

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday the 28th of September 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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

41/17 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

42/17 Apologies

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

43/17 Declarations of interest on the agenda

No Declarations of interest were received.

44/17 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

45/17 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th of July 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

46/17 Adjournment of the meeting

No members of the public present.

47/17 Reports

Cllr Lister reported the County Council highways department had lost its court case against Amey, many roads in the area were currently being repaired, everything had gone through ok at last week's Allerdale Borough Council's meeting & the Cumbria County Council have to make more and more cuts. The Scrutiny Board have been discussing integrating the blue light services which would mean that fireman would have a dual purpose and be trained 1st responders/paramedics. As houses are now more fireproof due to smoke alarms etc there are far fewer call outs for the fire service. He also advised that he had attended a children safeguard course which now allowed him to go into schools.

It was questioned why the tarmac on the A596/Waverton had lumps out of it, Cllr Lister advised that the road was looked after by Connect and not the County Council but he would look into the query. Other highway issues noted were the road outside Bromfield Farm had sunk and the footpath from the Village Hall to the Village Green required repairing.

The Cumbria Constabulary generic email was received and it was noted that the crime mapping system was still not current (up to July).

Adrian Cozens of the Village Hall Committee forwarded the following report;
The Produce show at the beginning of the month went well - £600 for hall funds.
The Annual inspection by Walton Goodland has been completed and all is ok. The annual insurance has just been renewed with a different provider and the premium is similar to last year. The EHO visit went well. Some of the committee have now gained their Basic Food Hygiene Certificate. The next events are the

bonfire on the 5th November at 6.15pm start and a Ladies evening on the 10th November.

48/17 Parish Councillor Vacancy

The clerk advised that the parish councillor vacancy had been advertised on the parish noticeboards and website but no one yet had shown an interest.

49/17 Payment of accounts

The payments of the following accounts were authorised:

Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 165.49
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 38.40

50/17 Financial Statements

The current balance of the council's bank account as at the 31st of August 2017 & a review of the 2017/18 draft budget were reviewed & approved.

The annual return including certificate for the year ending 31st March 2017 was approved and accepted by the council. There were no matters which came to the auditors' attention that required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report.

51/17 Planning Matters

The following grant of planning permission was noted;

Ref No: HOU/2017/0130 – Erection of garage for current car & storage for gardening equipment – Oak Field, Crookdake – Mr E Hetherington.

52/17 Correspondence

The following correspondences received were noted;

CALC – September Circular

CALC – AGM Information

Cumbria Minerals & Waste Local Plan – Inspector's Report

53/17 Highway Matters

The following highway issues were noted; fly-tipping at Ranney Gill.

54/17 Community Orchard on Parish Land

Cllr Sidaway researched into the supply of Heritage apples for planting in the parish but unfortunately found that none were available until September 2018. It was agreed that a few other plants be planted this year and then the Heritage apples be planted next year. Cllr Sidaway & Cllr Lee to visit the two proposed sites.

55/17 Bus Shelter Advertisement

The advertisement board for the Wheyrigg Hall Hotel had now been removed from the new parish bus shelter and another business owner had been approached with the offer of taking up the advertising space. It was discussed that it would be beneficial for a direction sign for the Village Hall to also be added to the shelter.

56/17 Items of inclusion on the next agenda

Solway Arts Society – Donation Request

57/17 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 November 2017 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending & closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

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