

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Blennerhasset Village Hall**  
**on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at 7.30 pm**

Present: Cllrs. J. Bowe (Chair), M. Giddings, B. Armstrong, D. Telford and W. Powley.

Also Present: J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor (for part of the meeting), Two representatives from Baggrow & Blennerhasset Cricket Club (for part of the meeting).

**2735/23 Apologies for absence**

None

**2736/23 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 were signed as a correct record.

**2737/23 Declarations of Interest**

None

**2738/23 Dispensation Requests**

None.

**2739/23 Public Voice Slot**

Hole adjacent to the Old Chapel, Blennerhasset – The Parish Council had received a report that a hole had appeared at the edge of the Village Green opposite the Old Chapel. It was agreed this would be reported to Highways at Cumberland Council.

Damage to the Village Green, Blennerhasset – The Parish Council had been made aware of some damage to the village green caused by a vehicle which had been driven over it. Following enquiries, it was noted that this had been a one-off incident.

Parishioners had also raised concern regarding the damage caused to other parts of the Green by cars being parked along the edge of the Green. Installing kerbs along the edge was discussed. Cllr Powley agreed to obtain a price for kerbs for further consideration at the next meeting.

Rubbish outside Cross Cottages, Blennerhasset – Members of the public had raised concern regarding the accumulation of rubbish outside Cross Cottages. It was agreed to raise these concerns with Environmental Health at Cumberland Council.

**2740/23 Reports from Outside Bodies**

Cumberland Councillor – Cllr Perry reported on the following:

“Recycling and waste survey - deadline Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

[consult.cumberland.gov.uk](https://consult.cumberland.gov.uk) and scroll down to the fifth one. Let me know if there are any parts of the ward that do not have doorstep collection of recycling - I am keen that their views are heard and the questions are not very relevant to them.

We are currently working on the climate and biodiversity strategy, and it is intended to be out for public consultation in April. Please keep an eye open for the announcement.

The Community Panel meets again on March 21<sup>st</sup> (6pm) at Broughton Primary school. The public have a right to attend from 5.30 when we councillors will be available to listen/chat about issues of concern.

The Lakes to Sea **network** meeting held in Keswick specifically for parish councils was not well attended but it was good to see two of B&W parishes represented. Feedback coming shortly”

Police Community Support Officer – No report received.

**2741/23 Matters arising from the Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

None

**2742/23 Highways/Highway Maintenance**

It was noted that some pot holes had been repaired on the Blennerhasset to the Fitz road. Members noted that the Parish Council’s request for changes to the speed limit at Blennerhasset had been added to Cumberland Council’s list to be considered the next time the TRO for speed limits is reviewed.

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## Planning

(a) Applications received:

HOU/2024/0026 - Sea View, Torpenhow Village, Torpenhow, CA7 1JF  
Proposal: Extension to existing sunroom No objections

(b) Decisions: None

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## Blennerhasset Playing Field

The following matters were discussed:

- The contractor had advised that the minimum length he could cut the grass would be 25mm. – Members felt this was adequate for the parish council's requirements.
- The Cricket Clubs balance sheet for years 2021 and 2022 was circulated at the meeting – The contents were noted. However, the balance sheet for 2023 had not been provided.
- It was reported that damage had been caused to some of the windows at the pavilion on the playing field. Members noted this matter had been dealt with.

The Clerk agreed to contact the contractor to discuss the Parish Council's requirements regarding the grass cutting.

The representatives of the Cricket Club left the meeting at 8.30pm

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## Financial Matters

(a) The financial statement at 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 had been circulated with the agenda.

Balances at 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

Nat West	£ 276.20
Cumberland Building Society	£10,941.86

(b) The following payments were approved for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 4	£518.40
HMRC PAYE Quarter 4	£129.60
Clerk's expenses Quarter 4	£133.75
Rocket Sites – Website Hosting Fee	£ 24.00
Blennerhasset Village Hall Room Hire	£ 30.00
Torpenhow Village Hall Room Hire	£ 24.00
Grant to Torpenhow Village Hall	£200.00

(c) Appointment of Internal Auditor/Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit

RESOLVED to appoint Mr T. Gear to carry out the internal audit of the accounts for financial year 2023-24. The review of the effectiveness of the internal audit was noted and agreed.

(d) The form to update the correspondence address of the parish council was signed by two authorised signatories.

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## Correspondence

Members noted the correspondence received since the last meeting:

Lakes to Sea Community Panel Workshop - 24.01.24  
Cumberland Council – Weekly Updates  
NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin  
D-DAY 80 Pin Badge & The County of Cumbria  
Town/Parish Presentation and Questions  
CALC – S137 Limits  
Royal Garden Parties 2024  
United Utilities Affordability Presentation & DWP Update  
Family Wellbeing Transformation Programme  
OPFCC Winter Newsletter  
CALC - Official portraits of HM The King  
Letter from Wigton Baths Trust to thank the parish council for the donation of £100

**2747/23 Vacancies**

No expressions of interest had been received.

**2748/23 Agenda items for the Next Meeting**

Kerbs – Village Green, Blennerhasset

**2749/23 Meeting dates for the next Council year**

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting 8 May 2024 – 7.00 pm – Blennerhasset Village Hall

Bi-Monthly Meeting 10 July 2024 – 7.30 pm - Torpenhow Village Hall

Bi-Monthly Meeting 11 September 2024 – 7.30pm – Blennerhasset Village Hall

Bi-Monthly Meeting 13 November 2024 – 7.30pm – Torpenhow Village Hall

Bi-Monthly Meeting 8 January 2025 – 7.30pm – Blennerhasset Village Hall

Bi-Monthly Meeting 12 March 2025 – 7.30pm – Torpenhow Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....