

# BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

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

Cllr M. Underwood in the Chair

## **694/23 Apologies for absence**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr G. Fellows. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.

## **695/23 Chairman's announcements**

None.

## **696/23 Declarations of interest**

None.

## **697/23 Requests for dispensations**

None.

## **698/23 Minutes Meeting 30 November 2023**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2023 be signed as a correct record.

## **699/23 Public Participation**

Judith Clark resident of Langrigg was in attendance and expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council.

An enquiry had been received via Cumberland Council concerning the ownership of a piece of land near the village hall in Blencogo. The enquirer had been using the land regularly to walk dogs and had concerns that it may be privately owned land as a resident had raised concerns regarding this use. Members confirmed that the land is not privately owned and can be used by anyone, there is no issue with people using the area to walk dogs provided that any dog mess is cleaned up.

A complaint had been received regarding the wording on a sign erected in Blencogo referring to the dog fouling issues in the village. Cllr Underwood confirmed that the householder had now taken the sign down.

## **700/23 Reports from Outside Bodies**

Cumberland Council – Cllr K. Thurlow provided advice regarding the dog fouling issues in the Parish. Cllr Thurlow also reported that Cumberland Council are to carry out a review of the current gritting policy.

Village Hall Committee – G. Bickley, Village Hall Committee provided a report on the activities that had taken place at the Village Hall over the last couple of months and events planned for the coming year. In response to the queries raised at the last Parish Council meeting Members were advised that there had been some issues with the Committee's bank therefore the accounts are not up-to-date. The Committee have been in discussion with the Diocese regarding a potential purchase of the Hall.

## **701/23 Financial Statement**

The financial statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 had been circulated with the agenda and was noted by members. Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2023 £7,731.63.



### **706/23 Items for Discussion:**

- Dog Fouling – Members noted that incidents of dog fouling are still occurring. A complaint had been received regarding the wording on a sign erected in Blencogo referring to the issue. The sign has now been taken down. Residents should report any incidents of dog fouling to Cumberland Council.
- Village Hall Projects – A report had been provided in the public participation part of the meeting with a response to the queries raised at the last meeting.
- Fibrus Pole erected in Blencogo – Following the last meeting the Clerk had contacted Fibrus in Belfast. It was reported that the pole had now been moved before any wires had been connected.
- Annual Insurance – The renewal documents had been received from Zurich Municipal at an annual premium of £649.69. RESOLVED that the policy be renewed with Zurich.
- Vacancies/Co-option of New Councillor - Judith Clark from Langrigg expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. It was proposed, seconded therefore resolved that Judith Clark be duly co-opted onto the Council. A declaration of acceptance of office was signed and Cllr Clark was provided with a register of interests form for completion. Cllr Clark will be provided with a copy of the Council's Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

### **707/23 Items for the Next Agenda**

Bank Signatories  
Appointment of Internal Auditor  
Village Hall Projects  
Vacancies

### **708/23 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 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.16 pm