

Kirkbride Parish Council



Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7.00pm in Kirkbride School.

Present:

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

County Councillor: Absent

Borough Councillor: A Hedworth

Public attendance: None

Clerk: M Abbs

Agenda

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

Apologies had been sent to the clerk by Cllr Day and the family related reason was approved 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.

An on-going dispensation is in force in respect of the Precept.

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.

No declarations of interest were received.

2 Minutes (previously circulated).

2.1 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 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 4.3

3.1.2 Footpaths –

Cllrs were aware that the ground on the Wyne lonning footpath was 'soft' and would monitor the situation.

A parishioner had enquired about the possibility of a new bench and Cllr J Hedworth said she would investigate its suitability and report again at the next meeting.

3.1.3 Highways steward –

Cllr Irving reported that bad potholes on Birch Hill Lane had been repaired. Cllrs continue to report potholes that require repair.

3.1.4 Newsletter group -

A newsletter had been issued. The clerk advised that he had not received an invoice for the printing and Cllr Simpson said she would inform the school of this.

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3.2- by the clerk -

The clerk mentioned that the grant to the Wigton Baths Trust had been made and a letter of thanks had been received. – **noted**.

The clerk had been contacted by the existing authority concerning the Parish Council elections which would be held next May. Confirmation had been subsequently received that the authority had all the up-to-date information it required. - **noted**.

3.3 Public participation (at the Chairman's discretion)

3.3.1 Report from the Borough Councillor

Cllr Hedworth advised that the focus of work concerned preparations for the new Cumberland Council - **noted**.

3.3.2 Report from the County Councillor

Absent

No members of the public were present.

4 New business

4.1 Grass cutting review of 2022.

Cllr were happy with the work carried out by Mr Rumney in the first year of the two-year contract.

See also item 6.2.3

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.

4.3 Playground.

Review on maintenance and repair. Playground inspection rota.

Rainbow arch installation review.

Cllrs were very happy with the installation and appearance of the new sculpture. Cllr Irving advised Cllrs that Cllr Day had obtained a new sign asking visitors not to climb on the sculpture. - **noted**.

Cllrs **agreed** to circulate a copy of the recent Inspection report and then visit the site for a meeting which would be arranged by the clerk. Cllr Simpson raised the possibility that some replacement matting might be required under some equipment and this would be investigated.

Cllrs were not aware of any items requiring urgent attention.

4.4 HSBC online banking amendment of standing orders.

Following a briefing from the clerk after his recent visit to the bank Cllrs **approved** a further amendment to the Standing Order to enable the clerk to make necessary, and previously approved, online payments.

4.5 Community Heartbeat Trust - BT phone box: completion of transfer to the Council.

The Clerk confirmed that he had now received the document signed by all parties to complete the transfer of the phone box near the Lees to the Parish Council. The clerk would advise Cllr Benson of this to enable the conversion to a library to take place. - **noted**.

4.6 Football pitch – update discussion and possible decision.

The clerk outlined guidance that he had received from CALC concerning the allocation of funds and process of any acquisition.

Following discussion, the clerk was asked to seek further guidance from CALC on the acquisition of land.

Cllrs were aware that progress in the near future was unlikely but the Council was still keen to obtain a suitable field in the near future.

4.7 Carol Singing – possible approval for any required expenditure.

Cllr Simpson advised the Carol singing, organised by the Community Committee, would take place again on Sunday 18th of December at 6.00p.m. Council **approved** a grant of up to £100 if support was required.

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.

5.2 DACBeachcroft – clerk update on uninsured losses relating to the insurance claim.

The clerk provided an update and the required document authorising DACBeachcroft to act on behalf of the Council was signed by the required signatories.

6 Finance

6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 30th September 2022 and 31st October 2022 – available at the meeting. - **approved**.

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6.1.2 **Budget** for 2023/24: see prepared sheet

& therefore **precept request to Allerdale BC for 2023/24.**

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 2023/24 and some allowance for possible contingency, the budget was approved it was **agreed unanimously that the precept request for 2023/24 should be £10000.** 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: **£548.17 – approved.**

6.2.2 Expenses: postage etc. £5.08; telephone and broadband £40.82 = £45.90, travel 4m @ 45p= £1.80 Total **£47.70 – approved.**

6.2.3 Mr I Rumney Grass cutting

Amount to be confirmed at the meeting.

The invoice had been received (VAT£131.00) **£786.00 and was approved.**

6.2.4 B Day –expenses re-imburement **£53.67 – approved.**

6.2.5 SGR Groundworks – sculpture installation (VAT £ 146.00) - **£876.00 – approved.**

6.2.6 HSBC bank charges Aug – Sep **£9.00**

Sep - Oct **10.00**

The charges were approved.

6.2.7 Chair's expenses **£60.00 – approved.**

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

7.3.1 Proposed residential staff accommodation, White Heather Hotel, Kirkbride (Mr D Allely)
Permission granted. - **noted.**

7.4 Applications for consideration by this Parish Council meeting.

7.4.1 – FUL/2022/0236 Hybrid application, full application for plot 1 and outline for plots 2-5 including demolition of existing dwelling, Formerly Ivydene, Angerton, Kirkbride.
(Mr Gordon)

Following discussion Cllrs **agreed** that they had no objections to the application and instructed the clerk to inform the authority.

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.

8.2.2 Glasdon product information.

The above were **noted.**

9 Claypit Charity

Nothing - **noted.**

10 Any items of information brought by...

10.1 Clerk

No information was given.

10.2 Councillors

No information was given.

11 Meeting dates

11.1 **Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

11.2 **Future meetings: on Tuesdays:** 14th March 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

The dates were noted and the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45p.m.