

## Kirkbride Parish Council



### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.00pm in Kirkbride School.

Present:

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

County Councillor: Cllr M Johnson

Public attendance: None.

Clerk: M Abbs

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

Cllr Benson had previously given his apologies. His absence being due to a work commitment this being 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.

#### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### 2 Minutes (previously circulated).

2.1 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – **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 items were reported at this point.

3.1.1 Play area –

See also item 4.1 and 4.2.

3.1.2 Footpaths –

Following discussion the clerk was instructed to remind the grass cutting contractor to trim the footpaths.

Cllrs **agreed** that some gates could be re-positioned from the North end of the village to a location near the airfield. The condition of posts would be investigated and, if necessary, expenditure of £200 (ex VAT) was **agreed** for their replacement.

3.1.3 Highways steward –

Police response to speed camera location request.

The clerk informed Cllrs that new traffic data was being obtained by the police and once received the location of the camera van would be reviewed. – **noted.**

3.1.4 Newsletter group -

A newsletter was not required at this point.

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 County Councillor

Cllr Johnson confirmed that the 'bin strike' had been resolved and provided information concerning the settlement.

He advised that a new Chief Constable and Chief Fire Officer had been appointed.

Cllr A Hedworth asked if he was aware of any developments concerning the parking issue at the Lees, which Cllr Johnson had been made aware of – Cllr Johnson was not aware of any.

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Cllr Day asked about the current situation concerning the West Cumbria coal mine. Cllr Johnson understood that a date was to be set for a review of the decision to proceed with the coal mine.

Cllr Johnson was thanked for his report and left the meeting at 7-30p.m.

### 4 New business

4.1 Playground – Update and discussion of any required action.

Consideration of the Inspection Report if received in time.

The clerk advised that the inspection report had not yet been received.

The playground was being regularly inspected and Cllrs were not aware of any urgent matters requiring attention.

Cllr Day believed that there was a tree in the woodland area that may require attention and Cllrs **agreed** that an inspection of the trees in the woodland area and the playpark should be arranged by the clerk.

Mr Stamper would be reminded by the clerk about the replanting of trees in the area where the fence had been replaced following the damage by the motor vehicle.

4.2 Disposal of the old playground seating area.

Cllrs **agreed** that the seating area/equipment that has been removed from the playpark to accommodate the sculpture could be donated to the school.

4.3 Hedge Cutting in the village latest situation and any required decision.

It was **agreed** that Cllr A Hedworth would ask the contractor to cut the hedges before next Spring.

4.4 Grass cutting specifications for 2024.

Review of the current tender procedure and possible action.

Cllrs discussed the specification and requested the clerk to make a small amendment to the specification.

The contractors that the clerk would invite to tender were **agreed**. The clerk would discuss any new interest in the work with the Chairman.

### 5 Correspondence

To review correspondence received and take any appropriate action.

5.1 Vacancy on the Council

Update from the clerk on any expressions of interest / applications.

The clerk advised that there had been no expressions of interest and Cllrs **agreed** to feature the vacancy on Facebook.

5.2 PL Gauntlett Accounts Ltd – PAYE retirement and transfer of PAYE business.

The clerk provide information of Mrs Gauntlett's retirement and the new accountant who would be taking over the PAYE aspect.

Mrs Gauntlett would continue to carry out Parish Council audits. - **noted**.

5.3 Fells and Solway Community Panel - workshop at Wigton Market Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 3 pm.

Discussion of PC attendance.

Details were provided by the clerk which were **noted**. Cllrs would check their diaries and advise the clerk if they were able to attend.

### 6 Finance

#### 6.1 Information

6.1.1 To approve accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 – available at the meeting. – **approved**.

6.1.2 Allerdale BC – receipt of second Precept payment – amount to be confirmed at the meeting.

The clerk advised that the payment had not been made at that point but he would monitor the account to ensure it was received. = **noted**.

6.1.3 VAT reclaim **£915.23**.

The clerk confirmed that the payment had been made by HMRC. – **noted**.

6.1.4 M&J Baird Wedholme Flow Licence **£5.00** – **noted**.

#### 6.2 Payments to approve.

6.2.1 Clerk's salary: **£595.83**- **approved**.

6.2.2 Expenses: postage etc. £4.25; telephone and broadband £40.82 = £45.07, travel 8m @ 45p= £3.60 Total **£48.67** – **approved**.

6.2.3 Allerdale BC - playground inspection – anticipated amount (VAT £12.39) **£74.34**

If invoice/report received in time.

The report and the consequent invoice had not yet been received. – **noted**.

6.2.4 Aspatria Farmers – bird food **£82.43** – **approved**.

6.2.5 Road End Nurseries – footpath expenses **£150.00** – **approved**.

6.2.6 XMA Ltd – print cartridge (VAT£4.88) **£29.30** –

Further invoice anticipated.

A further delivery and invoice had been received for £41.85 bringing the total to **£71.13** – **approved**.

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6.2.7 HSBC Bank Charges to 7<sup>th</sup> June to 6 July - £8.00 ,7<sup>th</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August £9.00 = **£17.00 – approved.**  
Additional charges may be brought to the meeting.

### 7 Planning

#### 7.1 Applications outstanding with Allerdale Borough Council.

7.1.1 -HOU/2023/0111 Proposed ground floor extension incorporating roof terrace, Oak Lodge, Kirkbride, Wigton.  
(Rebecca Carruthers)

The clerk confirmed that planning permission had now been granted. – **noted.**

#### 7.2 Applications dealt with under standing order.

None. - **noted**

#### 7.3 Applications decided by Allerdale BC.

7.3.1 - VAR/2022/0034 Variation to approved application 2/2018/0115 to amend condition 1 (drawings) for a revised house type for plot 19, Rodway, West Lane, Kirkbride, CA7 5JH (D R Tweddle)  
Permission granted.

7.3.2 - FUL/2023/0040 Erection of 1no two storey house to replace previously approved 1no semi-detached two storey houses, Land adjacent to Rodway, West Lane, Kirkbride. (Derek Tweddle)  
Permission granted.

The above were **noted.**

#### 7.4 Applications for consideration by this Parish Council meeting.

None – **noted.**

#### 8.1 Documents received for comment.

None. – **noted.**

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

8.2.1 CALC Circulars.

8.2.2 Sunshine Gym equipment brochure.

8.2.3 Draft Minutes of Allerdale DA AGM, 26/07/2023.

8.2.4 County OF Cumbria and D-DAY 80 – 6th June 2024

The above were **noted.**

### 9 Claypit Charity

No matters to consider. – **noted.**

### 10 Any items of information brought by...

10.1 Clerk

No matters were brought by the clerk.

10.2 Councillors

Cllr J Hedworth and Cllr Simpson advised that there was a possibility that the School might be willing for part of the School grounds to be used as a football pitch. If necessary, the clerk would be advised for inclusion of the item on the November agenda. Cllr Day advised that some development work seemed to be happening on land near Sycamore House. Cllrs and the clerk were unaware of any active planning application relating to the site.

### 11 Meeting dates

11.1 **Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

11.2 **Future meetings: on Tuesdays:** 9th January 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in Kirkbride School.

The dates were **noted and the Chair closed the meeting at 8.50p.m.**