

Kirkbride Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Tuesday 10th November 2015 at 7.00pm in Kirkbride School.

Present:

Councillors: Hedworth (Chair) Day, Kirk, Irving, Little, Noblett, Taylor, Willis.

County Councillor Fairbairn

Public attendance: Mr and Mrs Taylor.

Clerk: M Abbs

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

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.

No dispensation requests were made.

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

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Cllr Taylor item 4.3 and 6.2.5

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 8th September 2015 – **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

3.1. by councillors

No matters were reported.

3.1.1 Play area –

Cllr Taylor confirmed that the playground repairs had been completed. See also item 4.4.

3.1.2 Footpaths –

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Cllr Willis reported that the damaged kissing gate had been repaired and some new signs had been erected.

3.1.3 Highways steward –

Cllr Hedworth advised that the section near the Marsh Bridge had been attended to.

3.1.4 Newsletter group -

Cllr Kirk advised on the progress of the next newsletter. Delivery assistance was requested. She would like to stand down as editor/ organiser, having carried out the role for a number of years. Cllrs Day and Willis may take this over in the future.

3.2- by the clerk -

The clerk explained that the printer he uses had required some attention and may require replacement in the near future.

Cllr Noblett arrived.

3.3 Public participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

The Chairman invited Mr and Mrs Taylor to address the meeting.

Mrs Taylor did not understand why the Council had in her opinion reverted to 'square 1' by wanting to renew the lease on the land and reiterated their wish to purchase the land. Cllrs explained the Council's understanding of its position concerning the status of the land as 'Common Land'. As such, the Council do not have title to the land are unable to sell it. It only has some management rights over it. The clerk advised that historic attempts to sell the land had failed. The Taylor's urged the Council to take new legal advice on the matter from an independent solicitor, and indicated that they would be willing to pay for this advice. Possible solicitors who may be able to give the advice were mentioned.

The Taylors left the meeting at this point.

3.3.1 Report from the Borough Councillor

Cllr Hedworth reported that there were no matters to report.

3.3.2 Report from the County Councillor

Cllr Fairbairn updated Cllrs on the following items:

- a. The County Council had launched its budget consultation and the role of the 'Fire Service' was a key element.
- b. There was increasing pressure on libraries with some town councils taking on their operation. The expense of the mobile vans was commented on.
- c. The possibility of a Unitary Authority was being increasingly discussed and some implication were highlighted.
- d. The role of the Police and Crime Commissioner was mentioned and in the light of the situation concerning a Unitary Authority he felt that the planned election next year might be postponed.
- e. The situation concerning Highways was mentioned and the large amount of work required to 'bring them up to standard' was highlighted. A number of Cllrs were working hard on a report which had to be submitted to Central Government' in the near future.

Cllr Hedworth thanked him for his report.

4 New business

4.1 Grass cutting tender consideration and awarding of contract for 2016.

The discussion began with consideration of the three submitted tenders for grass cutting. The tender from Colvilles Grounds Maintenance was unanimously **accepted**.

The clerk was instructed to write accordingly.

4.2 Annual Donation to Poppy Appeal. Decision required.

A donation of £100 was **agreed** in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. The expenditure, in the opinion of the council, being in the interest of the area and its inhabitants.

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

Cllr Taylor took no part in the discussion of this item.

Cllrs discussed, at length, the current situation and **agreed** in principle to seek the legal advice requested by the Taylors. The clerk was instructed to approach the NFU initially as it was felt that they may able to provide the necessary advice or advise on suitable specialist solicitors. Once a suitable solicitor had been found and an indication of costs obtained the clerk was authorised to seek the Taylors approval in writing to proceed.

4.4 Playground Inspection report if received in time for the meeting.

Following completion of the repairs the clerk confirmed that the inspection had been booked but not carried out yet. Cllr Taylor advised that some assistance had been received from Mr D Twedde who had kindly supplied some materials for which Cllrs expressed their gratitude. The fence near the gate may require some attention in the near future. The condition of the see-saw was discussed and it was **agreed** that this should be removed and a suitable replacement sought. Cllr Taylor will arrange for the item's removal.

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4.5 Consideration of potential future village projects.

Cllrs discussed suitable projects, taking into account the Council's budget.

Possibilities raised included a Table Tennis Game for the Playground, and the possible acquisition of land for 'football' and other ball games use. Cllr Fairbairn said he would forward details of a contact and it was **agreed** that the clerk should make an initial enquiry into land availability.

4.6 Affordable Housing - review of Parish situation.

Cllr Hedworth advised that the Borough Council had very limited powers to require a developer to complete an affordable housing project. – **noted**.

4.7 Transparency Code and Audit arrangements update and discussion of any required action.

The clerk advised on the current situation and the progress being made and thanked Cllr Willis for her assistance.

The clerk had been in contact with the internal auditor to arrange a schedule for the annual audit and the usual request for dates would now be made to the BDO audit company. The audit process was to be changed again and the clerk said he would update Cllrs on this, probably at the next meeting. – **noted**.

4.8 Kirkbride Learning Centre request for support.

The clerk advised that he had been in contact with Mrs Carey in response to the initial approach and no further action was required at this point. It was possible that an approach for a specific project may be made in the New Year.

Cllr Fairbairn left the meeting.

5 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

5.1 Anthorn Sports Club – Current situation concerning tennis court re-furbishment and request for funding.

The clerk updated Cllrs on the latest communication from Mrs Dugdale, providing details of the grant funding obtained and fund raising activities to date and the current shortfall. In response to the appeal for funding Cllrs **agreed** to providing assistance in principle up to an amount of £1000 once confirmation had been received that the project was definitely proceeding.

5.2 NFU – Update on the Proposed Water Level Management Board for the Waver.

The clerk read out the latest update from the NFU which was supplemented by information provided by Cllr Hedworth.

It was anticipated that there may be further developments in the New Year and in the meantime the pump would not now be turned off until 30th June 2016. – **noted**.

5.3 Nuclear Waste correspondence and Issues, including CALC latest.

The clerk updated Cllrs on the latest information and advised that there had not been any major developments. – **noted**.

5.4 North West Ambulance Service – Defibrillator request for co-operation.

The clerk reminded Cllrs of the details which had been circulated prior to the meeting. He pointed out that he was not aware of Allerdale BC having made a decision on the outstanding planning application – see 7.1.2. The information supplied by the NWSA raised many questions which would require satisfactory answers before a decision to become involved could be taken. The clerk was requested to report back when the view of Holme East Waver and Bowness on Solway Parish Councils was known.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 30th September 2015 and 31st October 2015 – available at the meeting. – **approved**.

6.1.2 **Budget** for 2016/17: see prepared sheet

& therefore **precept request to Allerdale BC for 2016/17**.

The clerk explained the latest situation relating to the setting of the Precept and reminded Cllrs of their current financial position. Members then considered the estimates for the rest of this year, and at the same time considered the grants usually paid to parish organisations. Together with the anticipated expenditure for 2016/17 and some allowance for possible contingency, the budget was approved it was agreed unanimously that the precept request for 2016/17 should again be £9700. It was noted that the Council may receive further additional income attributable to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme from Allerdale Borough Council. The Clerk was authorised to send the precept to Allerdale District Council.

6.1.3 Electricity North West – Wayleave receipt - **£3.39** – **noted**.

6.2 Payments to approve.

6.2.1 Clerk's salary: **£455.26** – **approved**.

6.2.2 Expenses: postage + stationery £9.88; broadband £10.66 + phone £4.00, travel 8 miles @ 36p= £2.88, total **£27.42**

6.2.3 - CGM Grass cutting (£170.37 + £34.08) **£204.45** – **approved**.

6.2.4 Cllr B Day - Repayment of planter refurbishment expenses **£23.43** – **approved**.

6.2.5 Robbie Taylor Ltd – Payment for playground repair items (£90.58 VAT) **£543.48** - **approved**.

7 Planning

7.1 Applications outstanding with Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria CC.

7.1.1 – HRN/2014/0002 Hedgerow removal application, Townhead Farm, Kirkbride
Mr A Hedworth & A and C Hedworth.

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

7.1.3 - 2/15/9015 Consultation on a Waste County Matter Application for Planning Permission

Location: Land between Lowther Farm, and Kirkbride Airfield Industrial Estate, Kirkbride, Wigton, Cumbria, CA7 5HW

Proposal: Section 73 application to vary conditions to allow revised site layout and design.

Grid Ref: E: 322210 N: 554974

The above were **noted**.

7.2 Applications dealt with under standing order.

7.2.1 – 2/2015/0562 Outline application for the demolition of existing building and construction of dwellings, West Lea Garage, West End, Kirkbride. (Mrs J Rudd)
– the clerk confirmed that no objections had been raised. – **noted**.

7.2.2 Allerdale BC – Conservation Areas, Supplementary Planning Document.

- the clerk advised that no comments had been submitted. – **noted**.

7.2.3 - Cumbria CC - The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012

Cumbria Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2014-2029

Regulation 18 Supplementary Sites Consultation.

- the clerk advised that no comments had been submitted. – **noted**.

7.2.4 - 2/2015/0606 Proposal: 2/2015/0606 Hangar 17 Kirkbride Airfield Hazardous substance consent for the storage of Amonium Nitrate. (Mr C Stamper R I Stamper Haulage Ltd)

The clerk confirmed that there had been no overall objection. However, the comment was passed that the self-help check list should be revisited and re-done in order to satisfy the planning authority that there have been no changes in the conditions of the buildings etc. since this was originally carried out in October 2013. – **noted**.

7.3 Applications decided by Allerdale BC

7.3.1 – 2/2015/0578 Area of concrete hard standing with side drain to collect dirty water, Studholme, Kirkbride (Mr G Hewitt) (Kirkbampton PC) – permission granted.

7.3.2 - 2/2015/0314 Demolition of double garage. Erection of two detached dwellings (resubmission to 2/2014/0514) West Lane, Kirkbride. (Mr N Roe) – permission granted.

7.3.3 – 2/2015/0562 Outline application for the demolition of existing building and construction of dwellings, West Lea Garage, West End, Kirkbride. (Mrs J Rudd) – outline approval granted.

The above were **noted**.

7.4 Applications for consideration by this Parish Council meeting.

None. – **noted**.

8.1 Documents received for comment

8.1.1 Cumbria CC - Budget Consultation.

No comments were passed and the clerk confirmed that the full documentation was viewable online. – **noted**.

8.1.2 Cumbria CC – Health and Wellbeing Consultation.

No comments were passed but the opportunity to do so was **noted**.

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

- 8.2.1 CALC Circular for October and November.
- 8.2.2 Agenda for CALC Annual General Meeting November.
- 8.2.3 Broxap product information.
- 8.2.4 Wicksteed Product Information.
- 8.2.5 Cumbria CVS AGM in Barrow details.
- 8.2.6 Allerdale Team Cumbria CC - Funding availability for Rugby League Development.
- 8.2.7 Allerdale Team Cumbria CC – Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 8.2.8 CALC Annual Report.

All the above were **noted**.

9 Claypit Charity

- 9.1 Viewing of page on 'Total Giving'.

The clerk explained that the Charities page had been accessed online by an interested unknown party.

10 Any items of information brought by...

- 10.1 Clerk

The clerk advised that Allerdale BC had also just launched its budget consultation and was viewable online.

Cllrs were asked to pass any comments they felt should be made to the Chairman and Clerk.

The clerk read out the Police report.

- 10.2 Councillors

Cllr Taylor reported on the frequent flooding of the road near Powhill and was encouraged to report this again to the Highways Authority.

11 Meeting dates

- 11.1 **Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday 12th January 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

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

The above dates were **noted**.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30p.m.