

Kirkbride Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Tuesday 14th November 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School

Present:

Councillors: Hedworth (Chair and Borough Cllr), Day, Irving, Kirk, Little, Mostyn, Noblett and Willis.

County Councillor: Absent

Public attendance: None

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 County Cllr Fairbairn and PCSO Donaughee.

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 Hedworth declared an interest with regard to items 7.1 and 7.4.

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 12th September 2017 – **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 at this point on the agenda.

3.1.1 Play area –

See item 4.4

Considered later.

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3.1.2 Footpaths –

See also item 4.8

Cllr Kirk commented on the fact that arrangements had to be made to construct the nest boxes from the kits that the Council was now holding. Cllrs **agreed** to explore options to do this.

3.1.3 Highways steward –

Cllr Willis reported that the gullies at the North End of the village had finally been cleaned out.

Cllr Hedworth reported that a manhole cover outside the school required attention. – **noted**.

3.1.4 Newsletter group -

No items were needed at this point as no newsletter was planned. – **noted**.

3.2- by the clerk -

Forwarding to school of completed letting agreement.

The clerk confirmed that the agreement had been forwarded to the school and no further correspondence had been received.

Confirmation had been received from the bowling club that they were requesting signage from the County Council and that the tennis club wished to participate/support them in this. – **noted**.

3.3 Public participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

3.3.1 Report from the Borough Councillor

Cllr Hedworth had no significant matters to report.

3.3.2 Report from the County Councillor

Absent.

4 New business

4.1 Grass cutting tender consideration and awarding of contract for 2018.

The discussion began with consideration of the submitted tenders for grass cutting. The tender from Colvilles Grounds Maintenance was unanimously **accepted**. A further cut would be requested as soon as the ground conditions permitted along with a request to remove the grass. The clerk was instructed to write accordingly to all the contractors.

4.2 Annual Donation to Poppy Appeal. Decision required.

A donation of £140 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.

The clerk confirmed that the required letter had been obtained from Mr and Mrs Taylor and sent to Mr Cartmell who had passed no additional comment. Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the Council would appoint Minihan McAlister to apply to the Land Registry to register the Parish Council title to the land registered as CL272 at the Commons Registry. It was hoped that Minihan McAlister would be able to invoice the Taylors for the work as they had agreed to meet all costs. The clerk was **instructed** to write accordingly to the solicitors, Mr and Mrs Taylor and Mr Cartmell.

4.4 Playground.

Current situation on maintenance and repair and possible equipment purchase decisions.

Cllr Day confirmed that he had inspected the Playground recently and there were no urgent matters requiring attention.

Cllr Irving advised that it would be necessary to purchase some bolts from the supplier of the 'spinner' and the spending was **agreed**.

Cllr Noblett advised that the rubber on the young children's swings should have its condition monitored closely for wear.

Cllr Day then presented information on outdoor fitness equipment. Following discussion, it was **agreed** that the purchase of the see-saw would not proceed. Cllrs wished to investigate the purchase and installation of some fitness equipment for a range of ages. Possible equipment was discussed. Cllr Day hoped that some grant assistance might be obtainable via one of the suppliers. Cllr Day would arrange a site visit and work with the clerk where necessary.

4.5 Hedges – discussion of current situation concerning untidy/obstructive hedges.

The Parish Council was still receiving complaints from residents and it was **agreed** that the County Council should be approached again to re-assess the situation and take any appropriate action.

4.6 Noisy water pumps opposite Ivydene.

The clerk advised of the action previously taken by the Council and the response it had received from Mr Irving. This was **noted** with no further action though necessary at this point.

4.7 Maintenance of Parish Benches.

Cllr Day commented on the required repair to the bench at Beech Lea. It was confirmed that this is a Council owned bench and **agreed** that repairs should be carried out. Cllr Hedworth would progress this.

4.8 Decision on reprinting of new footpath leaflets.

Cllr Day confirmed that the artwork had been re-drawn by the designer and would be circulated for comment and approval.

Cllrs examined a printing quotation and **agreed** to the printing of 1000 copies.

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5 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

5.1 Pension Regulator – Changes to rules concerning contributions.

The clerk outlined the letter which had no impact on the Council – **noted**.

5.2 Great North Air Ambulance – request for grant support.

A donation of £150 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.

5.3 Watchtree Nature Reserve – thanks for grant/donation.

The clerk read out the letter which was **noted**.

5.4 Purple for Polio – clarification concerning planting.

Cllr Little had obtained the bulbs for planting. Locations were discussed and **agreed**.

5.5 Cumbria Constabulary – Letter concerning Police engagement with Parish Councils.

The clerk updated Cllrs and the information was **noted without action**.

5.6 Details of local Speed Indicator Device and possible update on the outstanding request to the County Council for a device.

The County Council had requested details of the required device and the clerk advised that he had obtained information from Burgh by Sands Parish Council on the device installed on the B5307. It was **agreed** that the clerk should supply these to the County Councillor.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 30th September 2017 and 31st October 2017 – available at the meeting.

The accounts were **approved**.

6.1.2 **Budget** for 2018/19: see prepared sheet

& therefore **precept request to Allerdale BC for 2017/18**.

The clerk apologised for the error on the agenda and reminded Cllrs that the precept request for 2018/19.

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 2017/18 and some allowance for possible contingency, the budget was approved it was agreed unanimously that the precept request for 2018/19 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**.

6.1.4 Confirmation of receipt of second Precept payment from Allerdale BC (£4850 + CTRS £79.57) **£4929.57 – noted**.

6.2 Payments to approve.

6.2.1 Clerk's salary: £498.93 – **approved**.

6.2.2 Expenses: postage etc. £5.23; telephone and broadband £13.25 = £18.48, travel 4m @ 36p= £1.44, total **£19.92 – approved**.

6.2.3 - CGM Grass cutting (£56.79 + £11.36) **£68.15 – approved**.

Additional invoices may be brought to the meeting.

7 Planning

7.1 Applications outstanding with Allerdale Borough Council and Cumbria CC.

7.1.1 – 2/2016/0362 Extension to existing buildings and dairy, Townhead Farm (Mr A Hedworth and A&C Hedworth)

Cllr Hedworth advised that this project would not be proceeding. – **noted**.

7.2 Applications dealt with under standing order.

None – **noted**.

7.3 Applications decided by Allerdale BC

None – **noted**.

7.4 Applications for consideration by this Parish Council meeting.

7.4.1 - 2/2017/0529 Application to vary condition 2 on planning approval 2/2013/0729 to remove remote footpath link and removal of affordable housing requirement, Ivydene, Kirkbride. (Mr Gordon).

Cllr examined and discussed the plans. It was **agreed** that the Council had no objections to this proposal. The clerk was instructed to point out to the Authority that the Parish Council would still welcome affordable housing in the village.

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8.1 Documents received for comment

8.1.1 Parliamentary Boundary Commission – Consultation on Boundaries in the North West.
The consultation was **noted without action**.

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

8.2.1 CALC Circular for October and November.
8.2.2 CALC AGM 18th November 2017 at Carlisle Racecourse.
8.2.3 Toolstation Catalogue.
8.2.4 Wicksteed Playgrounds Information.
The above were **noted**.

9 Claypit Charity

No matters. -**noted**.

10 Any items of information brought by...

10.1 Clerk

The clerk provided details of 2018 National Celebrations for the Royal Air Force.

10.2 Councillors

Cllr Day advised that he would be refurbishing the planters with suitable plants for the Winter. Cllr Willis offered to assist.

11 Meeting dates

11.1 **Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

11.2 **Future meetings: on Tuesdays:** 13th March 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

The above dates were **noted**.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00p.m.