

Councillors Present: M Underwood, I Brough, J Lee, J Brough, P Batch, S Holland-Reid, R Davison, G Fellows, & D Jeffries.

Also Present: E Clark (Clerk), Cllr Johnson (Borough Councillor), Cllr Lister (County Councillor) & three parishioners.

349/20 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

350/20 Apologies

No Apologies were received.

351/20 Declarations of interest on the agenda

No declarations of interest were received.

352/20 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations were received.

353/20 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th of June 2020 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

354/20 Adjournment of the meeting

Parishioners joined the meeting to express their concerns in respect of planning application FUL/2020/0153 – Partial demolition & change of use of barn to dwelling. They advised that they were not objecting in principal but needed a lot of questions answered. Their concerns were a lack of privacy, their garage had been omitted from the plans, not sure what would happen to a boundary wall, the plans show a row of trees are to be planted – could cause damage to foundations, a hawthorn hedge has already been removed and a bat report shows that the application phase 1 is part of a second phase involving the construction of further units. It was also noted that some neighboring properties had not been consulted. Cllr Johnson asked the parishioners to email him their concerns and assured that nothing would proceed until everyone had received the full information on the application.

355/20 Reports

- Cllr Lister (Cumbria County Councillor) advised that all was quiet so there was nothing much to report.
- Cllr Johnson (Allerdale Borough Councillor) reported that discretionary grants were being distributed to help business and a full council meeting was held last week with 45 councillors attending. The council advised that the Langrigg Biomass application continued and it was thought that the Apex noise report was not a representative of the day as it was very windy and it makes no mention of weather or wind speed even though this is a requirement of BS4142. So is the report invalid? Should a new report be commissioned?
- No report received from Cumbria Constabulary.
- Village Hall – loss of income has been partially offset with a grant from Allerdale Borough Council. A craft & art competition is being planned in place of the produce show this year, details to follow soon. At the next committee meeting the re-opening of the hall will be discussed.

356/20 **Payment & Receipts**

Payments of the following accounts were considered & authorised:

Clerk's Salary	£164.82
Clerk's Expenses (postage, Ink, Zoom etc)	£ 40.88
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 41.20
Citizens Advice Allerdale - Donation	£100.00

The following receipt received was noted;

HMRC – VAT Refund	£ 63.82
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357/20 **Financial Statements**

The current balance of the council's bank account & bank reconciliation as at the 30th of June 2020 was approved & accepted.

358/20 **Planning Matters**

At this point the council objected in principal to application Ref No: FUL/2020/0153 – Partial demolition and change of use of barn to dwelling – Blencogo Farm, Mr & Mrs D Ridley, as it was felt that the following questions needed answering before an informed decision could be made; the application is for a change of use of barn to dwelling but the bat report suggests a phase which involves the construction of a further 9 new build residential units? A resident's garage has been omitted from the plans. A hawthorn hedge has previously been removed (without consent) from the front of the proposed development – is this not important to the community and should it be reinstated or replaced around the development?

The following refused planning application (development panel) was noted; OUT/2019/0036 – Residential development for up to five new dwellings (Amended Details) – Land Opposite Blencogo Farm – Mrs E Beaty.

Clr Jeffries represented the parish council at the development panel and advised that the objection was due to the removal and loss of approx. 58% of hedgerow to provide access which would result in significant harm and outweighs any benefit arising from the proposal, contrary to Policies S24, S32 and DM17 of the adopted Allerdale Local Plan Part 1 2014.

A devolved decision of 'No Objection' by the clerk after consultation with the Chairman & Councillors on the following planning application was noted; FUL/2020/0130 – Erection of slurry store – Low Row Farm, Scales – Ms Fearon – Full Plans Approved.

359/20 **Correspondence**

The following correspondence received were noted;
CALC – Annual General Meeting Information
Woodland Trust – Free Trees – **clerk to apply for free trees**
CALC – Digital Borderlands
GNAA – Thanks for the Donation

360/20 **Highway Matters**

The grass on Blencogo Green that was full of ruts from the contractors that re-surfaced the village paths has now been rectified but the fingerpost is in a state – clerk to advise highways & obtain prices to repair.

The following highway issues were noted; potholes at Whinbank Farm, CA7 3LF, opposite Forge House & Beech House CA7 3LL. Langrigg Bank heading towards Scales (after crossroads) a drain cover is broken. Langrigg Bank there is a gully running over.

361/20 Langrigg Biomass Boiler

The clerk advised that the planning applications would be heard by members at a virtual development panel meeting on the 11th of August, formal correspondence to follow from Allerdale. It was agreed that Cllr Davison & Cllr Holland-Reid represent the council at the meeting. Working group to meet virtually prior to the meeting.

362/20 Footway Lighting

Maps were circulated showing the footway lighting in the parish. Lights to be checked for the next meeting.

363/20 Parish Land at Heathfield

The annual rent review was considered and it was agreed to continue with the current amount of £10.00.

364/20 Refurbishment of the Signposts & Milestones

The post at Langrigg and Langrigg crossroads are now painted and it was hoped that the fingers would be installed early next week. The milestones were being progressed and should be completed next week. Costs should be less than estimated due to combined journeys and minimal rework on the removed components.

365/20 Risk Assessment Document

It was agreed to add Pandemic to the document and an alternative to face to face meetings being virtual meetings on Zoom.

366/20 Items of inclusion on the next agenda

Langrigg Biomass Boiler
Blencogo Signpost
Hedgerows

367/20 Date and time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday the 24th of September 2020 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending & closed the meeting at 9.05pm.