

Councillors Present: M Underwood, I Brough, S Holland-Reid, R Davison, G Fellows, W Miller & D Jeffries.

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

327/20 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

328/20 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Lee & Sharp.

329/20 Declarations of interest on the agenda

Cllr Holland-Reid declared an interest in St Mungo's churchyard, grasscutting & maintenance of trees.

330/20 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

331/20 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 30th of January 2020 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

332/20 Adjournment of the meeting

No members of the public present.

333/20 Reports

- No report received from Cllr Lister (Cumbria County Councillor).
- Cllr Johnson (Allerdale Borough Councillor) stated that it had been challenging times since we last met and that the world had changed. Council meetings were now going ahead virtually by Zoom & Teams etc. Green waste recycling is up and running again. The Langrigg planning application closes on Monday. The council advised that the noise report seemed to suggest that through the night the noise level was over the 5db threshold. It was questioned whether this new noise report was British standard? Cllr Johnson asked the council to summarise their concerns and he would speak to Allerdale's planning department about them.

Cllr Johnson left the meeting –7.50pm.

- No report received from Cumbria Constabulary.
- Cllr Fellows, on behalf of the Village Hall, advised that they had held a virtual meeting and were trying to plan. A deep clean of the hall was required before its re-opening. They were keen to keep things going as there had been a couple of successful events.

334/20 Payment & Receipts

Payments of the following accounts were considered & authorised:

Clerk's salary (Jan, Feb, March, April)	£ 329.64
Clerk's Expenses (Postage)	£ 10.51
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 82.40
The Great North Air Ambulance	£ 100.00
Bromfield Church PCC – Grass Cutting	£ 800.00 (see 345/20)
Blencogo Village Hall	£2100.00
Mrs E Bell	£ 30.00

CALC – Annual Membership £ 159.81
Blencogo & District Village Hall – Annual Produce Show £ 200.00

The following receipt received was noted;
Allerdale Borough Council – Precept 1st Installment £3000.00

335/20 Financial Statements

The current balance of the council's bank account & bank reconciliation as at the 31st of May 2020 was approved & accepted.

336/20 Planning Matters

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

FUL/2020/0012 – Proposed roof over silage clamp – New Mill Farm – Mr Brown – **Full Plans Approved.**

HOU/2020/0033 – Proposed domestic garage, workshop & wc – Mission House – Mr Ian Bleasdale.

To note a devolved 'objection' decision by the clerk after consultation with the Chairman & Councillors on the following planning application;

OUT/2019/0036 – Residential development for up to five new dwellings (Amended Details) – Land Opposite Blencogo Farm – Mrs E Beaty.

It was noted that the following planning application received, was to be decided with planning ref no. FUL/2019/0251- house 1 x CHP & 1 x RHI unit & erection of associated chimneys - Langrigg Hall – Mr E Gate.

FUL/2020/0022 – Change of use of building for storage of woodchip fuel for boilers associated with farm – Pow Matey Farm, Adjacent to Langrigg Hall – Mr E Gate.

It was unanimously agreed that the council object to both applications, Cllr Davison to compose objection reply.

337/20 Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2019/20

- a) The council approved & authorised the Chairman & Responsible Financial Officer to sign the certificate of Exemption to certify them exempt following confirmation that gross income or gross expenditure did not exceed £25,000 in the year ended 31st March 2020 and that all the criteria had been met. (AGAR Page 3)
- b) The annual internal auditors report for 2019/20 (AGAR Page 4) was approved.
- c) The council approved & authorised the Chairman & the Responsible Financial Officer to sign the Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 (AGAR Page 5)
- d) The council approved & authorised the Chairman and the Responsible Financial Officer to sign the Accounting Statements 2019/20 of the Annual Return (AGAR Page 6).
- e) The council approved & authorised the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer to sign the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2020.
- f) It was noted that the Period of Exercise of Electors Rights be set from 15 June to the 24th July.

338/20 Standing Orders

The Standing Orders & Financial Regulations for 2020/21 were adopted with an addendum added to enable virtual meetings.

339/20 Correspondence

The following correspondence received were noted;
Cumbria County Council – Covid19 Thanks

340/20 Highway Matters

The following highway issues were noted; Potholes from the Waverton junction to Blencogo. Village Hall end, potholes at the bottom of the hill (usual place). Pot hole at the main road junction. Sandy Hill, Langrigg – up the hill on the left hand side, the side of the road has gone (unsafe). Beside Langrigg Bank Farm (on crossroads) there is a drain running over, road side culvert.

341/20 Langrigg Biomass Boiler

No further update - Cllr Johnson to speak with planning. Objection to applications.

342/20 Footway Lighting

An email from Allerdale Borough Council advised that the energy costs for the footway lighting in the parish would be £822.84 plus vat. These records would continue to be updated as the lights get repaired or replaced with more efficient LED bulbs and lanterns. Clerk to request a map of lights.

343/20 Effectiveness of Internal Control

The effectiveness of internal control including arrangements for the management of risk assessment were reviewed and approved. Clerk to check with CALC in respect of adding Pandemic.

344/20 Community Projects

It was agreed to go ahead with the refurbishment of the signposts & milestones.
Clerk to advise Terry Moore.

345/20 St Mungo's Church Yard

It was agreed not to donate towards the maintenance of the trees in the church yard but to instead increase the grasscutting donation to £800.00.

346/20 Clerk's Resignation

As the council were unable to interview to fill the clerk's position, the current clerk agreed to continue in the role for the time being.

347/20 Items of inclusion on the next agenda

Langrigg Biomass Boiler

348/20 Date and time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday the 30th of July 2020 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending & closed the meeting at 8.36pm.