

Kirkbride Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Tuesday 12th July 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School

Present:

Councillors: Kirk (Chair), Irving and Willis.

Public attendance: Mr M Irving and Mr A Orr

Clerk: M Abbs

1.1 Apologies for absence, declarations of interest and dispensation requests from Cllrs.

The clerk advised that apologies had been received from PCSO Nichol, County Cllr Fairbairn, Borough Councillor and Chairman Hedworth, Cllrs Taylor, Day and Noblett.

The family related reasons given by Cllrs Day, Hedworth and Noblett were accepted as fair reason for absence.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

The clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

An on-going dispensation is in force in respect of the Precept.

No further requests were made.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations by elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

No declarations were made.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting.)

Members may, however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

If a Member requires advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote, he/she is advised to contact the clerk at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

2 Minutes (previously circulated).

2.1 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2016 – **approved and signed.**

Note 1: reminder that the order of business may be changed at the chairman's discretion to avoid undue delay for visitors

3 Report on action taken

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3.1. by councillors

3.1.1 Play area – Playground report.

Considered under item 4.3

3.1.2 Footpaths –

Cllrs reported that the use of quad bikes on the footpaths was no longer an issue.

3.1.3 Highways steward –

Cllr Willis reported that there were no significant new issues. Cllr Irving was concerned about speeding cars on Birch Hill Lane and would contact Allerdale BC to enquire if signage could be improved.

3.1.4 Newsletter group -

There was no new news to report as a newsletter was not due.

3.2- by the clerk -

The clerk confirmed that all the requirements of the Transparency Code had been met.

3.3 Public participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

3.3.1 Report from the Borough Councillor - absent

3.3.2 Report from the County Councillor – absent

Mr Orr and Mr Irving addressed the meeting. They explained the background to the grant application - see item 4.5.

The plan of the Trust was to utilise the football pitch at the School to provide training and coaching for children of both sexes between the ages of 5 and 13 on a Sunday morning following the retirement of a previous organiser at Anthorn. Taster sessions had already been run to much initial interest. First aiders and insurance arrangements were in place but support was requested for coaching and equipment. Questions were answered during a general discussion during which Mr Orr confirmed that the John James Orr Memorial Trust was a Registered Charity.

Mr Orr and Mr Irving left the meeting.

4 New business

4.1 Mc Donald memorial / Brighton House – update and discussion /approval of any required action.

The clerk updated Cllrs on the position since the last meeting. Cllrs discussed the options with regard to obtaining a survey and valuation of the area concerned. It was **agreed** that the clerk should arrange for Mr and Mrs Taylor to now make contact with the surveyor themselves and arrange the survey and required payment. The Council would require a copy of the report in due course.

4.2 Update on BDO Audit.

The clerk confirmed that all the required documents had been delivered to the audit company but to date no communication had been received from them.

4.3 Play area – consideration of the Inspection Report and update on the condition of trees.

Cllr Kirk confirmed that the play area was being inspected weekly. The clerk advised that the Inspection report had now been received and examined by several Cllrs. No urgent work was required and the report would now be circulated to all Cllrs and discussed at the September meeting.

The clerk provided details of the tree work recommended following Mr D Little's survey as requested at the May meeting. Cllrs **agreed** to proceed with the work at a cost of £380 +VAT.

4.4 Consideration of grant application from Kirkbride Learning Centre.

The clerk advised that no details had been submitted at this point to allow consideration.

4.5 Consideration of grant application from the John James Orr Trust/Kirkbride Youth Football Club.

See item 3.3. Cllrs considered the initiative by the John James Orr Memorial Trust to be very worthy of support and **agreed** to the grant application of £250.

5 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

5.1 AON Insurance – Confirmation of insurance renewal.

The clerk confirmed that confirmation had been received. – **noted**.

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5.2 Connecting Cumbria Broadband update.

E-mail from Connecting Cumbria and consideration of the letter from Mrs S Hayman MP.

The clerk informed Cllrs of the communication from Connecting Cumbria wishing to arrange a 'Digital Inclusion Event' in Kirkbride. Cllrs **agreed** that this was a good idea and asked the clerk to contact Connecting Cumbria and The Kirkbride Learning Centre to ascertain if it wished to be involved. It was believed that not all the boxes were yet working and the clerk was asked to check on the position with Connecting Cumbria.

Mrs Hayman had enquired as to the Broadband coverage in the Parish. After discussion it was **agreed** that the clerk should inform her that despite some recent progress coverage in the Parish was still 'patchy'.

5.3 Footway Lighting Current situation.

It was reported and **noted** that some remedial work had been carried out.

5.4 Hedge Cutting – review and possible action.

It was reported and **noted** that a cut had recently been carried out. There were no issues to be addressed and the clerk confirmed that an invoice had not yet been received.

5.5 Environment Agency / NFU - Newsletter June 2016.

The clerk advised Cllrs of the latest situation concerning the proposed Internal Drainage Board and the possible further consultation. – **noted**.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 **To approve accounts** to 31st May 2016 and 30th June 2016 – available at the meeting. – **approved**.

6.1.2 **To note** HMRC VAT repayment **£261.46** – noted.

6.2 Payments to approve.

6.2.1 Clerk's salary: **£471.90** – **approved**.

6.2.2 Expenses: postage + stationery £6.85; broadband £10.66 + phone £4.00, travel 8m @ 36p = £2.88, total **£24.39** – **approved**.

6.2.3 Colville Ground Maintenance: grass cutting (VAT £34.08) **£204.45** – **approved**.

6.2.4 Bowness on Solway PC – Share of printer purchase **£60.00** – **approved**.

6.2.5 Allerdale BC: Play area inspection (£56.00 + £11.20 VAT) **£67.20** – **approved**.

7 Planning

7.1 Applications outstanding with Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria CC.

7.1.1 - PB/2015/0038 – Removal of telephone and replacement by defibrillator at phone box, The Lees Kirkbride.

The clerk updated Cllrs on the report that Allerdale BC had published which had raised no objection to the requested change of use. – **noted**.

7.2 Applications dealt with under standing order.

7.2.1 Cumbria CC – Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2015-2030 – Regulation 19.

The clerk confirmed that no response had been made. – **noted**.

7.2.2 Allerdale BC – 2/2016/0272 Conversion of barn into dwelling, Gordon House, Mossend, Kirkbride. (Mrs A Fox)

The clerk confirmed that no objections had been raised. – **noted**.

7.3 Applications decided by Allerdale BC

7.3.1 - 2/2016/0130 Four bedroom house, Sutherland House, Kirkbride, Wigton.

(Mr Gareth Clayton). – permission granted.

7.3.2 Allerdale BC – 2/2016/0272 Conversion of barn into dwelling, Gordon House, Mossend, Kirkbride. (Mrs A Fox) – permission granted.

All the above were **noted**.

7.4 Applications for consideration by this Parish Council meeting.

7.4.1 – 2/2016/0277 Stopping up of public footpath 240005, Townhead Farm (Mr A Hedworth and A&C Hedworth)

7.4.2 – 2/2016/0362 Extension to existing buildings and dairy, Townhead Farm (Mr A Hedworth and A&C Hedworth)

The clerk confirmed that Cllr Hedworth had declared an interest prior to the meeting.

Cllrs examined the papers and following discussion **agreed** that they had no objections to the applications.

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8.1 Documents received for comment

None – **noted**.

8.2 Documents received for information (available on request to the clerk)

8.2.1 CALC Circulars.

8.2.2 HAGS and Realise Futures Playground product information.

8.2.3 NALC – Responsibilities of Councils as Landowners.

8.2.4 War Graves Commission Living Memory project information.

All the above were **noted**.

9 Claypit Charity

9.1.1 Receipt of payment from United Utilities- **£115.55**

The clerk explained that the received cheque had been made out incorrectly and he was seeking to have this remedied by United Utilities.

10 Any items of information brought by...

10.1 Clerk

A letter of thanks and supporting documentation had been received from Anthorn Tennis Club.

10.2 Councillors

Cllr Kirk commented that there were no planters at the Angerton end of the village. The clerk was asked to put this on the September agenda.

11 Meeting dates

11.1 **Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday 13th September 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

11.2 **Future meetings: on Tuesdays:** 8th November 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

The dates were **noted**.

The Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55p.m.