

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday 24th November, 2022.

Councillors Present: I. Brough, M. Underwood, R. Davidson, J. Lee, D. Jeffries (Chair) and B. Sharp.

Also Present: M. Johnson, Cumbria County Councillor (for part of the meeting), J. Rae (Clerk) and one parish member.

584/22 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

585/22 Apologies for absence

None received.

586/22 Declarations of Interest

The Chairman declared an interest in item 9 on the agenda (Payment of Accounts).

587/22 Requests for Dispensations

None

588/22 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 29th September, 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

589/22 Public Participation

Simon Lunken resident of Langrigg was in attendance and expressed an interest in being co-opted onto parish council.

590/22 Reports from Outside Bodies

Cllr Lister was not present.

Cllr Johnson provided Members with an update from Allerdale, Cumbria County and Cumberland Councils. The Borough Council and County Council continue to deliver the existing services. The new Cumberland Council will come into effect on 1st April 2023, the Chief Executive, S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer having been appointed. Cllr Johnson also advised that the Fire Service will come under the Police Crime Commissioner.

Cllr Thurlow was not present.

Cumbria Constabulary – Nothing received.

Village Hall Committee – Nothing received

591/22 Financial Statement

The financial statement as at 31st October had been circulated with the agenda and was noted by members. Balance – Cumberland Building Society £9,198.91

Members noted that the LGA had notified CALC that the pay agreement for 2022-23 had been agreed effective from 1st April 2022.

592/22 Payments and Receipts

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Ministry of Doing – Website Hosting/Maintenance	£225.00
E. Stockdale – backdated pay award	£ 48.00
HMRC – PAYE - E. Stockdale	£ 12.00
Clerk's salary – Quarter 3 – 1 st October – 31 st December 2022	£397.27
HMRC – PAYE Quarter 3 - 1 st October - 31 st December 2022	£ 99.20
Clerk's expenses 1.9.22 – 24.11.22	£ 19.84

Members noted the issues with HMRC had been resolved and the late penalty charges for quarter ending 5 July had been cancelled.

593/22 Planning Matters

(a) Applications received

A devolved decision of no objections after consultation with the Chairman and Councillors for the following applications:

HOU/2022/0169 - Ivy Cottage, Langrigg, Wigton CA7 3LL

Proposal: Building of a wooden garage to rear of property

HOU/2022/0192 - Rainbows End, Blencogo, Wigton CA7 0BZ

Proposed detached log cabin (re-submission of HOU/2022/0075)

(b) Decisions:

FUL/2022/0224 – Pt Field 7191 – Blencogo

Change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage GRANTED

FUL/2022/0223 - Croft Barn, Blencogo

Re-submission of application FUL/2020/0153 for the change of use from barn to dwelling, front porch, detached garage and outbuilding GRANTED

LBC/2022/0044 - Croft Barn, Blencogo

Re-submission of application LBC/2020/0019 for Listed Building consent for the change of use from barn to dwelling, front porch, detached garage and outbuilding GRANTED

594/22 Correspondence

The following correspondence received was noted:

CALC/Allerdale BC - Boundary Commission for England - Final Proposals

CALC - Green Space 2 Grow Support Pack for Town and Parish Councils

CALC - Resilience Update: Cost of Living Crisis, COVID and Vaccinations

CALC - Thriving Nature People and Planet Presentation

CALC - 2022/23 pay agreement.

CALC - Influenza, COVID-19 updates

CALC - Cost of Living Crisis: Warm Spaces

CALC - LGA's cost of living support hub and bulletin

CALC – Various Training/Carbon Literacy Training

CALC - Cumbria Local Authority Climate Update

CALC - Local Government Reorganisation Newsletters/Update email from Andrew Seekings

Cumbria CC - Connecting Cumbria Newsletter September 2022

CALC - CALC Newsletter

CALC - Migrant Help Training session re asylum process

CALC Annual General Meeting Change of Date 29th October 2022

CALC - Multi Agency Response to Flooding

595/22 Highway Matters

The following matters were reported.

Pot hole outside Langfauld, Langrigg

Street light no 6 outside Sycamore House is out

Highways had advised they had assessed the report regarding the alleged unauthorised placing of stones along the verge outside a new build property on the C2010 in Blencogo. Highways had investigated this matter and advised that the verge on which the stones are situated is unregistered with the Land Registry, therefore, they are unable to instruct the homeowner to remove the stones. However, they are to raise a works order to have the stones removed.

Dog fouling continues to be an issue

Cllr Brough reported an issue with a footpath stile at Langrigg and agreed to contact the Countryside Access Team. The Clerk agreed to circulate the link to report highway issues on line.

596/22 Items for Discussion:

Projects for 2023-24 – Members considered projects for the forthcoming year. Suggestions put forward included improving the lighting in the village hall car park and improvements to the cattle grid into the car park. The setting up of a warm space in the village hall was also discussed. It was noted that grants are available for village halls for the setting up of warm spaces. It was agreed to include a small article in the parish magazine asking for suggestions for projects around the parish that the council may be able to support.

Budget/Setting the Precept 2023-24 – A draft budget had been circulated with the agenda. Items of income and expenditure were considered. RESOLVED that the precept should remain at £6000.00.

Vacancies- Mr. Simon Lunken had expressed an interest in joining the parish council. Cllr Brough proposed that Mr. Lunken be co-opted onto the parish council, this was seconded by Cllr Lee. All were in favour. RESOLVED to co-opted Mr Lunken onto the parish council. Mr. Lunken will be summoned to attend the next meeting of the parish council.

597/22 Items for the Next Agenda

Follow up on the suggested Projects

Follow up on defibrillator registration and insurance of the defibrillator

598/22 Date and time of the Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday the 26th January, 2023 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Blencogo.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.40pm.