

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minute of the Meeting Held on Monday 1st July 2019 in Skirwith Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

Unapproved.

49/19 Present

Cllrs: Caroline Richardson (Chair), Laura Wilson, Pam Jago, Sue Smith, Pauline Toppin (Vice Chair), John Watson, David Witney. District Cllr Rob Orchard and John Fleming (Parish Clerk) and two members of the public.

50/19 Apologies

Cllr Ken Philipson and County Cllr Claire Driver.

51/19 The Co-option of a Councillors.

Nicola Kulixewski was unanimously co – opted as a Councillor to the Skirwith Ward
Andrew Clay was unanimously co – opted as a Councillor to the Blencarn and Kirkland Ward.

The Chair thanked Nicola and Andrew for their interest and welcomed them as new Councillors.

52/19 Minutes

The Chair was authorized to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13th May 2019, as a true record.

53/19 Declaration of Interests

Cllr Caroline Richardson - Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room
Cllr Laura Wilson - Skirwith Village Hall
Cllr Pam Jago and David Witney – All Saints Church Culgaith

54/19 Public Participation

There was none.

55/19 District Councillors Report

It is a very different EDC this time, with control in the hands of a Rainbow Coalition made up of the Independents, the Lib Dems, the Labour Party and the Green Party; how or whether this will work remains to be seen. I am not a fan of coalitions because, in my experience they spend lots of time discussing things but not actually making decisions. We shall have to wait and see.

I am continuing to serve on the Scrutiny Co-Board, the Accounts and Governance Committee and the Housing and Economy Committee. I no longer have responsibility for the Alston Moor Partnership, which is a pity.

Rest assured I shall continue to champion hard the needs of the villages within my Constituency.

Rob Orchard, EDC Councillor – Hartside

56/19 County Council Report –

There was no report presented to the meeting; however, a monthly County Councillors report can be found on the Parish Council website: - www.culgaith.org.uk.

Councillors expressed disappointment that it was over a year since County Councillor Claire Driver had attended a meeting. The Clerk was asked to raise the issue with her.

57/19 Finance (Incl.Vat)

57.1 To note the following balances as at:-	21/6/2019
	£
HSBC Account	262.39
NSI Account	23.64
Penrith Building Society	<u>25146.80</u>

57.2 A Set of Interim Accounts were tabled.
 These were unanimously accepted by the meeting

57.3 The Following Accounts Were Ratified.

57.3.1 J Fleming Fee/PAYE May/June 2019 As per contract	
57.3.2 J Fleming Office Provision May/June 2019 @ £15	30.00
57.3.3 Insurance	441.35
57.3.4 M Binney Grass Cutting	522.90
57.3.5 Sandra Harrison – Internal Audit	40.00
57.3.6 D Tec – Microsoft Office – Home and Business 2016	242.40
57.3.7 D Tec – USB cable for printer	7.00
57.3.8 Penrith Posters – Photocopying Annual Report	39.60

57.4 Following Accounts for Payment Were Approve

57.4.1 J Fleming Expenses – May/June	50.85
57.4.2 Skirwith Village Hall room hire 1 st July 2019	10.00
57.4.3 Data Protection ICO DD	40.00

57.5 To Report The Following Receipt

EDC Footway Lighting Grant	2268.00
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57.6 To Report The Following Transfers

There were none.

57.7 Grant Applications

The following were unanimously agreed, proposed by Cllr Sue Smith and seconded by Cllr John Watson.: -

57.7.1 Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room	250.00
57.7.2 Victoria Institute Culgaith	250.00
57.7.3 Skirwith Village Hall	250.00
57.7.4 St John the Evangelist Church, Skirwith	200.00
57.7.5 St Lawrence Church, Kirkland	200.00
57.7.6 All Saints Church, Culgaith	200.00
57.7.7 Fellrunner	227.70

58/19 Planning

19/0408 – Pear Tree House, Kirkland Road, Skirwith.

Change of use of barn and associated yard from agricultural to residential and change of use of agricultural land to garden. Supported

19/0406 – Helmwinds. Culgaith - Part retrospective erection of a 2.75m nettings fence to a tennis court.

Supported

19/0437 Land at Pea Foot – Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale attached to approval 17/0664. Supported

59/19 Highways and Land Matters

59.1 Culgaith Village Hall Trustees. –

Following a request for the Parish Council to consider becoming a ‘Holding Trustee’ in respect of Culgaith Village Hall, it was unanimously decided to decline and suggest that the Charity Commission, being independent of the village, undertake the role.

59.2 Crossroad Skirwith – Change of Traffic Priority

59.2.1 Reported that the new signage was in place; the re-alignment of the white lines was imminent.

59.2.2 Requested that Highway be asked to ensure Sat Nav maps were updated.

59.2.3 Agreed to monitor the effectiveness of the change.

59.3 Leaning Wall and Parked Vehicle by Town Head Farm, Skirwith

Reported that the offending, parked vehicle had been removed and that the leaning barn wall was being monitored by EDC Building Control. Following a recent inspection, it had been deemed safe.

59.4 Blencarn Green – Silver Birch Pruning.

Professional pruning, to improve shape to be done in November.

59.5 Wooden Footbridge – Skirwith Green – Repair was in hand.

59.6 Newbiggin Scar - Freezing surface water was creating a road hazard in winter condition. – Reported to Highways

59.7 Potholes

Church Street, Skirwith, by the Recycling facility and on outskirts of Skirwith, towards Ousby – Reported to Highways

59.8 Kirkland Bridge – Vehicle damage. – Repair in hand with Highways.

59.9 Bush Impeding Vision - Culgaith Recycling facility– Bush has been removed.

60/19 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications.

The following items of correspondence were received since the last meeting.

60.1 Scheme of Delegation and Planning Code of Conduct. - EDC.

60.2 Tony Labrum – Police report – Previously circulated to Councilors.

60.3 EDC Scrutiny Committee – After discussion the following key items were agreed to pass forward for consideration by the Scrutiny Committee: -

60.3.1 Benefit cuts and the impact on rural poverty.

60.3.2 The reduced provision of public toilets.

60.3.3 Encouragement of the Development of greener homes in Eden.

60.4 BBC Radio Cumbria – A request was received to forward the names of interesting people or organizations, living in close proximity to the River Eden, who Radio Cumbria could interview. Following discussion four suggestions were put forward, subject to the respective individual's / organizations approval.

61/19 Councillor Matters An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues on behalf of residents.

61.1 Drains - It was reported that a number of drains had been cleaned in Culgaith; however there were still some needing attention in Skirwith.

61.2 Speeding Silage Trailers – Unanimous concern was expressed regarding the speed of tractors and trailers on local roads, during the silage making season. There was grave concern that the speed of this traffic could lead to a serious accident occurring one day.

Action:- Agreed to make mention of the issue in a future edition of the Memo, whilst also mentioning the public concerns, to local farmers and contractors.

62/19 Dates and Venues of Future Meetings

Monday 2nd September 2019 – Blencarn

Monday 4th November 2019 – Culgaith

Monday 6th January 2020– Skirwith

Monday 2nd March 2020 – Blencarn

Monday 11th May 2020– Culgaith

(Annual Parish Meeting/AGM/May meeting

This meeting will be followed by the AGM and May Council Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm with the Chair thanking Councillors for their attendance.

Signed by Chairman _____

Date _____