**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in Blennerhasset Village Hall on Wednesday**

**11 May 2016**

 **1781. Present.**

Cllrs: Richardson, Clarkson, Mrs. Bowe, Raine, Ms. Little. Also present were Cllr. Mrs. Mounsey (A.B.C.) and Cllr. A. Bowness (C.C.C.)

 **1782. Apologies.**

Cllr. Powley had sent his apologies for absence as he was working.

**1783. Chairman.**

Cllr. Ms. Little proposed and Cllr. Mrs. Bowe seconded the motion that “Cllr. Clarkson be elected as Chairman for 2016/2017”. There being no other nominations, Cllr. Clarkson was duly elected. He duly thanked Cllr. Richardson for his work as Chairman over the last year.

 **1784. Minutes.**

 It was agreed that the minutes of 9 March 2016 be accepted as a true record of the meeting and the Chairman was authorised to sign them.

 **1785. Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr. Clarkson declared an interest in any matters relating to Blennerhasset School and Blennerhasset & Baggrow Social Centre.

Cllr. Ms. Little declared an interest in one of the planning applications on the agenda.

 **1786. Dispensation Requests.**

The Clerk had not received any requests for dispensation to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

 **1787. Public Voice Slot.**

The Chairman referred the meeting to the Open Forum at the Parish Meeting..

 **1788. Items in Action.**

i) Relocation of Map Board in Torpenhow Awaiting action. be raining in (Min. 1770(ii) refers.)

ii) Blennerhasset Village Hall Trust Deed Payment of grant to be made when informed of the Social Centre’s bill.(Min.1751(iii) refers.)

iii) Village Signs Post Replacement. Mr. Paul Mitchell has been contacted and advised that the poles can be obtained from Cllr. Powley. (Min. 1770(ii) refers.)

iv) Drains’ Survey. Cllr. Ms. Little produced a map with the drains and flooding points marked on it. Cllr. Bowness suggested that the drains be numbered. A copy is to be sent to Cumbria Highways. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Ms. Little for her work.(Min. 1770(vi) refers.)

v) Blennerhasset War Memorial.Cllr. Mrs. Bowe has the matter in hand. Min. 1770(vii) refers.)

vi) Revision of Standing Orders. Cllr. Richardson is to issue corrigenda to members. (Min. 1770(ix) refers.)

vii) Weed Spraying. The Clerk was asked to get quotations from contractors. (Min. 1774 refers.)

viii) The Good Councillors’ Guide. Copies had been obtained from C.A.L.C. and were distributed to members. (Min. 1773 refers.)

ix) Playing Field Grass-cutting. The Cricket Club has been advised that it has been awarded the contract for this year and that no invoice has been received for last year’s cutting. (Min. 1777 refers.)

x) Strip of land at Playing Field. The Clerk was asked to contact the Land Registry regarding registered ownership of this piece of land. (Min. 1770(iii) refers.)

xi) Defibrillators. It is believed that Aspatria First Responders have their own defibrillators. The Clerk was asked to contact Torpenhow Village Hall regarding the installation of a defibrillator at its premises. (Min. 1750(iv) refers.)

 **1789. Project Groups.**

 Aspatria Rural Partnership. Cllr. Ms. Little said that there will be a Citizens’ Advice Bureau presence at Aspatria library on Wednesday afternoons.

 **1790. Finances.**

a) The Parish Council’s account stands at £18085.34. The Clerk presented to the council a statement of receipts and payments to date under each of the budget headings. In accordance with Financial Regulation 2.2 the bank reconciliation and original bank statements were verified by Cllr. Raine and signed by him.

b) Precept of £4669.76 and CTRS Grant of £80.24 have been received from Allerdale B.C.

c) The following payments were approved :

 i) to C.A.L.C. as subscription for 2016/2017 £ 157.00

 ii) to Blennerhasset and Baggrow Social Centre for the

 meeting of 10.03.2016 £16.00

 iii) to Aspatria and District First Responders as a Grant £250.00

**1791. Motion 1.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Clarkson and Seconded by Cllr. Richardson that, “This Council approves the annual Governance Statement.” All were in favour.

**1792. Motion 2.**

It was proposed by Cllr. Clarkson and Seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Bowe that, “This Council approves the annual Accounting Statement.” All were in favour.

 **1793. Motion 3.**

 It was proposed by Cllr. Ms. Little and Seconded by Cllr. Raine that, “This Council obtains quotes for the painting of the bus shelters and treatment of the notice boards in the parish.” All were in favour.

 **1794. Motion 4.**

 It was proposed by Cllr. Ms. Little and Seconded by Cllr. Raine that, “ This Council clarifies the time scale for the implementation of the items on the agenda.” All were in favour.

 **1795. Co-option.**

 It was agreed that an advertisement be placed in the Binsey Beacon for three (3) members to be co-opted onto the council.

 **1796. Planning.**

 i) Applications had been received for:

 a) Development of new water supply pipeline for United Utilities Ltd. Cllr. Ms. Little raised a query regarding drainage where the pipeline is to cross the Torpenhow to Cockbridge Road. Cllr. Bowness (C.C.C.) said he will be attending a meeting regarding this development. Other than this query, there were no objections to this application.

 b) Erection of new detached garage/store at Millfield, Torpenhow. There were no objections to this application.

 c) Two storey side extension and detached outbuilding at 1, Croftlands, Torpenhow. One objection had been raised that, in a conservation area, the garage projection conflicted with the symmetry of the remaining Croftlands properties.

 d) Erection of a four bedroom 2 Storey dwelling at High Road, Blennerhasset. This was a resubmission for a development to which the council had previously recommended refusal. (Min. 1650(i) refers.) It was agreed to recommend REFUSAL of this application.

ii) Cumbria County Council, as local planning authority has granted the application by Blennerhasset School for siting of a single-storey Portakabin building to be used as a classroom for a temporary period.

 **1797. Correspondence.**

 A file of correspondence had been circulated to members,including an update from Cumbria Constabulary.

 **1798. Next Meeting.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 13 July 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in Torpenhow Village Hall.

Signed……………………………….

Chairman

Date………………………………….