

Kirkbride Parish Council



DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Held on Tuesday 9th May 2023 at 7 p.m. In Kirkbride School.

Present: Chairman Cllr Kirk

Councillors: Benson, Day, A Hedworth, J Hedworth and Simpson.

County Cllr: Johnson

Public attendance: Mrs K Stamper, Mr R Peart.

Clerk: M Abbs

1. Councillor Kirk welcomed those present to the meeting.

The clerk advised that he had received apologies from Cllr Noblett along with the following member of the public, Mr S Sowerby,

2. The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2022 were **approved and signed**.

3. Chairman's Report.

Cllr Kirk welcomed everybody to the meeting and reported that the Council had worked to the benefit of the community on a number of issues throughout the year.

Support had been given to the scheme to retain the local bus service. Assistance had been given for the installation of the rainbow sculpture in the playground. She reported on the upgrading and maintenance of the playground. The phone box near the school had been adopted and turned in to a library. A new seat installed on Wayside Lonning had been well received. The Council had arranged for the footpaths to be strimmed regularly. Potholes were regularly reported to the Authority. The Council's attempts to acquire land for a football pitch had been unsuccessful. She provided details of the organisations that had received grants in the local community.

The clerk and Cllrs were thanked for their work and support along with County Cllr Mike Johnson and Borough Cllr Alan Hedworth.

4. Financial Report.

The clerk gave out copies of a comparative summary of spending over the last three financial years. The Council continued to upgrade facilities in the village especially in the playpark and woodland area. He provided details of the insurance claim at the playground that had been necessary during the year and advised on the successful final outcome. He explained that the Accounts had been audited without problems and stated his view that the financial affairs of the Parish remained healthy despite the general economic climate. The outlook looked challenging for the foreseeable future partly due to the current inflation. Other responsibilities, such as the consideration of planning matters in the Parish, had been discharged satisfactorily.

5. Reports from Parish Organisations

Mrs K Stamper read out the report of the **Kirkbride Carnival Committee**.

Since the last Annual Parish Meeting the committee have hosted our usual event within the village. On Saturday 9th July 2022 we hosted a fantastic return to our traditional carnival day with a very big turnout of floats and people of all ages dressed up in a variety of costumes lead through a sunny village by the Queen, Anna Satterthwaite. This was followed by the traditional sports on the school field all fuelled by delicious food from Alex at Kerbside Kitchen and the local Ice cream van keeping us all cool.

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In December we contacted 'Santa' to visit us again and he agreed to join us in the park shelter which the committee decorated and bought selection boxes for the children who visited. Again we just ask for donations towards this and we are grateful for all that we do receive.

Plans then started in February 2023 for this year's events, firstly a date for the carnival. As we are a small committee we like to set a date that suits us all to ensure we are all there to offer maximum help and support on the day, this year has proven difficult to host it as expected in June or July due to other commitments. Therefore the new date will be Saturday 16th September 2023. The usual format will continue and this year's carnival Queen has been chosen alongside the attendants. We also opened it to boys this year in honour of the new King.

Further details will be set out in the coming months, full details will be shared on our Facebook page and posters around the village.

Pensioners Lunch Sunday 26th March 2023

This year the venue was changed to the village bower, which was more suitable with regards to access and seating. Twenty seven local pensioners enjoyed a light lunch, desert and raffle. All the food and refreshments were kindly made or bought by the small army of wonderful committee members who gave up their time to dress the tables and serve and clean up. The feedback and response from those who attended was delightful, they certainly seemed to enjoy this and their feedback was greatly appreciated so nice to see some new people joins us too.

Spring Table top sale Sunday 11th June 2023

Something different we thought we would try as a fundraiser for the committee. We will be in the village bower again and already have a few tables booked in. it will be open 2pm – 4pm for the public to come, browse, enjoy a hot drink & biscuit and there will be a raffle.

Dates for the diary

Sunday 11th June 2023 Table top Sale
Saturday 16th September 2023 Carnival Day
December TBC Santa Visit.

Mr Peart gave the report on behalf of the **Bowling Club**. After a successful Autumn & Winter season of short-mat bowls in the Bower, the outdoor bowling season commenced with the Opening Day on 16th April. A good turnout was seen with attendees across all generations and 12 new members signed up. In preparation for the Opening Day, much work has been done to improve the facilities, including update to sponsorship boards, shrub replenishment and upgrade of the carpark facilities following a generous donation from Kirkbride Parish Council.

The Bowling Club has a packed programme for 2023, including the return of several friendlies with local clubs and the visit of a touring team from Yorkshire. Two triples tournaments are planned for June and August with entries expected from across the North of England and South of Scotland, with sponsorship provided by Denton tyres and Jill Glencross Independent Funeral Services.

The Bowling Club finals day is scheduled to be held Sunday 3rd September.

Club facilities have been offered up to the Cumbria Bowling Association for several competitions,

In addition to Bowling & Tennis activities, the Club facilities are provided to support local community engagement, including:

- Council Elections.
- Local Pensioners' Dinner on 26th March.
- B-B-Q on 24th June.
- Christmas children's party.
- Children from local school for Tennis & Bowling in June.
- Tynedale social evening

The Club facilities can be made available for any community or charity event and members would be very happy to provide support.

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The clerk then recorded the previously submitted thanks of the Church for the grant that Mr S Sowerby had received towards the cost of grass cutting.

Cllr J Hedworth then gave an extensive report, provided by the Head Teacher Mrs Barley, on the many and varied achievements and activities of the **School** during the past year.

Ofsted had agreed that they were a 'good' school.

Whole school assemblies are held and the values of Respect, Friendship, Honesty, Ambition, Trust and Kindness are promoted.

The activities, inside and outside the school, of the different classes were outlined

Outdoor learning had been promoted during the year. There were plans to transform and develop the outdoor space to match the excellent indoor provision.

Pupils had participated in art, music and dance activities and had attended events locally. Their efforts had been acknowledged by a number of awards. Sport including swimming sessions and karate had gone very well.

The PTA had been very busy raising funds to send all the children on a Christmas trip. A leavers 'hoody' was also funded.

Cllrs Simpson commented that the school was grateful for a road safety grant which enabled 'Traffic People' to be purchased and located outside the school.

Cllr Day asked a question about the 'Forest School' and Mrs Simpson and Mrs Hedworth provided clarification.

Mrs L Maxwell had provided a written summary on behalf of the **Kirkbride Jubilee Committee: Platinum Jubilee June 2022**

The Jubilee in June 2022 had been a great success. A marquee was hired and attached to the Inn at the Bush.

Friday 3rd June – There was an afternoon tea for the elderly in the village in the marquee. The 'Kirkbride Army' provided assistance. This was free to the villagers that attended. Attendees really appreciated the time and effort put in to this afternoon.

Saturday 4th June (Afternoon)- There was a family entertainer booked for the afternoon in the marquee for the children of the village. It was wonderful to see the children having so much fun and parents enjoying the afternoon too.

Saturday 4th June (Night) – There were 100 people in the marquee entertained by The Jack Oscar Band from the North East. It was a roaring success. People still have lasting memories from this weekend.

King Charles 111 Coronation May 2023

This event was done in 1 day. With help from the Inn at the Bush we organised a 3 part event in 1 day. There were as follows:

6th May- Morning – The morning commenced by watching the Coronation of King Charles 111 on a large screen in the church institute. The institute was beautifully decorated with bunting and flowers for the tables and our own King Charles 111 standing at the front door (Card board one!!). The community were greeted and provided with a coffee/tea or bucks fizz followed by a bacon buttie. The atmosphere was very touching as you could have heard a pin drop as everyone was taken in with the occasion. A great memory was made as young and old attended.

6th May – Afternoon – The Committee organised a fun filled afternoon for the children in the Inn at the Bush, an entertainer was booked to play music, games and competitions. We had locals come and help by selling sweets and doing face painting at a minimum charge. Lots of great positive feedback was welcomed from those that had attended.

6th May – Night – The local singer Lynne Atkinson sang and played her karaoke in the Inn in the Bush. There was a lovely mixture of age groups which is always nice to see. It was a lovely end to a very memorable day.

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The Parish Council was thanked for their donation towards this event, Inn at the Bush for the help before and on the day of the event and members of the Kirkbride Army for the much appreciated help before and on the day.

We hope that the villagers enjoyed the day and will have lasting memories.

6. Open Forum.

Mr Peart asked if there were any plans by the Council to install Electric Vehicle charging points in the village. The Chair and the clerk responded to this. There were no current plans but the clerk was monitoring the situation and if grants became available he would advise the Councillors.

Mrs Stamper commented on the location of the 'Traffic speed van' when it visited the village and asked if it could be located on the B5307 close to the village. The clerk said Cllrs could discuss this at the Parish Council meeting that followed. She also mentioned that the speed warning sign on the approach to the Playground did not function correctly. The clerk advised that this problem had been reported on a number of occasions and could be discussed at the following meeting.

There being no further business, Cllr Kirk thanked people for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

The members of the public then departed.