

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday the 31st March 2022 at 7:30pm

Councillors Present: M Underwood, I Brough, G Fellows, C Wilson.

Also Present: E Stockdale (Clerk) Cllr Lister (Cumbria County Councillor) Cllr M Johnson (Allerdale Borough Council)

518/22 Chairman's announcements

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

519/22 Apologies

Apologies were received & accepted from B Sharp, D Jeffries, R Davidson.

520/22 Declarations of interest on the agenda

No declarations of interest were received.

521/22 Requests for Dispensations

No requests for dispensations were received.

522/22 Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th January 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

523/22 Adjournment of the meeting

No matters raised

524/22 Reports

Cllr Lister (Cumbria County Councillor) – Bin collections running from Allerdale house running smoothly, well motivated team dedicated to waste disposal. More funding is also available for pot hole repairs.

Cllr Johnson (Allerdale Borough Council) – Local government reorganisation (LGR) update: There was a joint committee meeting held on the 30th March 2022. On the 5th of May 2022 elections will take place. Shadow authorities are formed and progressing at pace. It is now a legal requirement for authorities to be engaged in the LGR.

Fortnightly green waste collections will be resuming.

Council tax freeze: 8.9% of council tax bill of Allerdale's has been frozen, a positive in challenging times.

No report received from Cumbria Constabulary.

No report from the village hall.

525/22 Payment & Receipts

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| Clerk's salary | £176.80 |
| Clerk's expenses | £9.42 |
| HM Revenue & customs (PAYE) | £44.20 |
| Zurich Insurance | £451.79 |

526/22 Financial Statements

The council's bank account & bank reconciliation as at the 28th February 2022 was received & accepted.

527/22 Planning Matters

The following planning matters received and noted

Reference No: HOU/2022/0030: Applicant: Mr Armstrong. Proposal: Domestic garage and store. Location: Bromfield Hall, Bromfield, Wigton, CA7 3NB. To note the application has been approved, email circulated 22nd March 2022.

Reference No: COM/2022/0048 Alleged planning breach: Front of the property has been removed and extensive work is taking place both internally and externally. The rubble from the works is being placed at the roadside
Location: High Tree, Blencogo, Wigton, CA7 0BZ.

528/22 Correspondence

The following correspondence received were noted;

- Local Government (LGR) Newsletters
- Connecting Cumbria Newsletter
- CALC February Newsletter
- Planned road closure: C2010 Blencogo 21st March for 3 days

529/22 Highway Matters

1. Road sign on the green at Blencogo: It was advised by Cllr Lister that the Parish council may have to pay for a new sign to be made.
2. Sewerage burst at Langrigg Bank
3. Potholes at Langrigg still a problem, these have been reported.
4. Fly tipping on the Langrigg to Heathfield road.
5. Historic wall has been removed from High Tree, Blencogo. Parish members were keen to see if this could be preserved instead of being removed.

530/22 Items discussed

Defibrillator for Blencogo: G Fellows reported over £1000 has been raised so far. £450 from the quiz night held and the charity has offered £500 if the parish council could match it. Cllr Johnson asked for details so a potential contribution could be made from the Allerdale Borough council. Once installed, training can then be provided but not necessarily needed for parishioners to be able to use it.

Village hall wifi: Overall agreement for the village hall to have its own wifi, it would be beneficial.

Provision of individual parish councillor email addresses:

Purchase of the .gov.uk domain was considered expensive. General consensus was it was costly and the money could be utilised elsewhere in the parish. Councillor email addresses can be attached to the current domain 'blencogo.com' and this would be a much cheaper solution.

Long mile signpost: It was agreed to restore the signpost at the cost of £850.

Transfer of leasehold for the village hall: Confirm to G Bickley that the parish council is happy to go ahead with the transfer of leasehold.

531/22 Items of inclusion on the next agenda

- Defibrillator update

533/22 Date and time of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Annual meeting and Parish Council

meeting will be held on Thursday the 26th May 2022 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. **The Vice Chairman thanked everyone for attending & closed the meeting at 8:05pm**