

## **BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Committee Room, Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

**Councillors Present:** P. Batch, G. Fellows, J. Lee, S. Lunken and C. Wilson (joined the meeting at 8.05pm).

**Also Present:** J. Lister, Cumbria County Councillor, C. Gray, Manager at the Mission House, Langrigg and J. Rae (Clerk).

As the Chair and Vice Chair had sent apologies, on the proposal of Cllr J. Lee, seconded by Cllr S. Lunken Cllr G. Fellows was elected to Chair the meeting.

### **614/23 Chairman's Announcements**

None

### **615/23 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I. Brough, Cllr. R. Davison, Cllr. D. Jeffries and Cllr. M. Underwood. The reasons for absence were noted and accepted.

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

### **616/23 Declarations of Interest**

None

### **617/23 Requests for Dispensations**

None

### **618/23 Minutes**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### **619/23 Public Participation**

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public present to ask questions or raise any issues in the parish.

Concern had been raised by some residents in Langrigg regarding a recent incident and police presence at the Mission House.

Calvin Gray the Registered Service Manager of Wilderness Way at The Mission House, Langrigg was in attendance. Members were provided with an outline of the Wilderness Way's vision to support children who are vulnerable and provide personalised care to help them recover and prepare for a positive future which at times can be challenging.

Mr. Gray offered to answer any questions to reassure residents and advised that they do not envisage any future incidents such as the one that had occurred recently and will be mindful of the community when accepting the next child. If residents have further concerns Mr. Gray would be willing to arrange a meeting with the police to address any concerns.

Mr. Gray left at 8.05pm. The meeting was re-convened.

### **620/23 Reports from Outside Bodies**

Cumbria County Council – Cllr Lister reported that arrangements are being finalised for the handover to Cumberland Council on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Cllr Lister advised he will be retiring from local government on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Members thanked Cllr Lister for his assistance with matters affecting the Parish over the last 16 years.

Allerdale Borough Council – Cllr Johnson was not present.

Cumberland Council - Cllr Thurlow was not present.

Cumbria Constabulary – Nothing received.

Village Hall Committee – A report had not been received. Cllr Fellows advised that she was aware that the Village Hall Committee are planning an event to mark the Coronation of King Charles III.

#### **621/23 Financial Statement**

The financial statement as at 28<sup>th</sup> February had been circulated with the agenda and was noted by members.

Balance – Cumberland Building Society £8,407.60.

Available Balance £7,951.74

#### **622/23 Payments and Receipts**

Income Received – None

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Ministry of Doing – Data plan for village hall	£120.00
Clerk's account Quarter 4	£389.90
HMRC PAYE Quarter 4	£ 97.60
Clerk's expenses Quarter 4	£ 26.73

#### **623/23 Planning Matters**

(a) Applications received:

HOU/2023/0030 - High Tree, Blencogo, Wigton, CA7 0BZ

Erection of double garage and granny annex

FUL/2023/0043 – Bromfield Hall, Bromfield, CA7 3NB

Erection of building to house robotic milking system and cubicles with solar panel array.

HOU/2023/0054 – Mereside Farm, Bromfield, CA7 3NB

Erection of stable and garage block

HOU/2023/0053 – Holly Barn, Blencogo, Wigton, CA7 0BZ

Proposed single storey rear extension

(b) Decisions:

FUL/2023/0010 – Langrigg House, Langrigg, CA7 3LH

New steel framed portal farm building GRANTED

#### **624/23 Correspondence**

The following correspondence received was noted:

CALC - Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletters

CALC - Cumbria Local Authority Climate Updates

CALC - Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service Council Tax Consultation

CALC - How Town & Parish Councils can support Community Resilience E-Poster

NALC - Chief Executive's Bulletin

Cumbria CC - Connecting Cumbria Newsletter January 2023

ACT - Update January 2023

CALC - Cost of living funding for individual households- Allerdale & Copeland Residents

CALC - Cumbria in Bloom Pride in Your Community Awards 2023

CCRG: Finding, Understanding and Using Weather Information - 9 March Event

CALC - Royal Garden Party - 3 May 2023

Allerdale Borough Council - Clerk, Candidate & Agent Briefing for May 2023 local elections

CALC - Community Hubs/Power Loss Questionnaire

Cumbria CC - Connecting Cumbria Newsletter - February 2023

CALC – Cumberland Briefing update – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Allerdale Borough Council - Clerk, Candidate & Agent Briefing for May 2023 local elections

Allerdale Briefing on 28 February 2023- presentation slides, blank nomination form (including register request/absent voter request) and a quick guide to campaigning

### **625/23 Highway Matters**

Members discussed the poor condition of the roads and number of pot holes in the Parish. Residents are encouraged to continue to report highway issues to the Cumberland Council.

### **626/23 Items for Discussion:**

- **Update regarding projects for the forthcoming year**  
Residents were asked via the parish magazine to put forward any suitable projects that the parish council may be able to support. One suggestion had been received and will be considered at the next meeting.
- **Appointment of Internal Auditor**  
RESOLVED that Elizabeth Bell be approached to carry out the internal audit of the financial accounts for 2022/23.
- **Adjustment premium - Zurich Insurance**  
Zurich Insurance had confirmed that the adjustment premium would be £170.56 to add three defibrillators onto the current policy and to increase the sums insured of the parish council assets. RESOLVED to accept the quotation at an additional premium of £170.56.
- **Use of the Mission House**  
Members raised questions during the public participation part of the meeting and agreed to monitor any future issues at the Mission House.
- **King Charles III Coronation**  
Members considered ways in which to mark the Coronation of King Charles III on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2023. It was agreed that a memento of the event should be distributed to children under 18 in the Parish. Members also noted that the Village Hall is planning to hold an event. It was agreed that Cllr. M. Underwood would be approached to see if she is willing to lead on this and to liaise with the Village Hall Committee regarding numbers and distribution.
- **Parish Elections May 2023**  
Members noted that the Notice of Election had been published and nominations are now open. Completed papers must be hand delivered to Electoral Services no later than 4.00pm on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. Nomination papers were distributed to existing members and are also available on the Borough Council's website.

### **627/23 Items for the Next Agenda**

To receive an update on projects for the forthcoming year  
To consider the donation request from Bromfield Church

### **628/23 Date and time of the Next Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 in the Committee Room, Blencogo Village Hall at 7.30pm.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.46pm