

Kirkbride Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School

Present:

Councillors: Kirk (Chair), Day, Irving, Hedworth, and Noblett.

County Councillor: Johnson

Borough Cllr: Hedworth

Public attendance: None

Clerk: M Abbs

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

No apologies had been sent to the clerk ahead of the meeting.

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.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

No dispensation requests 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 17th September 2019 – **approved and signed.**

3 Report on action taken

3.1. by councillors

3.1.1 Play area –

See item 4.4

This was considered later in the agenda.

3.1.2 Footpaths –

Cllr Day to report on requested work near the old railway.

One owner of the land which includes the footway near Station House had no objections to remedial work.

The other known landowner had yet to be approached.

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Cllrs considered that the poor condition of the footpath along the lane was partly due to its usage by United Utilities and it was **agreed** that the clerk should approach United Utilities and ask if they would be willing to undertake repairs. Cllr Hedworth said he would investigate the availability and price of 'road planings' from a local contact.

3.1.3 Highways steward –

Cllr Day updated Cllrs on the current position concerning the speeding review. He understood that a meeting had been proposed/requested with County Council officials but had no further news. The clerk confirmed that no new documentation had been received. County Cllr Johnson provided additional information and assured Cllrs that any decision on the matter would be taken by committee and the decision would not be made at 'officer' level. - **noted**.

3.1.4 Newsletter group - items for the newsletter were discussed and distribution discussed.

3.2- by the clerk -

The clerk advised that he had received some guidance on the control of Japanese Knotweed and said that he would circulate this.

3.3 Public participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

3.3.1 Report from the Borough Councillor

Cllr Hedworth had no matters to report.

3.3.2 Report from the County Councillor

Cllr Mike Johnson introduced himself to the Cllrs and outlined his background and role as a member of the County Council.

He offered to assist the Parish Council in any way he could.

He was thanked for his contribution and attendance and then left the meeting.

4 New business

4.1 Grass cutting tender consideration and awarding of contract for 2020.

The clerk appraised Cllrs of the current situation. In the light of the current contractor ceasing to trade and a further expression of interest in taking on the contract Cllrs **agreed** to postpone the decision until the January 2020 meeting. In the meantime, the clerk would seek references from interested contractors and post tender documents to an additional contractor.

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.

The clerk provided confirmation from the solicitor that the registration of the title to Mr and Mrs Taylor had now been completed. – **noted**.

4.4 Playground.

Review on maintenance and repair. Playground inspection rota. Painting update.

The playground was inspected regularly and there were no matters requiring urgent attention. A new inspection rota would be drawn up.

The clerk advised that a contractor had been approached to supply a painting quotation but had not been able to do so in time for the meeting. A quote could be supplied for the January meeting.

Cllr Day advised that following a query he had submitted to the supplier of one of the new pieces of equipment, a representative would be visiting the site to provide guidance on service and maintenance.

Cllr Day advised that a rubbish bin had been obtained for the Woodland Area.

4.5 Defibrillator provision the village.

Cllrs examined information provided by the clerk and **selected a defibrillator** they believed would be suitable. The clerk was instructed to clarify certain points and seek detailed costings. The clerk said he would keep the Village Hall committee informed of developments.

4.6 Vacancy on the Council.

The clerk advised that he had received no expressions of interest. Cllrs **agreed** to include the vacancy in the forthcoming newsletter.

4.7 Bus shelter condition. Possible consideration of a repair quotation.

Cllrs discussed the current condition of the bus shelter at the North end of the village, and whilst not dangerous, considered that a new bus shelter would be advantageous to the village. Cllrs **agreed** to explore options for a suitable replacement.

5 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

5.1 Great North Air Ambulance – request for grant support.

A donation of £200 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.

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5.2 Kirkbride School – use of school for Council meetings.

The clerk and Cllr Hedworth explained that in future Cllr Hedworth would be able to lock up the school building after the meeting. **noted.**

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 30th September 2019 and 31st October 2019 – available at the meeting. **-approved.**

6.1.2 **Budget** for 2020/21: see prepared sheet

& therefore **precept request to Allerdale BC for 2020/21.**

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 2020/21 and some allowance for possible contingency, the budget was approved it was agreed unanimously that the precept request for 2020/21 should again be £9700. 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 **£4850.00 – noted.**

6.2 Payments to approve.

6.2.1 Clerk's salary: **£524.33 – approved.**

6.2.2 Expenses: postage etc. £6.20; telephone and broadband £25.48 = £31.68, travel 20m @ 36p= £7.20 Total **£38.88 – approved.**

6.2.3 CGM Grass cutting (£115.84 + £23.16 VAT) **£139.00 – approved.**

Additional invoices may be brought to the meeting.

The clerk had no additional invoices to bring to the meeting.

6.2.4 P Whiles - Path construction **£320.00 – approved.**

6.2.5 B Day – planter and play equipment expense re-imburement (£84.27 + £60.22) **£144.49 – approved.**

7 Planning

7.1 Applications outstanding with Allerdale Borough Council.

None – **noted.**

7.2 Applications dealt with under standing order.

7.2.1 – ADV/2019/0016 Advertisement consent for an interpretation board, Land adjacent to Brighton House, Kirkbride.

7.2.2 – OUT/2019/0033 Outline application for erection of dwelling utilizing existing access, Land between Sutherland House and the Garage, Kirkbride. (Mr J Wills)

The clerk confirmed that there had been no objections to the above. – **noted.**

7.3 Applications decided by Allerdale BC

7.3.1 – FUL/2019/0202 Demolition of outbuildings and conversion of agricultural barn etc. to form residential dwelling, Longlands Head, Kirkbride. (Mr and Mrs C Paisley) – permission granted. – **noted.**

7.3.2 – ADV/2019/0016 Advertisement consent for an interpretation board, Land adjacent to Brighton House, Kirkbride. Permission granted. – **noted.**

7.4 Applications for consideration by this Parish Council meeting.

None – **noted.**

8.1 Documents received for comment

8.1.1 Allerdale Local Plan – (Part2) Site Allocations. – **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 9th November 2019 at Wigton Market Hall.

8.2.3 ACTion – Emergency Planning, Community Resilience and Neighbourliness.

The above were **noted.**

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9 Claypit Charity

Annual report completion and submission.

The clerk confirmed that the required submission had been made with the use of the playpark by adults being clarified. - **noted**

10 Any items of information brought by...

10.1 Clerk

No matters were submitted.

10.2 Councillors

No matters were submitted.

11 Meeting dates

11.1 **Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday 14th January 2020 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

11.2 **Future meetings: on Tuesdays:** 10th March 2020 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

The dates were noted, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.