

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Councillors Present:** M Underwood, P Roberts, I Brough, S Holland-Reid, J Lee, B Sharp & D Jeffries.

**Also Present:** E Clark (Clerk) & J Lister (Borough & County Councillor).

In Cllr Stockdale's absence, Cllr Brough chaired the meeting.

**3.1 Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**3.2 Apologies**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Miller & PCSO Crome.

**3.3 Declarations of interest on the agenda**

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Lee – agenda item no. 3.10, planning ref no. 2/2017/0087 & Cllr Underwood – agenda item 3.10, planning ref no. 2/2017/0042.

**3.4 Requests for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensations received.

**3.5 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th of January 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**3.6 Adjournment of the meeting**

No members of the public present.

**3.7 Reports**

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

It was noted that the Cumbria Constabulary crime mapping system was still not current (upto 30<sup>th</sup> of January).

Adrian Cozens of the Village Hall Committee forwarded the following report;  
A very successful race night was held on Friday night which raised over £1000.00 for hall funds. The next events are the Pudding Night on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April at 7pm, the Curry Night on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May at 7pm and the Carnival Day on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June. Grass cutting starts this weekend. He also advised that he would forward the accounts as soon as they were available.

**3.8 Payment of accounts**

The payments of the following accounts were authorised:

Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 159.92
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 38.20
Zurich Insurance	£ 425.41
The Great North Air Ambulance	£ 100.00
Bromfield Church PCC (Grasscutting)	£ 400.00
Blencogo Village Hall	£2100.00
Bromfield & District Horticultural Society	£ 200.00
Elite Joinery & Building (Vat on new Bus Shelter)	£1041.60

G Cuthell (Noticeboard Repairs)	£ 159.53
Aspatria Farmers (New Bench)	£ 180.00

CLLr Lister joined the meeting (7.45pm) and gave an overview of the health scrutiny meeting which had been held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March to discuss the NHS plans to cut maternity and paediatric services in Whitehaven and close community hospital beds in Maryport, Wigton & Alston. It had been a long meeting and disappointingly four of the committee members left before the final vote.

Councillors informed CLLr Lister of the following highway issues; blocked drains in Blencogo from Beech House to Blencogo Hall, from Low Scales to Bromfield the gullies are blocked, the gullies on the Greenah Road are blocked, the manhole cover is still missing on the Sandraw Bridge corner of the Langrigg road end, opposite Langrigg Bank the cones have gone but there is still a big hole & the Leegate street light is inoperative.

*CLLr Lister left the meeting 8.10pm.*

### 3.9

#### **Financial Statements**

The current balance of the Council's Bank Account & bank reconciliation as at the 28th of February 2017 were approved & noted.

### 3.10 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. 2/2017/0087 – Erection of new steel portal framed building – Langrigg House, Langrigg – Mr John Lee.

Ref No. 2/2017/0042 – Proposed livestock building – Mr Raven, Crookdake Farm Ltd – Crookdake Hall, Wigton.

The following grant of planning permission was noted;

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

### 3.11 Correspondence

The following correspondences were noted;

CALC – Feb & March Circular

Wigton Baths Trust – Thanks for Donation & Newsletter

Solway Plain Team Magazine – Thank you for Donation

Allerdale Borough Council – Community Led Housing Fund Briefing Note

Cumbria County Council – Launch of No Cold Calling Zone Toolkit

Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review Draft

Recommendations

CALC – Training & Full Day Course on Common Land & Village Greens\*

Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2): Site Allocations

Waver Wampool Water Level Management – Extension of the Notice Period

\* Clerk to forward information on the Common Land & Village Greens Course to CLLr Jefferies.

**3.12 Highway Matters**

As discussed with Cllr Lister following item 3.8.

**3.13 Parish Bus Shelter**

It was noted that the new bus shelter was now fully operational. Clerk to make enquiries with Allerdale & Highways on the possibility of local businesses advertising on the shelter.

**3.14 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.

**3.15 Community Orchard**

It was discussed that the land to be used as community orchards was now levelled off but would need the nettles sprayed over the summer ready for planting in October. It was agreed that a mixture of trees be planted; apple, pear, plum, cherry, walnut & damson etc. The idea of sponsoring a tree at the price of £10.00 was considered.

**3.16 Neighbourhood Planning**

Cllr Roberts gave information on Neighbourhood Planning and it was unanimously agreed not to proceed with the scheme at this time.

**3.17 Items of inclusion on the next agenda**

Community Orchard  
Advertising on the Bus Shelter

**3.18 Date and time of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending & closed the meeting at 8.45pm