

# **BROMFIELD** PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday the 28th of January 2016 at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: J Stockdale - Chairperson, P Roberts, M Underwood, I Brough, J Lee, N Sidaway & S Holland-Reid.

**Also Present:** E Clark (Clerk) & J Lister (Allerdale Borough Councillor & Cumbria County Councillor).

## **1.1 Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and it was noted that the High Society Jazz Band, from the Solway Arts Society was now to held on March the 16<sup>th</sup> in Bromfield Pub.

## **1.2 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Sharp, Brough & Miller & PSCO Crome.

## **1.3 Declarations of interest on the agenda**

No declarations of interest received.

## **1.4 Requests for Dispensations**

No requests for dispensations received.

## **1.5 Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th of November 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

## **1.6 Adjournment of the meeting**

No members of the public present.

## **1.7 Reports**

**Report from Cllr Lister** - Cllr Lister was not present at this point of the meeting.

**Report from Cumbria Police** – an emailed report from PCSO Crome stated that there had been one incident reported to the police and is was; on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2016 the police received a report of an incident of fraud taking place in the Langrigg area. The incident is currently being investigated by the police.

**Report from the Village Hall Committee** – the pensioners' lunch was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January and approximately 55 plus helpers were fed. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of February at 7pm, a quiz night with pie and pea supper and a pudding is to be held at a cost of £7 per person. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of March from 10am it is the annual village hall spring clean, soup and bacon rolls for helpers. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of April at 7.30pm, there is a pudding night at a cost of £6. per person. Adrian Cozens is now the chair of the committee.

## **1.8 Payment of accounts**

The payments of the following accounts were authorised:

Clerk's salary and expenses	£ 164.56
HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE)	£ 38.40
Wigton Baths Trust	£100.00
Solway Plain Team Magazine	£ 50.00

## **1.9 Financial Statements**

The current balance of the Council's Bank Account as at the 31st of December 2015 was noted.

The bank reconciliation as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2015 was agreed and the 2015/16 parish council budget was reviewed & agreed.

## **1.10 Planning Matters**

The following planning consultation was noted with no objections;

Ref No: 2/2016/0021 – Replacement of existing monopole and antennas with new 15m monopole with new antennas, 1No 0.3m transmission dish, 1No 0.6m dish ad

2No RRUs also 2No new equipment cabinets installed at base of monopole – Top Field, A596 Scales, Aspatria, Wigton – Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (CTIL).

The following grant of planning permission was noted;

Ref No: 2/2015/0657 – Replacement monopole and apparatus with new 20m monopole with 4 no. antennas and other ancillary apparatus – Telecom Mast, Heathfield – Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd.

#### **1.11 Correspondence**

The following correspondence were noted;

CALC – Audit Procurement Changes – *agreed to opt into the Sector Led Body Audit*

United Utilities – Winter Wise

CALC – HM Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

CALC – Developing Skills Programme

Wigton Baths Trust – Newsletter

CALC – Flood Recovery Update

NuGen – News Issue 1

Allerdale Borough Council – 2016/17 Council Tax Base Figure Update

CALC – Dec/Jan Circular

Police & Crime Commissioner – Dec Newsletter

Aspatria Rural Partnership – Minutes & Progress Report – *it was agreed to support the retention of Aspatria Library, clerk to send letter to Mr Clouston.*

#### **1.12 Highway Matters**

The following highway issues were reported;

Gill Farm Lonning ref no. 12/1361578 – previously reported. Damaged foot bridge at Gill Farm, Scales. The drains from the telephone box to Oaklands, Langrigg are full and need cleaned out. Two manhole covers are missing at the Westnewton Road junction on the 596 a 3ft one and a smaller one.

The bridge at Bank House (Between Langrigg & Bromfield) has big cracks in it in the parapets and it looks like the foundation has come away from the bridge.

Langrigg Bank, turn in from the Scales side, on the right hand side on the grass verge about 5/6 ft from the road there is a large hole (a sheep has fallen into this hole). The Crookdake road that has recently been repaired is being ruined by stones and water coming down from Goosegreen farm towards Low Scales.

Blencogo Village Green needs kerbed as wagons turning are destroying it. The parish grit bins need replenishing. Furniture has been fly-tipped at Rannergill.

Resolved; Clerk to report all of the above.

#### **1.13 Damaged Bus Shelter**

It was noted that Zurich Insurance stated that the Council's policy covered the damage caused to the bus shelter up to the limit/sum's insured. They would therefore be looking to appoint recovery solicitors to recover the costs of the claim, but only to the amount they have paid out not for the full cost of repairs. Zurich advised that if we were seeking recovery of the full repair costs, we would need to approach the driver's insurers directly. It was agreed that the information including repair estimates be forwarded to the driver's insurance company as advised by Zurich. Cllr Roberts to look at alternative bus shelter options for the next meeting.

#### **1.14 Defibrillators in Telephone Boxes**

Deferred until the next meeting.

Cllr Lister joined the meeting at 8.30pm and discussed the recent flooding and the cost of repairs. Bridges were now getting opened – Gote Bridge etc. 8,000 residential properties plus commercial properties were flooded. He stated that a unitary authority would mean the 7 areas would each have an elected representative and then there would be a chair/mayor. The government are trying to force this as it would save millions of pounds.

*Cllr Lister left the meeting at 8.45pm*

#### **1.15 Community Right to Buy**

It was agreed to apply for the Village Hall to be put on the Community Asset List. Cllr Roberts to progress.

**1.16 Parish Council Insurance**

The insurance renewal for 2016/17 was discussed and it was agreed that a request for a quotation to increase the bus shelters' insurance value to £8,000 and £10,000 be forwarded to Zurich. Figures to be emailed to councillors for a decision to be made.

**1.17 Parish Recycling**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**1.18 Items of inclusion on the next agenda**

Rented Parish Land  
Parish Recycling  
Defibrillator

**1.19 Date and time of next meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2016 starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.**