

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday the 29th of March 2018 at 7.30p.m.

Present: Councillors: J Stockdale - Chairperson, M Underwood, J Brough, I Brough, R Davison, J Lee, D Jeffries, S Holland-Reid & W Miller.

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

92/18 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

93/18 Apologies

Apologies were received & accepted from Cllr Sidaway

94/18 Declarations of interest on the agenda

No declarations of interest received.

95/18 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations received.

96/18 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th of January 2018 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

97/18 Adjournment of the meeting

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

98/18 Reports

Report from Dr Mark Taylor, First Responders Group – Dr Taylor reported that the group had been given a donation & a training package from the heart foundation so everyone in the parish could be trained in CPR & how to use a defibrillator. CPR is very easy to perform and can be trained in 20 minutes, only compressions are now used, not breaths. The defibrillator will be on a wall in Bromfield so it will be available for everyone to use. Dr Taylor advised that he was now a 1st responder and Sue Roberts would be one very soon. There are three 1st responders; 2 in High Scales and one on the other side of Aspatria. Silloth currently have 8 first responders and Wigton have 2, disappointingly they have now stopped the 1st responders training. A donation to the 1st Responders group of £500.00 was considered & authorised by the council.

Dr Taylor was thanked for attending and left the meeting at 7.40pm.

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 the next Aspatria Rural Partnership meeting was due to be held on the 3rd of May at Aspatria library at 1400hrs. There had been no relevant incidents in the parish since the last meeting; however, there had been a spate of thefts throughout the county. These incidents have included thefts of quad bikes and small hand tools and equipment such as stihl saws etc & diesel fuel. All farmers are asked to be vigilant and report anything suspicious. The Parish Council agreed that a short police report at the meeting or an up to date crime website was preferable to the 10-weekly engagement meetings.

Report from the Village Hall Committee – an emailed update advised that they had had the first Harry Douglas memorial quiz in February which went really well with nearly 70 attending. 45 people plus 10 take-aways turned up for the curry night. St Mungo's lent lunches have been taking place weekly, with the last one this week. On Friday the 20th of April at 7pm it's pudding night. The Village carnival will take place on the 30th of June; there will be fancy dress, games on the field and a BBQ in the evening. The secretary is to resign at the next meeting (11th April) and as of yet there is no replacement.

It was noted the Village Hall accounts had not yet been received by the parish council.

Cllr Lister joined the meeting at 7.50pm and reported that council tax was increasing. The state of the roads, litter & the two current planning applications in Langigg were brought to his attention.

Cllr Lister left the meeting 8pm.

99/18 Payment of accounts

The payment of the following accounts were considered & authorised:

Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 161.31
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 38.20
Zurich Insurance	£ 436.65
The Great North Air Ambulance	£ 100.00
Bromfield Church PCC – Grass Cutting	£ 400.00
Blencogo Village Hall	£2100.00
1 st Responders Group	£ 500.00
Cllr Lee – Compost, Stakes etc	£ 98.40
Cllr Sidaway – Trees for the orchard	£ 190.50

100/18 Financial Statements

The current balance of the Council's Bank Account & bank reconciliation as at the 28th of February 2018 were noted and approved.

101/18 Planning Matters

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

Ref No: HOU/2018/0030 – Demolition of rear extension and new double storey extension including utility and bedrooms – Hillcrest, Bromfield – Mr & Mrs G & S Bickley.

The following planning applications were considered;

Ref No: 2/2018/0097 – Change of use of farm building to biomass CHP unit with associated chimneys (retrospective) – Langrigg Hall, Langrigg - Mr E Gate – **Objection** due to the odour, noise & smoke, environmental impact & health issues this business will cause.

Transport/highways - these roads are insufficient for the increased level of heavy traffic this industry will bring about. Great concern that this farm is being turned into an industrial site as opposed to agricultural.

Ref No: 2/2018/0098 – Erection of replacement general purpose shed (retrospective) – Langrigg Hall, Langrigg – Mr E Gate – **Objection**, why is this application a cattle shed when the applicant has no cattle and it is double the size of the previous shed? Is this shed going to be used for industrial purposes i.e. a paper bailing machine? Great concern that this farm is being turned into an industrial site as opposed to agricultural.

To note the following grants of planning permission;

Ref No: 2/2018/005 – Proposal to erect a portal framed building to house loose cattle – Heathfield Farm, Aspatria – Mr John Westmorland.

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102/18 Correspondence

The following correspondence were noted;

CALC – Feb & March Circular

Wigton Baths Trust – Thanks for the Donation

Solway Plain Team Magazine – Thank you for Donation

Sue Hayman MP for Workington – Issues with the A596

Clerks & Councils Direct – March Issue

CALC – General Data Protection Information

103/18 Highway Matters

The following highway issues were reported; inoperative street lights in Blencogo (Cllr Jeffries to

advise on pole numbers). Potholes at Low Aketon, Outside LangFauld, the Village Hall, the Junction onto the Silloth road, Blencogo to Waverton road, Sandyhill to Langrigg, Greenah Villa & Wellington House, Langrigg.

104/18 Parish Bus Shelter

The clerk reported that the price of a direction sign for the village hall; 900mm x 200mm white acrylic with black writing would be £131.76 plus vat. Cllr Jeffries advised that he would acquire a further quote and discussions were still ongoing with a local business looking to advertise on both sides of shelter.

105/18 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.

106/18 Langrigg Biofuels

It was agreed that the Environment Agency, Penrith & Allerdale Borough Council's Environmental Department should both be contacted in relation to the Langrigg Biomass plant with concerns of what is being burned and the environmental impact.

107/18 Items of inclusion on the next agenda

Langrigg Biomass

108/18 Date and time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual parish meeting & the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday the 31st of May 2018 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.