

BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Committee Room, Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday 28th March, 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

Also Present: One member of the public and J. Rae (Clerk)

709/23 Apologies for absence

None.

710/23 Chairman's announcements

None.

711/23 Declarations of interest

None.

712/23 Requests for dispensations

None.

713/23 Minutes Meeting 25th January 2024

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th January 2024 be signed as a correct record.

714/23 Public Participation

The meeting was adjourned to allow Members of the public the opportunity to raise any matters of interest or any concerns relating to the Parish.

- A parish member in attendance provided Members with an overview of the proposals for the future of the Village Hall discussed at the public meeting held on 15th March. Clarification was also provided that the container sited in the Village Hall car park does not require planning permission.
- It was noted at the last meeting that Fibrus had been working in the Blencogo area. Cllr Davison had made enquiries whether Fibrus are planning to bring hyperfast broadband to the Langrigg area. It transpires Fibrus do not have any plans for this area. Cllr Davidson agreed to circulate the response from Fibrus prior to the Parish Council approaching the MP for assistance.
- Cllr Brough reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Thomas Nelson Charity and was willing to continue to represent the Parish at future meetings.
- A parish member had contacted the Parish Council regarding a Freedom of Information request relating to the Village Hall. The request had been forwarded to the Village Hall Committee to provide a response.

The meeting was re-convened.

715/23 Reports from Outside Bodies

Cumberland Council – Cllr K. Thurlow was not in attendance. It was suggested that Cllr Thurlow be contacted for an update regarding the dog fouling issues in Langrigg.

Village Hall Committee – No updates had been received from the Committee.

716/23 Financial Statement

The financial statement as at 29th February 2024 had been circulated with the agenda and was noted by members. Balance at 29th February, 2024 £6,961.14.

717/23 Payments and Receipts

Income Received - None

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 4	£421.10
HMRC PAYE Quarter 4	£105.40
Clerk's expenses Quarter 3 and 4	£ 63.75
Ministry of Doing – IT Support	£120.00

718/23 Planning Matters

(a) Applications Received:

Re-consultation on planning application

FUL/2023/0245 - High Croft, Blencogo, Wigton, CA7 0BZ

Erection of timber shed and workshop for allotments

Amended Front Elevation, Amended Floor Plan, Amended Site Plan,

Amended Right Left Hand Elevation and Amended Rear Elevation

received 26-1-2024

FUL/2024/0043 - Rose Acre, Heathfield, Aspatria, CA7 3SN

Erection of general-purpose agricultural building for storage of tractor, implements, hay and animal feed.

FUL/2024/0047 – Crooklands Farm, Bromfield, CA7 3NB

Proposed roof over existing silage pit

FUL/2024/0057 – Crooklands Farm, Bromfield, CA7 3NB

Proposed water storage tank

(b) Decisions:

FUL/2023/0117 - The Grange, Wigton CA7 0BT

Change of use of traditional stone barns to 3no. residential properties

GRANTED

FUL/2023/0245 - High Croft, Blencogo, Wigton, CA7 0BZ

Erection of timber shed and workshop for allotments

GRANTED

FUL/2023/0265 - Oakhurst Barn, Leegate Farm, Waverton, CA7 0BT

Change of use of land to domestic and erection of new storage shed

GRANTED

719/23 Correspondence

The following correspondence received was noted:

Cumberland Council – Weekly Updates

NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin

D-Day 80 Pin Badge & The County of Cumbria

CALC – S137 Limits

Royal Garden Parties 2024

United Utilities Affordability Presentation & DWP Update

Family Wellbeing Transformation Programme

PFCC Winter Newsletter

Wigton Baths Trust – Letter of thanks for the Parish Council's donation

Cumberland Council – Easter HAF

720/23 Highway Matters

The following matters were discussed:

Blocked drains at Langrigg and on the Langrigg to Bromfield road previously reported.

Cllr Lunken advised he had reported two pot holes on the Bromfield road.

It was noted that some areas around Langrigg had been marked up for repair by Highways.

721/23 Items for Discussion:

- Bank Mandate – RESOLVED that Cllrs Richard Davison and Simon Lunken be added as authorised signatories to the mandate with Cumberland Building Society. A form to update the correspondence address was signed by two existing signatories.
- Appointment of Internal Auditor - RESOLVED that Mr. T. Gear be appointed to carry out the internal audit of the accounts for financial year 2023-24.
- Setting up a WhatsApp group – The use of a WhatsApp Group for the Parish Council was discussed. RESOLVED that Cllr Underwood would set up the Group.
- Village Hall Projects - It was agreed to request a copy of the Village Hall Committee's up-to-date accounts before considering any future projects.
- Vacancies
Members noted that as Brian Sharp and Philip Batch had not attended any meetings following the election in May 2023, they were now disqualified under the sixth month rule and will be notified accordingly.

722/23 Items for the Next Agenda

Broadband

Village Hall Projects

Update on Bank Signatories

723/23 Date and time of the Next Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm in the Committee Room, Village Hall, Blencogo on Thursday 30th May, 2024

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