale Borough Council Draft Delivery Plan 2020-24 Consultation
CALC - Dec Circular
CALC - Buckingham Palace Garden Party
Clerks & Councils Direct – January Issue
Wigton Baths Trust – Newsletter
ACT Cumbria – Rebuilding Together Programme
Connecting Cumbria –Broadband Update

320/20 Highway Matters

The following highway issues were noted; Potholes throughout the parish which are especially bad in the area of Greenah Villa & from the crossroads to Langrigg Bank. Inoperative lights in Langrigg (next to the post box/grit box), no3 light in Bromfield and no 12 & no 18 in Blencogo.

321/20 Langrigg Biomass Boiler

No further update - Cllr Johnson to speak with Simon Sharp (Planning & Building Control Manager).

322/20 Community Projects

Clerk to obtain prices for the refurbishment of the parishes finger posts & milestones.

323/20 St Mungo's Church Yard

The clerk reported that she had received advice from CALC in respect of a donation for the maintenance of the trees in the church yard and CALC advised councillors should read this legal topic note before they make a decision. Decision to be made at the March meeting.

324/20 Clerk's resignation

The council accepted the clerk's resignation and agreed that the vacancy be advertised around the parish and by CALC (website/newsletter).

325/20 Items of inclusion on the next agenda

Langrigg Biomass Boiler
Clerk's Resignation

326/20 Date and time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday the 26th of March 2020 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending & closed the meeting at 9.10pm.