

# 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> November, 2023 at 7.30pm.

**Councillors Present:** I. Brough, R. Davison, G. Fellows (Chair), S. Lunken and M. Underwood

**Also Present:** J. Rae (Clerk)

## **679/23 Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr J. Lee. The reason for absence was noted and accepted. An apology for absence was also received from K. Thurlow, Cumberland Councillor.

## **680/23 Chairman's announcements**

None

## **681/23 Declarations of interest**

None.

## **682/23 Requests for dispensations**

None.

## **683/23 Minutes Meeting 28 November 2023**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2023 be signed as a correct record.

## **684/23 Public Participation**

No members of the public were present.

An enquiry had been received regarding the responsibility for the fence posts along the track on the land at Heathfield. It was agreed that this is the tenant's responsibility.

## **685/23 Reports from Outside Bodies**

Cumberland Council – Apologies had been received from Cllr K. Thurlow.

Village Hall Committee – The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee had sent a written report:

"Since the last Parish council meeting the Village Hall has hosted a very successful party bingo event. This raised over £500 toward the hall's running costs. We have also received a donation of £200 from the Iggesund paper mill in Siddick and an offer of funds and help from Innovia which is currently under negotiation. On Saturday we are hosting our annual Christmas market which should hopefully raise around £250 for Hall funds. Regular User groups continue to be healthy.

At the recent AGM the committee discussed options going forward from 2025 when the current lease expires and we are in the process of investigating the various options that are open to the hall. Mr Gary Bickley was re-elected as the Chairman, Mrs Melanie Woolfenden was elected as the new Treasurer and Mrs Becky Blake was elected as the new Secretary.

The Recent inspection from the Landlords agent Walton Goodland also went well with only minor issues picked up. The exception to this was the lighting rig in the main hall and the EPC issue. The Hall committee is continuing to pursue potential funding options for this."

The Village Hall Committee had provided the Parish Council with quotes for the lighting and plastering work.

## **686/23 Financial Statement**

The financial statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 had been circulated with the agenda and was noted by members. Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2023 £8,785.13.

## 687/23 Payments and Receipts

Income Received

Rent of Parish Land at Heathfield - £10.00

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 3 – 1.10.23 – 31.12.23 (includes back dated pay award)	£483.70
HMRC PAYE Quarter 3	£120.80
Ministry of Doing – Website	£225.00
G. Fellows (Refund replacement defib pads Bromfield)	£154.80
Donation granted to Wigton Baths Trust	£200.00

## 688/23 Planning Matters

(a) Applications Received:

FUL/2023/0117 - The Grange, Wigton CA7 0BT  
Change of use of traditional stone barns to 3no. residential properties

HOU/2023/0183 - Holly Barn, Blencogo, Wigton CA7 0BZ  
Proposal: Re-submission of application HOU/2023/0053 for a proposed single storey extension and the insertion of roof light into main dwelling

HOU/2023/0201 – Croft House, Blencogo, CA7 0BZ  
Two storey rear extension

FUL/2023/0245 – High Croft, Blencogo, CA7 0BZ  
Erection of timber shed and workshop for allotments

(b) Decisions:

FUL/2023/0187 – High Aketon, CA7 0BP  
Proposed roof over existing yard/livestock gathering area      Granted

## 689/23 Correspondence

The following correspondence received was noted:

Cumberland Council - Green Libraries Week, become a foster carer, join Stoptober, have your say on your area

CALC - Short presentation on Community Panels & Networks created September 2023 by Cumberland Council

Cumberland Council - Focus on fostering, bridge closure in Cockermouth, volunteering opportunities, regeneration news, fingerpost restoration

CALC - Cumbria Association of Local Councils AGM 2023 Agenda and supporting papers  
CALC News

CALC - Local, Regional and National Funding Opportunities- relevant to Parish Councils

CALC - 2023 joint call for sites that could deliver Biodiversity Net Gain or habitat restoration through a change in land use or management.

PFCC - Autumn Newsletter

CALC - Biodiversity Net Gain- Information guide for local councils

CALC Annual Review 2022-2023

Cumberland Council - Connecting Cumbria Newsletter - October 2023

CALC - Free Trees for Community Groups and Schools

Cumberland Council Community Investment Scheme

CALC - Funding available for community groups, exciting news for Millom and Cleator Moor, have your say on homecare, Roman dig returns to Carlisle

### **690/23 Highway Matters**

The following matters were raised and will be reported to Highways at Cumberland Council:

Blocked drain at Langrigg crossroads towards Scales road.

Three drains blocked/flooding on the Langrigg to Bromfield road

It was noted that contractors acting for Fibrus have erected a pole which is blocking the access to the parish land. It was agreed this would be raised with Fibrus.

### **691/23 Items for Discussion:**

- Dog Fouling – Since the last meeting stencils had been painted on the pavements and a leaflet drop had been carried out in Blencogo to remind residents about cleaning up after their dogs. It was noted that the issue continues. It was agreed to contact Cllr Thurlow to ask what further action Cumberland Council can take.
- Village Hall Projects – Members discussed the report from the Village Hall Committee and quotations for the plastering and lighting work. RESOLVED that before the Parish Council consider making any further financial commitments
  - (i) the Village Hall Committee be asked to provide a copy of their recent accounts and
  - (ii) the future lease arrangements for the Hall be clarified
- Vacancies  
No expressions of interest had been received. It was agreed to continue to advertise the vacancies and enquiries made if any residents are interested in joining the Parish Council.
- Donation Request – The request for financial assistance from Wigton Baths Trust was considered. RESOLVED to increase the amount granted to £200.
- Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No 217001 in the Parish of Bromfield (Blencogo Farm)  
Members considered the correspondence received from Cumberland Council. The proposed diversion will take the path out of the curtilage of the applicant landowner's property and move it to a more accessible and useable route. The applicant landowner will clear the site and regrade the surface to provide a flat 2-metre-wide path. There were no objections to the proposed diversion.
- Budget for 2024/25 – A draft budget had been circulated with the agenda. Members considered the usual income and expenditure and potential future projects. RESOLVED that the precept levy should be set at £6500 for financial year 2024-25.

### **692/23 Items for the Next Agenda**

Dog Fouling

Village Hall Projects

Vacancies

### **693/23 Date and time of the Next Meeting**

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Blencogo on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2024

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.41 pm