

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday 27th July, 2023.

Councillors Present: I. Brough, R. Davison, G. Fellows, J. Lee, S. Lunken and M. Underwood

Also Present: J. Rae (Clerk), Three members of the public

649/23 Apologies for absence

An apology for absence was received from K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor.

650/23 Chairman's announcements

Cllr Fellows signed the acceptance of office of Chair but advised acceptance of the nomination would be subject to other commitments.

651/23 Declarations of interest

None.

652/23 Requests for dispensations

None.

653/23 Minutes Annual Meeting 25 May 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual meeting held on 25 May 2023 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public the opportunity to ask questions or raise any matters of interest.

654/23 Public Participation

Three members of the public were in attendance for item 13 on the agenda. Members were provided with further information on the church committee's proposal to turn the piece of wasteland at the churchyard into a Garden for Reflection which would include seating, trees and a wild garden section. Members were advised that the land needs clearing before the work can commence as it is overgrown and unsightly and any help either in the supply of workforce or financial would be appreciated.

The parishioners left at 7.55pm and the meeting was re-convened.

655/23 Reports from Outside Bodies

Cumberland Council – Apologies had been received from Cllr Thurlow
Village Hall Committee – A report had not been received.

656/23 Financial Statement

The financial statement as at 30th June, 2023 had been circulated with the agenda and was noted by members. Balance at 30th June £8,529.63.

The Clerk reported that the external auditors had acknowledged receipt of the AGAR Part 2 exemption certificate. As the Parish Council had claimed exemption from the review process they will not issue a report from the external auditor nor a conclusion of process certificate. Unless they receive an objection from a member of the electorate the Parish Council will not receive any further communication.

657/23 Payments and Receipts

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Clerk's expenses Quarter 1	£ 62.00
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Donation granted to Solway Plain Team Magazine	£100.00
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658/23 Planning Matters

(a) Applications Received:

FUL/2023/0136 – High Croft, Blencogo, CA7 0BZ

Change of use of agricultural field to vegetable plot with new access for mower and tractor to access at correct level.

(b) Decisions:

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

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

GRANTED

FUL/2023/0100 – Bramblewood, Crookdake, CA7 3SH

Change of Use from outbuilding to holiday let (retrospective)

GRANTED

659/23 Correspondence

The following correspondence received was noted:

CALC - ACT News Update - May 2023

HyperfastGB -Maryport community meeting - 24 May

CALC News - April & March 2023

News from Cumberland Council

Cumbria Local Authority Climate Update May 2023

Funding opportunities: Community Energy Projects

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter May

Community Energy Support Pack & invite to Community Renewable Energy Event

SAVE THE DATE - CALC Special General Meeting 22nd July 10.00am

Information for CALC on the industrial action for waste collection services in Allerdale

Cumbria Independent Custody Visiting Scheme - We are recruiting!

CALC – CCRG: Information on United Utilities "Your Water, Your Say" online event

CALC - Invitation to Cumbria People and Nature Network Launch - 13th July 2023

Allerdale District Association- Notice of AGM, Wednesday 26th July

Cumbria's Plan Bee - we need your support

NALC Legal Update – June 2023

CALC - Agenda for Special General Meeting 22nd July via teams

CALC - Community Renewable Energy Event 29/06/23- Presentations and Support Pack for Town and Parish Councils

Cumberland Council – Connecting Cumbria Newsletter June

Stagecoach 300 Bus Service

CALC - Civility & Respect Project

DHSC Letter: Defibrillator campaign

CALC - Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2, (HUG2)

Letter from St. Mungo's Church to thank the Parish Council for the donation towards the grass cutting.

Letter from the internal auditor to advise she had decided to retire and will be unable to carry out the internal audit next year.

660/23 Highway Matters

The following matters were reported:

Blocked culverts at Langrigg Bank and on the Bromfield to Scales road.

661/23 Items for Discussion:

■ Request from Bromfield Church

This matter was discussed under the public participation part of the meeting. A query was raised regarding the ownership of the area of land and whether the Church is agreeable to the project.

Members RESOLVED to provide assistance to clear the overgrown area where the proposed Garden for Reflection will be located.

- Updates on Projects
Cllr Underwood proposed that an updated montage of photographs in the Village Hall be considered. It was agreed that in the first instance the Village Hall Committee be approached to ask if they are agreeable to the suggestion.
- Members considered the request for financial assistance towards the production costs of the Solway Plain Magazine. RESOLVED to grant £100.00.
- Members noted there are two vacancies following the parish elections. It was agreed to continue to advertise the vacancies.

662/23 Items for the Next Agenda

Update on projects
Update on the project at Bromfield Church
Vacancies

663/23 Date and time of the Next Meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Blencogo on Thursday 28th September, 2023.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.21 pm