

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday the 26th of January 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: J Stockdale - Chairperson, M Underwood, I Brough, J Lee, W Miller, J Brough N Sidaway & S Holland-Reid.

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk), D Jeffries & Cllr Lister (Allerdale Borough Councillor & Cumbria County Councillor).

1.1 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Roberts.

1.3 Declarations of interest on the agenda

No declarations of interest received.

1.4 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

1.5 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th of November 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

1.6 Adjournment of the meeting

No questions asked or matters raised from members of the public.

1.7 Reports

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

Report from Cumbria Police – an email from PCSO Crome advised that he was aware that there was some dissatisfaction with regards to the crime information which was now available on the website. Inspector Smillie had acknowledged the concerns and would be taking them forward to the next review meeting. The constabulary sends the information to a partner IT agency who maintain the website which councils now use to access the information, the information is sent in a timely fashion however is not being updated as necessary. This will hopefully be rectified soon. As has been widely reported, the constabulary are under massive financial restrictions and all resources need to be utilized to best serve the public and prevent crime and disorder. He advised the parish council to keep checking the website and thanked us for our patience.

Report from the Village Hall Committee – the pensioners' lunch was held on the 13th of January and approximately 55 plus helpers were fed. On the 10th of February at 7pm, a quiz night with pie and pea supper is to be held at a cost of £7 per person. On the 24th of March 2017, there is to be a Race Night, tickets are just £2 including a pie and pea supper. The rear car park fencing is to be repaired by the contractor Little & Coates once the building work has finished. The annual EHO visit just before Christmas had no issues.

1.8 Payment of accounts

The payments of the following accounts were authorised:

Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 159.72
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 38.40
Wigton Baths Trust	£100.00
Solway Plain Team Magazine	£ 50.00

There was no grant considered for the Solway Arts Society as the following letter was received; *The Dearham Band double booked themselves for December 18th so they did not play for St Mungo's Christmas Church Service. I am waiting to hear from the Silloth Team Rector of an alternative date which I asked him to arrange. When I know I will pay the band and submit the receipts the council requires. I am withdrawing the request for further funding for further concerts in Bromfield Parish as I cannot cope with the hassle. As ADCCA grant on the basis of an event title with receipts afterwards, I don't see why the Council requires a full budget for each event.*

1.9 Financial Statements

The current balance of the Council's Bank Account as at the 31st of December 2016 was noted.

The 2016/17 parish council budget was reviewed & accepted.

1.10 Planning Matters

The following planning consultation was noted with no objections;

Ref No: HOU/2016/0076 – Proposed two storey extension including replacement garage and alterations to existing house – Mr & Mrs J Ford.

Ref No: 2/2016/0731 – Variation of condition 7 on planning approval 2/2013/0811. Condition to alter requirement timescale restriction to allow it to be dealt with as Reserved Matters – Field No 3800, Blencogo – J J Lattimer.

1.11 Correspondence

The following correspondence were noted;

CALC – Broadband in Cumbria

Cllr Lister – Re-cycling Update*

Allerdale Borough Council – Consultation 2017/18 – Clerk to reply 'Yes' to increases.

CALC Circular – Dec & Jan

CALC – Buckingham Palace Garden Party

Cumbria County Council – Community Grants

Cumbria County Council – Police & Crime Commissioner Meeting

CALC – Fund to Support Community-Led Housing Developments

Allerdale – Business Growth Strategy & Heritage Strategy Final Reports

* High Scales will receive the three bin system (domestic refuse, paper recycling, garden waste re-cycling) and purple bags. Due to more difficult access and the problems caused by more collection vehicles entering the village each week Bromfield will remain on the large green bin but will receive co-mingled (plastic, glass and cans) and paper/card recycling via 1100 litre wheelie bins placed in the pub car park. These will replace the existing three 360 litre bins on site for glass. Low Scales will remain on the single bin system for the same reasons. Residents can use the facilities in Bromfield. The contractor does not have the capacity to provide doorstep collection of recycling on the other side of the A596 (Crookdake side) but they will seek locations for smaller bring sites for co-mingled and paper/card bins. If anyone has any suggestions for suitable locations please let me know. There are also existing recycling facilities (bring sites) in the area at Waverton Village Hall, Blencogo Village Hall, Queen Street Aspatria and Syke Road Wigton.

1.12 Highway Matters

The following highway issues were reported; at Gill House lonning the road desperately needs repaired and between the farm and the house the road is worn down to pebbles. There are pot holes at Greenah Lonning end, Greenah Villa, New Croft, Langrigg & opposite the Vicarage at Langrigg. The sign for 'Blencogo' on the road coming from Bromfield to Blencogo is missing and the sign coming into Blencogo from the B5302 has moved so is pointing in the wrong direction.

1.13 Damaged Bus Shelter

An update email from the contractor stated that the bus shelter would be demolished within the next week and rebuilding would start immediately thereafter.

Cllr Lister joined the meeting 8.10pm

1.14 Neighbourhood Planning

Item deferred to the next meeting.

1.15 Community Orchard on Parish Land

Cllr Lee reported that the parish land to be used as a community orchard, was now cleared and ready for planting. Clerk to contact Allerdale's Street Clean officer with regards to 'No Tipping' signs and advice on fly-tipping on parish land (will Allerdale collect rubbish if tipped on parish land?). Cllrs Lee & Brough to speak to Cllr Roberts with regards to purchasing the plants.

1.16

Parish Project

It was agreed not to progress the 'Bromfield Gathering' at this time but to possibly re-address the proposal again next year.

1.17

Parish Councillor Vacancy

David Jefferies was co-opted onto the council and signed the declaration of acceptance of office and completed the registration of interest form.

1.18

Items of inclusion on the next agenda

Community Orchard
Neighbourhood Planning
Bus Shelter

1.19 Date and time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Thursday 30th of March 2017 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.