

Kirkbride Parish Council



**Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held online via Zoom.
Meeting ID 849 2593 6025 Passcode 327269
on Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7:00pm.**

Present: Cllr A Kirk (Chair) Cllr Day, Cllr Hedworth, Cllr Noblett and Cllr Irving.
County Councillor: Mike Johnson
Clerk: M. Abbs
Public: None

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

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mostyn following his recent bereavement which was accepted as a fair reason.

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 dispensations had been requested.

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 12th January 2021 via Zoom - **approved and to be signed by the Chair at a later date.**

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 actions were reported at this point.

3.1.1 Play area –

See item 4.2.

3.1.2 Footpaths –

Cllr Noblett advised that she and Dr Noblett had done some litter picking and were alarmed at the amount of litter they found.

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Some of which could relate to anti-social behaviour. Cllr Day advised that there were two problem areas where flooding of the footpath had occurred. He felt that some additional expenditure could alleviate the problem – Cllrs **agreed** expenditure of up to £20. Cllr Day advised that he would make enquires about signage of the re-routed Cumbria Way.

3.1.3 Highways steward –

Cllrs had reported a number of potholes, which following the recent cold spell, had become a more serious problem. A local landowner would be approached by the clerk about roadside/footpath fencing which was in a poor state of repair. Cllrs again commented that highway repairs did not seem to last very long.

3.1.4 Newsletter group -

A newsletter would be issues after the May meeting.

3.2- by the clerk -

Actions related to the Play area and defibrillator installation would be reported later.

3.3 Public participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

3.3.1 Report from the Borough Councillor

Cllr Johnson, in the absence of Borough Cllr Hedworth, gave a report covering both Borough and County Councils.

The battle against COVID continued throughout the County.

He provided details of the Allerdale position concerning the re-structuring of Local Government in the County. A key component of the proposal would create the position of a Mayor in the new Authority and bring considerable benefits. He hoped Cllrs would support the Allerdale BC proposal.

Cllr Day asked about the situation concerning the controversial plan for a new coal mine in West Cumbria. Cllr Johnson gave a comprehensive explanation setting out the history and his personal support for the project.

Finally, he answered a question concerning responsibility for mud on the roads.

3.3.2 Report from the County Councillor

See above.

Cllr Johnson was thanked for his contribution and then left the meeting in order to attend another.

4 New business

4.1 Grass cutting tender consideration and awarding of contract for 2021.

The submitted tenders for the 2021 season were examined and discussed.

The clerk provided details of references he had obtained.

The tender from Solway Garden and Landscapes was unanimously **accepted**. The clerk was instructed to write accordingly to the contractors.

Cllr Hedworth joined the meeting during the following item,

4.2 Playground and Woodland Area.

Review of maintenance and repair situation. Playground inspection rota.

Further development of the sites; consideration of submitted plans.

Cllr Day reminded Cllrs of the socially distanced site meeting that had taken place and then appraised Cllrs of the submissions for the new shelter and the requirement for a new location following comments from local residents. Cllrs unanimously **agreed** to accept the proposal submitted by GCS Fencing Ltd and a maximum spending limit for the project was also **agreed**. The clerk was instructed to write accordingly to all the contractors that had submitted proposals.

The clerk and Cllrs Day and Kirk updated Cllrs on the position concerning the repair to the 'Miracle' equipment. Some remedial work had been done but disappointingly some work was still outstanding. The clerk would contact the company and express the Council's concern.

Mrs Simpson had approached the Parish Council wishing to use the money raised by her daughter during the Covid lockdown to benefit the village. Mrs Simpson was investigating possibilities and would report back to the Council with a proposal. Cllrs were very impressed by the sum of money raised and were extremely grateful for the initiative.

Cllr Day proposed the creation of a child centred trail in the woodland area and Cllrs agreed that this was an excellent idea.

Cllrs **agreed** to a proposal from Cllr Irving that a 'chipper' be hired to improve the footpaths and create the new trail.

The park had been checked regularly by Cllrs and there were no other urgent matters requiring attention.

Cllr Irving felt there was a need to provide facilities for teenagers in the village and the possibility of a football pitch was raised again. Cllrs **agreed** that the clerk and Cllr Hedworth should make enquiries and report back to the next meeting.

4.3 Defibrillator provision in the village.

Update on current position.

The clerk updated Cllrs on his dealing with the Community Heartbeat Trust and the Church concerning the installation at the village hall. The required paperwork had been completed and payment had been made. The anticipated installation date was early April. – **noted**.

4.4 Vacancy on the Council.

The Clerk had received no applications but Cllr Day advised that he had spoken to one parishioner about the possibility of applying for the Council. – **noted**.

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4.5 Bus shelter condition.

Reaction and report on the installation. Discussion of any further action required.

The required fencing had been completed to the Cllrs satisfaction and payment made to the contractor. – **noted**.

5 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

5.1 Consideration of any correspondence from Allerdale BC concerning the Precept for 2021/22.

The clerk confirmed again that the Precept request had been submitted and that no correspondence requiring further attention had been received.

5.2 HM Land Registry – Opportunity to comment on the application to register the freehold interest of the parsonage Church Road, Kirkbride by The Incumbent of the Benefice of Kirkbride and Newton Arlosh in the Diocese of Carlisle. – handled under standing order.

Cllrs had **agreed that no submission/response was necessary**.

5.3 Copy correspondence from residents of Wayside Lonning to the Cumbria CC concerning the possible ‘adoption’ of the lonning.

A request by residents to the County Council to consider the ‘adoption’ of the lonning by the Authority had been made, but there was nothing further to report at this stage.

5.4 HSBC – changes to pricing terms and conditions.

The clerk advised that the did not consider the changes to be significant. – **noted**.

5.5 Census UK – ‘Your Questions Answered’ document.

The document was **noted** without action.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 31st January 2021 and 28th February 2021 – available at the meeting. – **approved**.

6.2 Payments to approve.

6.2.1 Clerk’s salary: £538.63 – **approved**.

6.2.2 Expenses: postage etc. £34.40; telephone and broadband £38.22 = £72.62, travel 4m @ 36p= £1.44 Total **£74.06** + Local Council Administration Book repayment to clerk **£61.90 =£135.96 – approved**.

6.2.3 Cumbria Building Supplies Ltd - footpath materials (VAT £27.80) **£166.80 – approved**.

6.2.4 Community Heartbeat Trust -Defibrillator (£2325 + 198) **£2523.00 – approved**.

6.2.5 SGR Groundworks – bus shelter fencing - **£830.00 – approved**.

6.2.6 Aspatria Farmers Ltd – bird food **£58.70 – approved**.

6.2.7 Stefan Nicholson Grass cutting

Amount to be confirmed at the meeting if invoice received.

The clerk advised that no invoice had been received.

6.2.8 Mr and Mrs Taylor – repayment of incorrect payment **£25.00 – approved**.

6.2.9 Miracle Design and Play – Playground repair/maintenance **£848.80 plus VAT (anticipated amount)**

The work had not yet been completed and no invoice had not yet been received. (See item 4.2)

7 Planning

7.1 Applications outstanding with Allerdale Borough Council.

None – **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.

None – **noted**.

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8.1 Documents received for comment.

8.1 Cumbria CC – Local Government Re-organisation consultation.

Following discussion Cllrs **agreed** that they would respond individually to the consultation following further appraisal of the documents.

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

8.2.1 CALC Circular.

8.2.2 BC Shelters - Bus Shelter Product Information.

The above were **noted**.

9 Claypit Charity

Annual report completion and submission.

The clerk confirmed that the report had been submitted and that reminders after the submission had ceased. - - **noted**.

10 Any items of information brought by...

10.1 Clerk

The clerk raised the possibility of a joint meeting with Holme East Waver PC to enable Mr M Jenkinson MP to explain proposed changes to planning regulation. The clerk was asked to investigate further and report back.

10.2 Councillors

United Utilities had asked Cllr Kirk for permission to trim trees on Council land – this had been given.

Cllr Day mentioned an untidy garden on Birch Hill Lane and the clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had no powers in this respect. Extreme cases could be referred to Environmental Health.

He had been approached by a parishioner requesting a seating area for pensioners at the South end of the village. The Council did not own any land in this area but enquiries would be made and the clerk was instructed to include it on the May agenda.

11 Meeting dates

11.1 **Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

11.2 **Future meetings: on Tuesdays:** 13th July 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

Meeting venues dependant on the Covid -19 situation.

The dates were noted and the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10p.m.