

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday 26th January, 2023

Councillors Present: I. Brough, M. Underwood, R. Davidson, D. Jeffries (Chair), B. Sharp, C. Wilson and S. Lunken.

Also Present: K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor, G. Bickley, Chair of the Village Hall Committee and J. Rae (Clerk).

Before the meeting opened Simon Lunken signed a declaration of acceptance of office and completed a register of interests form. Cllr Lunken will be provided with a copy of the Council's Code of Conduct, Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.

599/23 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed new councillor Simon Lunken and everyone present to the meeting.

600/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr G. Fellows and Cllr J. Lee. The reasons for absence were noted and accepted.

An apology for absence was also received from M. Johnson, Allerdale Borough Councillor.

601/23 Declarations of Interest

None

602/23 Requests for Dispensations

None

603/23 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th November, 2022 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

604/23 Public Participation

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee provided an update on recent activities at the Village Hall.

605/23 Reports from Outside Bodies

Cumbria County Council – Cllr Lister was not present.

Allerdale Borough Council – Apologies had been received from Cllr Johnson.

Cumberland Council - Cllr Thurlow reported that he had attended an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Cumberland Shadow Authority. A report from the Monitoring Officer setting out the new Cumberland Council Constitution which will take effect from Vesting Day on 1 April 2023 was considered.

Cumbria Constabulary – Nothing received.

Village Hall Committee – Gary Bickley, Chair of the Village Hall Committee reported that £1030 had been raised at the Race Night in November which was a success and a further £180 had been raised at the Christmas Market. The Pensioners lunch in January was a big success and the next event is the Harry Douglas Memorial Quiz in February which is always well attended. The Village Hall had secured a new regular user group in the form of 1st Wigton Baden-Powell Scout Group who will be using the Hall on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the year as well as occasional Fridays and weekends bringing in just under £1000 annually. The Village Hall had some issues with the boilers but they seem to be mostly sorted now and the next big expenditures are getting the new bespoke curtains hung and getting the front vestibule re plastered. We're also trying to source a local reliable electrician to carry out some electrical work on the hall.

606/23 Financial Statement

The financial statement as at 31st December, 2022 had been circulated with the agenda and was noted by members. Balance – Cumberland Building Society £8506.80.

607/23 Payments and Receipts

Income Received – Rent of Land £10.00.

The following account was authorised for payment:

Annual Insurance - Zurich Insurance due 13 th March	£455.86
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608/23 Planning Matters

(a) Applications received

FUL/2023/0010 – Langrigg House, Langrigg, CA7 3LH New steel framed portal farm building	No objections
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(b) Decisions:

HOU/2022/0169 - Ivy Cottage, Langrigg, Wigton CA7 3LL Proposal: Building of a wooden garage to rear of property	GRANTED
HOU/2022/0192 - Rainbows End, Blencogo, Wigton CA7 0BZ Proposed detached log cabin (re-submission of HOU/2022/0075)	GRANTED

609/23 Correspondence

The following correspondence received was noted:

CALC - Police and Crime Commissioner asks the public their view on budget proposals
CALC - Local Government Reorganisation Newsletters
CALC - New opportunity - ZCCP Sector Group Leads
CALC - ACT Update - December 2022
CALC - Cumbria Local Authority Climate Update
CALC - Cost of Living Crisis Questionnaire for Town & Parish Councillors
Cumbria CC - Connecting Cumbria Newsletter December 2022
CALC - Information Updates: COL Crisis, Vaccinations, Cumbria's Holiday Activity and Food Programme, Key Information, News and Support for Businesses/ Educational Settings, General Information
NALC - Chief Executive's Bulletin
CALC - Boundary Commission for England - Final Proposals
CALC - Parish Council elections 2023
CALC - Cumbria Local Authority Climate Update 12.12.22 to 22.12.22
CALC News - November & December 2022
CALC/FLD - Cumbria Good Lighting Technical Advice Note: Designing Out Light Pollution in Cumbria
CALC - Cost of Living Crisis Information Update from Cumbria Poverty Reference

610/23 Highway Matters

The condition of the roads in the parish was discussed. Members and residents are encouraged to continue to report highway defects on the HIAMS at Cumbria County Council.

611/23 Items for Discussion:

- Ideas for suitable projects that the parish council may be able to support had been invited from parishioners. Improvements at the village hall, organising a litter pick and organising community events in the villages were discussed. The projects will be considered further at the next meeting.

- Members noted that the defibrillators had been registered. It was resolved that the defibrillators would be included on the parish council's insurance policy.
- The Asset Register was updated to reflect current values. The defibrillators at Langrigg, Bromfield and Blencogo will be included on the Asset Register at a total value of £6000. The Asset Register will be forwarded to the insurance company to enquire whether there will be any increase in premium.
- Renewal documentation had been received from Zurich Insurance at an annual premium of £455.86. An alternative quotation had been requested from BHIB Insurance amounting to £437.36. Following a discussion it was resolved to renew the policy with Zurich Insurance.

612/23 Items for the Next Agenda

Parish Elections May 2023

613/23 Date and time of the Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday the 30th March, 2023 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Blencogo.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.44pm