

## Kirkbride Parish Council



### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School

Present:

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

Public attendance: None

Clerk: M Abbs

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

The clerk had received apologies for absence from Cllr Mostyn.

#### 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.

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

No declarations of interest 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 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – **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 -

Cllr Irving confirmed that a 'young offender' had assisted the Council with footpath maintenance/repairs. Cllr Irving was thanked for his work on this.

3.1.1 Play area –

See also item 4.4

3.1.2 Footpaths –

Cllr Day raised the presence of Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsam in the Parish. The clerk said he would consult Natural England for advice concerning the former.

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### 3.1.3 Highways steward –

See also item 8.1.1.

Cllr Hedworth advised that a blocked drain at Powhill needed attention and would be reported. Current work near the Bowling Club was **discussed without action**.

### 3.1.4 Newsletter group -

Cllr Day confirmed that an Autumn newsletter would be produced. Possible items were discussed. **-noted**.

### 3.2- by the clerk –

The VAT reclaim had been made – see item 6.1.3. **noted**.

## 3.3 Public participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

### 3.3.1 Report from the Borough Councillor

No items were reported.

### 3.3.2 Report from the County Councillor

Absent.

## 4 New business

### 4.1 Mc Donald memorial/ Brighton House – update.

The clerk updated Cllrs on information provided by the solicitor. The transfer of the land to Mr and Mrs Taylor had taken place and the required payment had been received and banked. – **noted**.

### 4.2 Hedge Cutting in the village latest situation and any required decision.

Untidy hedges in the village.

It was **agreed** that Cllr Hedworth would ask the contractor to carry out the usual second cut of the maintained village hedges.

### 4.3 Grass cutting specifications for 2020.

Review of the current tender procedure and possible action.

The existing specification was examined and discussed. It was **agreed** that no changes were necessary along with the contractors to be approached and invited to submit tenders. The clerk would consult Cllrs as to the suitability of other applicants if the Council was approached by other contractors wishing to submit tenders for the work. He pointed out to Cllrs that references were awaited from one potential new contractor which he would discuss with the Chairman when they arrived.

### 4.4 Playground – Update.

The clerk reminded Cllrs of the situation concerning the proposed information board from Natural England. Cllrs confirmed that the Council owned the land in question and clarified the preferred type of board. The clerk would notify Natural England. Cllrs confirmed that there were no urgent maintenance issues in the playground, which was being regularly inspected. The clerk had written to a painting contractor to obtain a quotation for required work but had not received a response. He would press the contractor for his quotation.

Cllr Day provided an update on the Claypit Wood area and his expenditure to date – see item 6.2.4. Planned work was outlined. Cllrs **approved** additional expenditure by Cllr Day of up to £500 over the next 12 months to further improve the area.

### 4.5 Vacancy on the Council. – current situation.

The clerk advised that he had still not received any expressions of interest, despite the publicity previously given to the post. Cllrs **agreed** to continue to actively promote the position themselves and encourage parishioners to contact the clerk.

### 4.6 Defibrillator provision the village.

The clerk provided Cllrs with details of the response he had received from Parochial Church Council which was in favour of the installation of a defibrillator at the village hall. Cllrs **agreed** to fund the purchase and installation of the defibrillator. The clerk would obtain further details and full costings for the external installation. Training was discussed but **no action** was taken at this point.

### 4.7 Report to a Cllr of antisocial behaviour by young people near the bus shelter.

Cllr Day provided details of the behaviour that had been reported to him. This was considered to be a 'one off' incident and **no action** was proposed. Advice on whether the bus shelter needed repair work had been sought from a contractor, but no quotation had been received.

## 5 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

### 5.1 Cumbria CC – Working Together initiative.

The received correspondence was examined and discussed **without action at this point** as further correspondence giving more details was anticipated.

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### 6 Finance

#### 6.1 Information

- 6.1.1 To approve accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 – available at the meeting. – **approved.**
- 6.1.2 Allerdale BC – receipt of second Precept payment + CTRS grant – amounts to be confirmed at the meeting. The clerk advised that no notification of payment had been received from the authority up to that point. He would monitor the situation closely and keep Cllrs updated. – **noted.**
- 6.1.3 VAT reclaim **£3207.65** - **noted.**
- 6.1.4 M&J Baird Wedholme Flow Licence **£5.00** – **noted.**
- 6.1.5 Brighton House transfer receipt **£1975.00** – **noted.**

#### 6.2 Payments to approve.

- 6.2.1 Clerk's salary: **£524.33** – **approved.**
- 6.2.2 Expenses: postage etc. £24.45; telephone and broadband £25.48 = £49.93, travel 4m @ 36p= £1.44 Total **£51.37** – **approved.**
- 6.2.3 Colville Ground Maintenance: grass cutting (VAT £34.74) **£208.50** – **approved.**  
Additional invoices may be brought to the meeting. – none.
- 6.2.4 B. Day: Reimbursement of plant purchase expenses. - **£149.58** – **approved.**
- 6.2.5 Bowness on Solway PC – share of consumables **£23.98** – **approved.**

### 7 Planning

#### 7.1 Applications outstanding with Allerdale Borough Council.

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

#### 7.2 Applications dealt with under standing order.

- 7.2.1 – FUL/2019/0202 Demolition of outbuildings and conversion of agricultural barn etc. to form residential dwelling, Longlands Head, Kirkbride. (Mr and Mrs C Paisley)  
The clerk confirmed that there had been no objections. – **noted.**

#### 7.3 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

- 7.3.1 - FUL/2019/0124 Garage building and associated wedding car business (Retrospective), Garage Behind Sutherland House. (Mr J Wills) - permission granted. **noted.**

#### 7.4 Applications for consideration by this Parish Council meeting.

None – **noted.**

#### 8.1 Documents received for comment

- 8.1.1 Cumbria CC – Speed limit consultation.  
The clerk confirmed that the revised opposition document of the Parish Council to the proposal had been submitted.  
Cllr Day then updated Cllrs on the current situation. A petition from parishioners opposing the proposed change had been submitted by them to the County Council. Sue Hayman MP and County Councillor Mike Johnson had also been involved.  
No response from Mr Groom at the County Council had been received to date.

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

- 8.2.1 CALC Circulars.  
8.2.2 Playground product information from several suppliers.  
The above were **noted.**

### 9 Claypit Charity

No matters to consider. – **noted.**

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### **10 Any items of information brought by...**

#### 10.1 Clerk

Nothing more was reported.

#### 10.2 Councillors

CLlr Hedworth reported that a location for some beehives, not on Parish Council land, had been found.

### **11 Meeting dates**

11.1 **Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

11.2 **Future meetings: on Tuesdays:** 14th January 2020 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

**The dates were noted, and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.**