

Kirkbride Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.00pm in Kirkbride School.

Present:

Councillors: Kirk (Chair) Benson, Day, A Hedworth, J Hedworth, Irving, Noblett and Simpson.

County Councillor: Absent

Borough Councillor: A Hedworth

Public attendance: None

Clerk: M Abbs

Cllr Kirk welcomed everybody particularly the new Cllrs William Benson and Janice Hedworth.

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

The clerk had received apologies from County Cllr Johnson.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

The clerk to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matters where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

No dispensation requests had been made.

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.

2 Minutes (previously circulated).

2.1 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th November 2021

Following a minor amendment the minutes were **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 A Hedworth confirmed that he had reported the damaged pavement opposite Mr and Mrs Littles. – **noted**.

3.1.1 Play area –

See item 4.2

3.1.2 Footpaths –

Cllr Day pointed out that there were a number of damaged stiles and gates. Cllr Kirk said she would obtain grid references to enable the clerk to report these to the authority. The clerk said he believed that it was the landowner's responsibility to maintain these but in the past Cllrs were aware that the County Council had carried out some work when funds were available.

3.1.3 Highways steward –

Cllr Day pointed out that the whole length of Birch Hill Lane was in poor condition and it was **agreed** that the clerk should report it even though the Authority had been made aware of the poor condition on previous occasions.

3.1.4 Newsletter group -

A newsletter was almost ready to be issued and Cllrs discussed final items to be included by Cllr Day. Cllr Simpson said she would arrange for its printing by the school and Cllrs **approved** the printing cost as long as it was in line with previous occasions.

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3.2- by the clerk -

The clerk confirmed the submission of the Precept to Allerdale BC and was aware of its safe receipt.

The required documents had been completed by the new Cllrs, Benson and J Hedworth, and their Declaration of Interests forms forwarded to Allerdale BC.

3.3 Public participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

3.3.1 Report from the Borough Councillor

Cllr A Hedworth had no news to report.

3.3.2 Report from the County Councillor

Absent – but he had advised the clerk that he would do his best to assist with any matters brought to his attention.

4 New business

4.1 Grass cutting tender consideration and awarding of contract for 2022.

The clerk advised that despite a number of contractors being approached only one tender for the 2022 season had been received. This was examined and discussed. The tender for a two-year period from Solway Garden and Landscapes was unanimously accepted. The clerk was instructed to write accordingly to the contractor.

4.2 Playground and Woodland Area.

Review of maintenance and repair. Playground inspection rota.

Rainbow sculpture – update and discussion of the current position.

Review of the Carol singing event.

Cllr Kirk advised that she would draw up a new Inspection Rota, having confirmed that the new Cllrs were willing to be included.

Cllr Day commented that he was very pleased by the frequent use of the shelter; particularly the recent use by the Community Group for the Carol singing event. Everyone had been pleased to note how well the event had been attended by all ages.

Rainbow Sculpture – the clerk reminded Cllrs of the revised quotes that had been received. Cllr Day said he would further encourage Mr Richardson, who would be doing work on the base, to contact Mr Tweddle to agree a schedule and detail for the work. Cllrs **agreed** a sum of £2000 (ex VAT) for expenditure on the project. The agreed figure did not include the additional financial contribution that was to be donated by Mrs Simpson towards the project. Cllr Simson said she would inform the clerk of the exact amount to be donated and arrange a further meeting, to which all Cllrs would be invited, with Mr Tweddle in order to take the matter forward. Cllrs would be kept informed of all developments.

Cllr Day wished to purchase some new/additional feeders for the Woodland area along with bird food. Cllrs **agreed** a sum of £150 for this.

4.3 Asset register and Risk Assessments.

These were examined and discussed. Cllrs requested the clerk to make one minor amendment to the Asset Register and then **agreed** that these could be **adopted**.

4.4 Audit arrangements for 2021/22.

The clerk, unlike previous years, had not received any communication to date. – **noted**.

5 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

5.1 Royal British Legion receipt and thanks for donation.

The clerk provided details which were **noted**.

5.2 Great North Air Ambulance - thanks for donation.

The clerk provided details which were **noted**.

5.3 HM Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria – The Queen's Green Canopy – Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.

Cllrs thought this was a good idea and asked the clerk to put the item on the March agenda. Cllr Simpson asked for the letter to be sent to her by e-mail so that she could discuss it with the school in her role as a Governor.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 30th November 2021 and 31st December 2021 – available at the meeting. -**approved**.

6.1.2 Consideration of any budget/precept related correspondence.

The clerk had received no correspondence to bring before the council and re-iterated that the Precept had been submitted to the authority. – **noted**.

6.2 Payments to approve.

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

6.2.2 Expenses: postage etc. £60.52; telephone and broadband £40.82 = £101.34, SLCC Contribution Cost £56.00 travel 8m @ 36p= £2.88 Total **£160.22** – **approved**.

6.2.3 Marmax Recycled Products – payment for bench/table (VAT £114.80) **£688.80** – **approved**.

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6.2.4 HSBC – banking charges **£5.00**

Any additional charges will be notified by the clerk.

The clerk advised that the actual charge was now £13.00 - **approved**.

Cllrs asked the clerk to investigate the full future impact of the charges and whether alternative 'free banking' still existed elsewhere.

7 Planning

7.1 Applications outstanding with Allerdale Borough Council.

7.1.1 - FUL/2021/0258 New build dwelling, Vacant plot, formerly Ivy Dene, Angerton.

(C Gordon) – **noted**.

7.2 Applications dealt with under standing order.

7.2.1 FUL/2021/0283 Change of use for the conversion of a barn into dwelling including extension, Powhill Farm, Wigton. CA7 5LF (Mark Metcalfe & Anna Stamper)

The clerk advised that no objection had been raised. - **noted**

7.3 Applications decided by Allerdale BC

7.3.1 – HOU/2021/0222 Loft conversion into habitable rooms and associated dormers to the front of the property, Beechdale, Kirkbride, Wigton, CA7 5JH (Mr P Stamper) – permission granted. – **noted**.

7.3.2 – FUL/2021/0283 Change of use for the conversion of a barn into dwelling including extension, Powhill Farm, Wigton. CA7 5LF (Mark Metcalfe & Anna Stamper) – permission refused. - **noted**.

7.4 Applications for consideration by this Parish Council meeting.

None – **noted**.

8.1 Documents received for comment

8.1.1 Allerdale BC budget consultation – handled under standing order.

8.1.2 Police and Crime Commissioner – Council Tax Precept Consultation.

8.1.3 Allerdale Borough Council - Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) Consultation.

Handled under the Standing Procedure.

All the above were **noted** without action.

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

8.2.1 CALC Circular.

8.2.2 Cumbria In Bloom Newsletter.

The above were **noted**.

9 Claypit Charity

Nothing

10 Any items of information brought by...

10.1 Clerk

The clerk advised that Kirkbride church had submitted a request, too late for inclusion on this agenda, for assistance towards grass cutting. The clerk advised Cllrs of the legal position concerning assistance of this type and said he would put the request on the next agenda and seek additional information.

10.2 Councillors

Cllr Day asked if there had been any progress concerning the potential football pitch and the clerk advised that there had been no new developments to bring to the meeting.

Cllr Day advised on the current situation concerning the proposed use of an old phone box as a library. The clerk said he would forward some contact information to Cllr Day.

11 Meeting dates

11.1 **Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

11.2 **Future meetings: on Tuesdays:** 10th May 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

Meeting venues dependant on the Covid -19 situation.

The dates were notes and the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55 p.m.