

# BROMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Blencogo Village Hall on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.

Present: Cllrs. J. Clark, R. Davison (Vice Chair), S. Lunken and M. Underwood

Also Present: G. Bickley, Chair of Blencogo Village Hall Committee (for part of the meeting) and J. Rae (Clerk)

Cllr. R. Davison in the Chair

**760/24 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. G. Fellows and J. Lee. The reasons for absence were noted and accepted.

**761/24 Chairman's announcements**

None.

**762/24 Declarations of interest**

None.

**763/24 Requests for dispensations**

None.

**764/24 Minutes - Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**765/24 Public Participation**

No matters were raised.

**766/24 Reports from Outside Bodies**

Cumberland Council - Cllr K. Thurlow was not in attendance.

Village Hall Committee – The Chair of the Village Hall Committee was in attendance and provided Members with an update on the activities at the Hall and with the fundraising:

"It's been a busy month at Blencogo Village Hall.

We enjoyed our annual Produce Show early on in the month. There were 208 entries across the 54 classes. High quality entries were evident and some tough competition, especially noted was the men's baked goods of lardy cake, an unfamiliar and challenging bake for most participants!

The hall was a hub of chatter, with the community coming together to show the skills parishioners and wider have. A lively auction, raffle and cake sales helped the event to be profitable for the hall, making £193.10 to go towards general running costs.

Next up was our Car Treasure Hunt. 18 intrepid vehicles set off on what proved to be a challenging hunt. A 3-hour time limit was achieved by most with a few getting time and mileage penalties. With one withdrawal 17 vehicles managed the complete course albeit some taking an alternative to the intended route! Maximum score was 58. The winner was Rachel Bloomer and crew with a score of 45. The Frozen Chickens came second with 43 and a consolation prize was awarded to the Walters Gang with 19 points.

Fundraising for the purchase is on track with more than 75% of the community allocated funds now pledged. We are still awaiting pledges from some local businesses but we are fairly confident we can achieve our community total of £30k.

The Community Ownership Fund (COF) remains closed but we have had some encouraging news from the government which sets a positive tone and seems to hint that the fund may reopen after the October Budget. We are therefore working toward that deadline. With the bid already written we are making a few tweaks to update the figures and information. If the COF does not reopen after the budget then our next funding bid will be to the NFU in October. Although the Hall does not perfectly match their criteria we are working on a bid submission.

We have also started contingency planning in case we are unable to raise sufficient funds before January. At present we do not know what that way ahead looks like as we are exploring many avenues and there will be a Village Hall Committee Meeting early in October to discuss the preferred option.

We have a coffee morning, Ladies night and Halloween Scarecrow trail planned for October then Race night and a Christmas Market in November. A full year of events is planned for 2025”.

G. Bickley left the meeting.

#### **767/24 Financial Statement**

The financial statement as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 had been circulated with the agenda and was noted by members. Balance 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2024 - Cumberland Building Society £5,653.11.

#### **768/24 Payments and Receipts**

(a) Income Received:

Rent – Crookdake	£5.00
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(b) The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Clerk’s account Quarter 2 1.7.24 – 30.9.24	£421.10
HMRC PAYE Quarter 2 1.7.24 – 30.9.24	£105.40
Clerk’s expenses Quarter 2	£ 14.10

#### **769/24 Planning Matters**

(a) Applications Received:

FUL/2024/0153 – Goose Green Farm, Crookdake, CA7 3SH  
Demolition of existing farmhouse and outbuildings and the erection of a new dwelling.

(b) Decisions:

FUL/2024/0128 - Crooklands Farm, Bromfield, Wigton CA7 3NB  
Proposal: Proposed roof over an existing silage pit. GRANTED

FUL/2024/0118 - Croft House, Blencogo, Wigton CA7 0BZ  
Change of use from barn to annex to the existing dwelling GRANTED

FUL/2024/0142 - Crooklands Farm, Access Road to Crooklands from Blencogo to Bromfield, Bromfield, CA7 3NB  
Proposed concrete yard renewal. GRANTED

HOU/2024/0096 - Goose Green Farm, Crookdake, Aspatria, Wigton CA7 3SH  
Demolition of existing buildings and replacement with two storey and single storey side extension including balcony, roof heightened to original dwelling and erection of front two storey extension GRANTED

### **770/24 Correspondence**

The following correspondence received was noted:

Police Fire & Crime Plan Consultation Survey  
CALC - New funding available for rural community projects in Cumbria  
North Cumbria Integrated Care - Have your say on plans to improve health and healthcare services  
CALC - Appointment of two CALC Board Directors for the Mid Cumberland Area  
Cumberland Council Planning Policy Update - Parish Councils (Cumberland LDNP)  
CALC – AGM Invitation  
Cumberland Council – Review of Polling Places  
CALC News July & August  
Cumberland Council – Statement of Community Involvement  
Cumbria White Tailed Eagle Project  
Latest News Fells & Solway Community Panel  
Email from Citizens Advice Allerdale thanking the Parish Council for their donation.  
Cumberland Council – Cumberland Council (Footpath No 217001 Parish of Bromfield) Public Path Diversion and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2024 - Copy of the Order confirmed by Cumberland Council together with a copy of the Notice that will appear in the Cumberland News on 27 September 2024.

### **771/24 Highway Matters**

Cllr Lunken reported that the roads in Langrigg that had been marked up for repair several weeks ago had still not been repaired. Cllr Lunken agreed to follow this up with Highways. It was noted that the road surface is breaking up in other areas of Langrigg.

### **772/24 Items for Discussion:**

- Village Hall – Funding Requests  
An update had been provided from the Chair of the Village Hall Committee. Members had previously agreed in principle to support the request for funding towards the purchase of the Hall. It was agreed to defer any decision regarding an amount until after the October budget when it might be clearer what might be required.
- Vacancies  
There are four vacancies on the Council. Anyone with an interest in the community and would like to be considered for co-option should contact the Clerk for more information.
- Update on Bank Mandate  
Cllr Lunken agreed to arrange for the mandate adding him as an authorised signatory to be signed by two existing signatories and then forwarded to the Clerk.

### **773/24 Items for the Next Agenda**

Funding Requests – Blencogo Village Hall Committee  
Vacancies  
Budget 2025-26

### **774/24 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> November, 2024.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.07 pm