

Kirkbride Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7.00pm in Kirkbride School.

Present:

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

County Councillor: Johnson

Borough Councillor: Hedworth

Public attendance: None

Clerk: M Abbs

Agenda

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

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 dispensation requests were made.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Cllr Hedworth declared an interest with regard to item 4.4

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 14th September 2021 – **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

Cllrs considered item 4.4 at this point.

3 Report on action taken

3.1. by councillors

No matters were reported at this point.

3.1.1 Play area –

See item 4.3

3.1.2 Footpaths –

Cllrs were concerned about an uneven footpath in the village opposite the property owned by the 'Littles' and the clerk said he would report this.

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3.1.3 Highways steward –

Cllr Irving reported that he had reported a large pothole on Birch Hill Lane which had been quickly repaired.

3.1.4 Newsletter group -

Cllr Day confirmed that he was willing to compile a newsletter if necessary, and possible items were discussed.

Dog fouling was a known concern of residents and the clerk reminded Cllrs that this could be reported to Allerdale BC by residents alongside Cllrs. Litter had been a problem in the playground but a new bin had been located there, which it was hoped residents would use.

3.2- by the clerk -

No matters were reported at this point.

3.3 Public participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

3.3.1 Report from the Borough Councillor

Cllr Hedworth had nothing to report that would not be covered by the County Cllr.

3.3.2 Report from the County Councillor

The Chief Executive of the County Council had recently resigned. An update on the current situation concerning Local Government Re-organisation was given. The County of Cumbria would remain but two Authorities were planned with a reduced number of Cllrs. A legal challenge, seeking a Judicial review, to the proposals had been submitted. A shadow board would be created during the implementation period.

Cllr Day enquired about the situation concerning the proposed coal mine in West Cumbria and was informed that a decision was still awaited but expected soon from the Planning Inspector.

4 New business

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

The clerk advised that no tenders for the 2022 season had been received and Cllrs agreed to extend the deadline and consider the matter again at the January meeting. Cllrs were willing to consider tenders submitted for a two-year period.

4.2 Annual Donation to Poppy Appeal. Decision required.

A donation of £150 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.

Cllr Kirk was in possession of the wreath for the forthcoming 2021 service of remembrance.

4.3 Playground.

Review on maintenance and repair. Playground inspection rota. Bin installation update.

Rainbow arch or alternative – consideration of quotations/estimates. Bench/table purchase.

The clerk confirmed that the new bench/table had been ordered and payment would be due upon delivery.

A playground inspection rota until the end of December would be compiled.

Cllr Simpson confirmed that an updated quote for a Rainbow Arch from a local business was awaited. It would then be necessary to obtain a quote for the required plinth and plaque. Cllrs discussed a possible piece of playground equipment but were **agreed** that their preference was for the Rainbow Arch. Cllr Simpson confirmed that money raised by her family during lockdown would be given for this project.

4.4 Vacancies on the Council.

Consideration of applications.

The application from Mr W Benson was considered and Cllrs unanimously **agreed to his co-option** onto the Council.

Cllr Hedworth left the meeting at this point.

The application from Mrs J Hedworth was considered and Cllrs unanimously **agreed to her co-option** onto the Council.

Cllr Hedworth re-joined the meeting.

The clerk was authorised to complete the required paperwork for both applicants before/or at the next meeting.

4.5 HSBC bank review – conclusion of review.

Cllr Kirk and the clerk confirmed that the bank review had been completed successfully. The clerk thanked Cllrs for the submission of required information to the bank.

4.6 BT phone box – possible conversion to library.

Cllr Day advised that the village phone box was now owned by the 'Heartbeat Trust' who, following the installation of a defibrillator on the village hall, would hopefully be willing to relinquish ownership to the Parish Council and the proposed library could then be progressed. – noted.

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 Mr and Mr Leech notification of planned maintenance/management work on their land.

The clerk provided details to Cllrs of the planned maintenance. Cllrs appreciated being notified of the planned work **which was noted without action**. The clerk said he would pass on their thanks for being consulted.

5.3 Local Government re-organisation – update on the current situation.

See item 3.3.2 – **noted without action**.

5.4 CALC - Geological Disposal Facility for Radioactive waste – current position.

The clerk outlined the current situation - **noted without action**

5.5 The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - lighting of beacons. . – **noted without action**.

5.6 Football pitch – consideration of any received correspondence.

The clerk had once again written to a local landowner but had not received a reply. – **noted**.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 30th September 2021 and 31st October 2021 – available at the meeting. – **approved**.

6.1.2 **Budget** for 2022/23: see prepared sheet

& therefore **precept request to Allerdale BC for 2022/23**.

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 2022/23 and some allowance for possible contingency, the budget was approved it was agreed unanimously that the precept request for 2022/23 should again be £9700. The Clerk was authorised to send the precept to Allerdale Borough 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: **£538.63 – approved**.

6.2.2 Expenses: postage etc. £1.50; telephone and broadband £38.22 = £39.72,
travel 8m @ 36p= £2.88 Total **£42.60 – approved**.

6.2.3 Mr I Rumney Grass cutting

Amount to be confirmed at the meeting.

The clerk advised that an invoice had been received for the anticipated amount of (VAT£112) **£672 - approved and signed**.

6.2.4 B Day – planter expenses re-imburement **£15.30 – approved**.

6.2.5 Aspatria Farmers Ltd – bird food **£62.60 – approved**.

6.2.6 SGR Groundworks – equipment removal - **£450.00 – approved**.

6.2.7 Marmax Product Limited - 'Olympic' picnic table and seats (VAT £114.80) **£688.80 – approved**.

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)

7.1.2 – 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)

The situation was **noted**.

7.2 Applications dealt with under standing order.

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7.2.2 – 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)

The clerk confirmed that he had reported that Council had no objections to either proposal.

7.3 Applications decided by Allerdale BC

7.3.1- FUL/2021/0237 Change of use of outbuildings for cattery to domestic dwelling, Silver Hill House, Kirkbride, Wigton. (Mrs Zoe Saunders) – permission granted with conditions. – **noted**.

7.4 Applications for consideration by this Parish Council meeting.

None – **noted**.

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8.1 Documents received for comment

None – **noted.**

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

8.2.1 CALC Circular for October and November. – **noted.**

9 Claypit Charity

Nothing – **noted.**

10 Any items of information brought by...

10.1 Clerk

The clerk had no further information to report

10.2 Councillors

CLr Day reported that a donated bench had been located in the woodland area.

11 Meeting dates

11.1 Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 11th January 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

11.2 Future meetings: on Tuesdays: 8th March 2022 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 8.45p.m.