

Kirkbride Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Tuesday 8th March 2022 at 7.00pm in Kirkbride School.

Present:

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

County Councillor: Cllr M Johnson

Borough Councillor: A Hedworth

Public attendance: None

Clerk: M Abbs

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

Apologies had been sent to the clerk by Cllr Irving whose Covid related reason was accepted as a fair reason for absence.

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 requests for dispensations were received.

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 11th January 2022 – **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

No matters were reported at this point.

3.1.1 Play area –

See item 4.2

3.1.2 Footpaths –

Cllrs **agreed** that a site meeting with the Grasscutting contractor to discuss the strimming of footpaths and the resultant cost was desirable. The clerk said he would try to arrange this. The clerk had reported the broken gates and stiles to the Access Officer who was going to write to the landowners concerned. The clerk advised that the footpath at Angerton which seemed to be still blocked would be discussed at the Holme East Waver Parish Council meeting later that week as it was in their parish. The Chairman of HEW PC was already aware of the situation.

3.1.3 Highways steward –

The poor condition of the road at Birch Hill Lane had been reported but to date no response had been received.

3.1.4 Newsletter group -

Cllrs **agreed** that the next edition would be compiled after the May meeting.

3.2- by the clerk -

The clerk had received a call from a company willing to assist Council's obtain the best energy prices. – **noted.**

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3.3 Public participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

3.3.1 Report from the Borough Councillor

Cllrs A Hedworth and Johnson reported that 'Levelling Up' grant money was being spent in the wider area which should also benefit Kirkbride.

The Allerdale element of the Council Tax was being frozen for the forthcoming year. Properties in bands A - D would be receiving a rebate.

3.3.2 Report from the County Councillor

Cllr Johnson provided an update on the progress on Local Government re-organisation that was taking place. He confirmed that following two Court judgments there would not be a Judicial Review. Court costs had been awarded against the Council.

The new Cumberland Council would be vested on 1st April with a large reduction on the current number of Cllrs. Elections would be held in May and an administration would be formed shortly after. A great deal was happening in the background to bring the changes about. He would be standing for the Thursby division of the new Council.

Cllr Johnson advised that an extra £1.2 million had been obtained to repair potholes. Cllr Day thanked Cllr Johnson for his help dealing with the poor condition of the road on Birch Hill Lane. Cllr A Hedworth confirmed that a pothole in the pavement in the middle of the village had been reported.

4 New business

4.1 Grass cutting acceptance of two-year contract confirmed. See also item 3.1.2.

The clerk confirmed that Ian Rumney had confirmed that he was happy to accept the two-year contract and had forwarded copies of the required insurances.

4.2 Playground and Woodland Area.

Review of maintenance and repair situation. Playground inspection rota.

Current situation concerning the rainbow sculpture.

The clerk along with Cllr Simpson and Cllr Benson provided an update on a meeting they had attended with Mr Tweddle and the Project Manager. The clerk confirmed that Tweddle Engineering Ltd and SGR Groundworks had been informed that their quoted prices for the work had been accepted by the Council and instructed to proceed with the project.

There were no matters requiring urgent attention in the playpark; a small amount of play on the cross trainer would be monitored. Cllr Simpson raised the possibility of some matting being installed under some equipment to improve conditions in wet weather. Cllr Kirk pointed out that some equipment already had this and Cllrs would investigate its condition when a new already purchased table was being installed.

Cllr Day advised that some new squirrel proof feeders had been purchased for the woodland area. Cllrs **agreed** that a new dog waste bin for the area was desirable, and the clerk said he would pursue this.

4.3 Defibrillator provision in the village.

Registration with the North West Ambulance Service.

The clerk informed Cllrs about a phone call he had received, along with a follow-up e-mail from an organisation linked to the North West Ambulance Service about registering the Kirkbride defibrillator with them. The Community Heartbeat Trust, who own the machine were being consulted and the outcome was awaited. – **noted**.

4.4 The Queen's Green Canopy – Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.

Cllr Simpson updated Cllrs on plans that the school had to plant a large number of trees locally. She was confident that the Parish Council would be able to have a tree for the woodland area if it wished. – **noted**.

4.5 Kirkbride PCC – application for a grass cutting grant.

Cllrs had examined the application from the Church PCC and following discussion **agreed** that the Council was willing to consider a grant of up to £500 subject to sight of an acceptable written quote from a contractor. The clerk said he would forward Ian Rumney's details to the Parochial Church Council.

4.6 Kirkbride Community Group / Jubilee Committee – request for Queen's Platinum Jubilee event support.

The Cllrs had examined the request letter from the Kirkbride Carnival Marquee Fund and Cllr J Hedworth provided additional information and a copy of the organisation's constitution. Following discussion Cllrs **agreed** to award a grant of £250 to assist with the celebrations.

5 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

5.1 HSBC – bank charges latest.

The clerk updated Cllrs on a response to the objection to the bank charges that the Council had submitted to the bank.

Following discussion Cllrs **agreed** that the Council should seek payment of the compensation offer of £50 that had been made to the Council during the COVID lockdown, investigate the possibility of internet banking and referral of the matter to the Banking Ombudsman.

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6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 31st January 2022 and 28th February 2022 – available at the meeting. – **approved.**

6.1.2 Mrs S Simpson - receipt of donation towards playground sculpture. **£874.08 – noted.**

Cllr Simpson confirmed that payment would be made to the Council electronically. Cllrs once again thanked her for the family's generosity.

6.2 Payments to approve.

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

6.2.2 Expenses: postage etc. £1.75; telephone and broadband £40.82 = £42.57,
ALCC contribution £25.00, travel 8m @ 36p= £2.88 Total **£70.45 – approved.**

6.2.3 Information Commissioner – data protection registration fee. **£40.00 – approved.**

6.2.4 Aspatria Farmers Ltd – bird food - **amount to be confirmed at the meeting.**

The clerk advised that the invoice had not yet been received and Cllr Day advised that anticipated amount was less than £70 – **approved.**

6.2.5 B Day – expenses repayment. **£59.99 – approved.**

6.2.6 HSBC bank charges. **£10.00 – approved.**

Further notifications may be notified at the meeting.

6.2.7 Kirkbride Primary School – photocopying **£25.00 – 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) – **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.

7.4.1 - FUL/2022/0043 Proposal: Single storey extension to front elevation to include entrance canopy, walkway and alterations to hard standing, Doctor's Surgery, The Croft, Kirkbride, Wigton, CA7 5JH (Gareth Smith)

Cllrs had examined the documents online prior to the meeting. Following discussion Cllrs **agreed** that there were no objection but did have some concern over the increased parking on the road.

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.

8.2.2 Geological Disposal Facility update.

The above were **noted.**

9 Claypit Charity

Nothing. – **noted.**

10 Any items of information brought by...

10.1 Clerk

The clerk advised that new planning consultation for work at Meadow Cottage had been received and would need to be handled under the Standing Order procedure. He had been informed that the requested litter bin at the new bus shelter had been installed; this was confirmed by Cllrs.

The clerk reminded Cllrs that the Annual Parish meeting usually took place in May and Cllrs felt that the COVID situation should permit this. The clerk said he would contact the school about it.

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10.2 Councillors

Cllr Day asked if Cllrs were aware of the work being carried out at Lilac House? Information was provided and it seemed that a planning consultation would not be required for it.

Cllr A Hedworth had been consulted by residents about the parking problems at The Lees but Cllrs felt that this was not a problem that the Council could assist with.

Cllr Day, as an administrator of the village Facebook page, had removed several advertisements from people/organisations advertising goods and services from outside the area.

11 Meeting dates

11.1 Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

11.2 Future meetings: on Tuesdays: 12th July 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

The dates were noted and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15p.m.