

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday the 24th of November 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: J Stockdale - Chairperson, M Underwood, P Roberts, I Brough, J Lee, N Sidaway, S Holland-Reid & W Miller. Also present E Clark (Clerk) & Cllr Lister (Borough & County Councillor).

11.1 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

11.2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Brough & B Sharp & PCSO Crome.

11.3 Declarations of interest on the agenda

Cllr Roberts & Cllr Holland-Reid, with their involvement in the Aspatria Community Transport declared an interest in item 11.8, donation to the group. Cllr Sidaway, with his involvement with the Solway Arts Society, declared an interest in item 11.8.

11.4 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations were received.

11.5 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th of September 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

11.6 Adjournment of the meeting

No members of the public present.

11.7 Reports

Report from Cllr Lister (ABC & CCC) – Cllr Lister was not present at this point of the meeting.

Report from Cumbria Police – no report received.

Report from the Village Hall Committee – An email from Adrian Cozens reported the following; the Bonfire night went really well again, particularly as we were competing with Carlisle on the Saturday evening. Weather was great which helped, more food than ever before was sold but donations were down. The pensioners' lunch is to take place on Saturday the 14th of January 2017 (to be advertised in this week's Parish Magazine). The AGM planned for the 23rd of November has been rescheduled for a later date. We have still to meet with Walton Goodland to discuss extending the lease for the hall.

11.8 Payment of accounts

The payments of the following accounts were authorised;

Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 178.26
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 38.40
Parish Bench at Scales	Deferred to next meeting
Aspatria Community Transport	£350.00*

*The accounts for the Aspatria Community Transport and an update report which advised that the group were to take delivery of a new bus in the next 2-3 weeks and the insurance was due the week commencing the 5th of December were received. It was proposed and agreed that a donation of £350.00 be granted to the group.

Cllr Sidaway gave the following update on the Solway Arts Society; the Dearham Band will play at the Christmas Service in church on the 18th of December. Next year it was hoped to

have a brass band, a High Society Event in the Greyhound Inn and the Cockermouth Ukulele to play on the St Mungos Merriment Date. It was advised that the parish council would require the recent accounts of The Solway Arts Society before a donation was granted.

Cllr Lister gave the following report; Allerdale Investment Partnership, involves Allerdale working in partnership with a company and giving a piece of land to the company to develop and the profits are then shared, it was noted that this was all legitimate. The Swimming Pool/Sports Centre was now up and running. The North West Connections and Success Regime were both currently in consultation. Cllr Sidaway requested that the missing hand rail on the bridge at Gill House Lonning be replaced.

Cllr Stockdale left the meeting (ill health) at 8.30pm & the Vice-Chair Cllr Brough chaired the meeting.

Cllr Lister left the meeting 8.35pm.

11.9 Financial Statements

- The current balance of the Council's Bank Account as at the 31st of October 2016 was noted & approved.
- The bank reconciliation as at the 31st of October 2016 was agreed and approved.

11.10 Planning Matters

The following applications for planning permission were noted with no objections;

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Ref No: 2/2016/0703 – Reserved matters on application 2/2013/0811 for residential development – Field No. 3800, Blencogo – Lattimer Homes Ltd.

Ref No: 2/2016/0712 – Construction of new detached two storey dwelling & attached garage – The Plot Adjacent to Almar, Langrigg – Mr G Pattinson. (Application received after the issue of the agenda).

The following grant of planning permission was noted;
Ref No: 2/2016/0554 – Construction of an agricultural building – Crookdake Hall, Fletchertown to the A596 at Leegate House, Wigton – C Raven.

11.11 Correspondence

The following correspondence received were noted with no further action required;
CALC – October Circular
CALC – Annual Report
Allerdale Borough Council – Leaf Fall
Connecting Cumbria – Newsletter
Stagecoach – Changes to Bus Services
Clerks & Councils Direct – November Issue
The Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Allerdale
Healthcare for the Future – Public Consultation Launch

11.12 Highway Matters

The clerk gave the following update on highway issues reported at/after the last meeting; the plough had been removed from the grass verge at Crookdake, the road repairs at Sandraw house were being planned for spring/summer but will be monitored, the pot holes at Gill Farm Lonning have been repaired and a slow gutter in Langrigg will be cleaned when the gully cleaner is next in the area. Cllr Roberts advised that the bridge at Bromfield had now been repaired.

The subsequent new highway matters were noted; there are inoperative street lights at; Crookdake Hall Cottages, Langfauld (no.3) & Bromfield.

11.13 Damaged Bus Shelter

The third party insurers had now contacted Elite Joinery & Building and authorised them to

proceed with the bus shelter repairs. Elite had advised that they hoped to start the work late November. The clerk read an email from Dundraw Parish Council stating that they continue to receive complaints from their parishioners with regards to the repairing of the shelter and hoped for a speedy resolution to the matter.

11.14 Precept

The parish council's budget for 2017/18 was considered and approved. It was agreed that the precept for the year 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018 be set at £6000.00 (including the CTRS grant of £98.02).

11.15 Neighbourhood Planning

Cllr Roberts reported that he believed the parish council should have a Neighbourhood plan as it would shape the future of the parish and include planning, transport, roads etc. He advised he would email the relevant information to councillors to be discussed at the January meeting.

11.16 First Responders

No update received.

11.17 North West Connections

The formal consultation documents for the development of the North West Connection were considered with no further action required.

11.18 Parish Noticeboard

Cllr Brough advised that the parish noticeboard at Scales would be repaired by the next meeting.

11.19 Community Orchard on Parish Land

Cllr Roberts reported that there were about 4 or 5 pieces of parish land that would be suitable for fruit trees. The areas to be considered were at Langrigg, Rannergill, Crookdake, Heathfield & Blencogo in the Park. It was stated that an area of parish land had been fenced off, Cllr Roberts to speak to the person concerned. It was suggested that parishioners could dedicate or sponsor a tree. Another proposal was an interpretation board. Cllr Roberts to promote the idea in the next edition of the parish magazine.

11.20 Parish Projects

Information on a proposal of a Bromfield gathering on Sunday the 23rd of April was circulated and it was agreed that this idea would be discussed further at the January meeting.

11.21 Parish Councillor Vacancy

A letter from the Electoral Services Department at Allerdale Borough Council advised that no request to hold an election had been received so the parish council must as soon as practicable co-opt to fill the vacancy. It was noted that the vacancy had been advertised on all the parish council noticeboards and would be in the next parish magazine.

11.22 Items for inclusion on the next agenda

Parish Project
Neighbourhood Planning

11.23 Date & time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Thursday 26th of January 2017 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending & closed the meeting at 9.25pm