**Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held at Torpenhow Village Hall**

**on Thursday 10th June, 2021 at 7.00pm**

Present: Cllrs. J. Bowe, M. Giddings, A. Little, W. Powley and A. Raine.

Also Present: A Bowness, Cumbria County Councillor and M. Grainger, Allerdale Borough Councillor

**2438 Election of Chair**

A proposal was received and seconded that Cllr Little be re-elected Chair. RESOLVED that Cllr Little be re-elected Chair for council year 2021-22. Cllr Little assumed the Chair and will sign a declaration of acceptance of office.

**2439 Apologies for absence**

None received.

**2440 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

**2441 Dispensation Requests**

None received.

**2442 Public Voice Slot**

No members of the public were present.

**2443 - Blennerhasset Playing Field – Tree House**

Following the Annual Meeting held on 5th May 2021 Members agreed that the structure is not safe and should be removed. The Borough Council had also been contacted to request that an inspection be carried out of the structure at the same time as the Play Area inspection.

The Inspector had advised that “*they would strongly recommend that the item is removed as there are clear health and safety issues associated, and with this being on parish council owned land there is a legal responsibility for the area to be kept safe*”.

This advice had been relayed to the interested parties with their responses circulated to Members. A plan of action was discussed and it was RESOLVED that:

(a) Two quotations to be obtained to remove the structure. (One estimate had already been obtained at £1500). The quotations to also include works necessary to remove the lower branches of the tree. It was agreed that the lower branches should be removed from all trees in this vicinity.

(b) A budget of up to £2000 was agreed with the contractor being instructed to carry out the work as soon as possible. The costs to be met from the parish precept.

(c) The police would be notified when the work is to be carried out.

(d) Any materials recovered from the site would be set to one side for collection.

**2444 Agenda items for the Next Meeting**

No additional items to be added.

**2445** **Date of Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting will be held at Torpenhow Village Hall on 14th July, 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Signed……………………………….

Chairman

Date………………………………….