

Kirkbride Parish Council



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 7 p.m. In Kirkbride School.

Present: Chairman Cllr Hedworth

Councillors: Day, Irving, Little, Noblett and Mostyn.

Public attendance: Mrs A. Little, Mrs S Burke, Mrs S Benson, Mrs J Carruthers. Mr J Morris and Mrs D Schofield.

Clerk: M Abbs

1. Councillor Hedworth welcomed those present to the meeting. The clerk advised that he had received apologies from Cllrs Kirk and County Cllr Fairbairn along with the following members of the public, Mr C Thompson and Mr R Bellett.

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th May 2017 were **approved and signed**.

3. Chairman's Report.

Cllr Hedworth opened by commenting on how pro-active the Council had been over the past year in its efforts to serve the community. The resignation during the year of Mrs S Willis was commented on and she was thanked for her service over many years and given good wishes for the future. Forthcoming improvement plans for the play area were mentioned. Recent work to improve local roads were appreciated and he commented on the 'war on potholes'. He concluded by thanking his fellow Cllrs and the clerk for their support.

4. Financial Report.

The clerk gave out copies of a comparative summary of spending over the last three financial years. Grants had been made to local organisations during the year to assist them with work for the residents in the Parish. The Council was upgrading some of the equipment in the Playpark and a recent grant award had been obtained from the Lottery. He explained that the Accounts had been audited without problems and stated his view that the financial affairs of the Parish remained healthy despite the general economic climate. The outlook looked challenging for the foreseeable future. Other responsibilities, such as the consideration of planning matters in the Parish had been discharged satisfactorily.

5. Reports from Parish Organisations.

Mrs Little and Mr Morris gave an extensive report on the many and varied achievements and activities of the School during the past year, including a number in support of charities such as Water Aid and Sport Relief. A recent increase in the number of children attending the school was outlined and welcomed. There are currently eighty nine pupils. An Ofsted inspection had found the school to be good in all areas. Several local organisations use the school for after school activities.

Written reports had been/were received from the following organisations:

St Bride's Parochial Church Council and Solway Gardening Society. The clerk summarised these in turn for the benefit of those attending.

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6. Open Forum.

Mrs S Burke commented on the flooding that had occurred in the village in the past year and thought that the lack of gulley cleaning contributed largely to this. The problems being caused by this in the middle of the village was highlighted.

**There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.
The majority of members of the public then departed.**

Note: Written reports from parish organisations are retained by the clerk for 12 months, until the next year's meeting. Copies can be made available on request for a small charge, contact the clerk on 51722.