

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minute of the Meeting Held on Monday 6th January 2020 in Skirwith Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Unapproved.

1/20 Present

Cllrs: Caroline Richardson (Chair), Laura Wilson, Sue Smith, Nicola Kulisxewski, Andrew Clay, Pauline Toppin (Vice Chair), David Witney and John Fleming (Parish Clerk)

2/20 Apologies

Cllrs Pam Jago, John Watson and Ken Philipson, District Cllr Rob Orchard, County Cllr Claire Driver.

3/20 Minutes

The Chair was unanimously authorized to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4th November 2019, as a true record. Proposed by Cllr P Toppin. Seconded by Cllr S Smith

4/20 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

5/20 Public Participation

There was none.

6/20 District and County Council Reports.

6.1 District Councillors Report

There was none.

6.2 County Council Report – There was no report presented to the meeting; however, a monthly report is available on: - (control/click) <https://youtu.be/EQ7uP2AfaOk>

7/20 Finance (Incl.Vat)

7.1 To note the following balances as at:-	29 th December 2019
	£
HSBC Current Account	409.74
NSI Account	23.64
Penrith Building Society	15408.91
Vat to Claim	347.51
Total assets	<u>.16189.80</u>

7.2 Presentation of Interim Accounts –

These were unanimously adopted.

Proposed by Cllr S Smith, Seconded by Cllr D Witney.

7.3	The following accounts were Ratified	
	J Fleming Fee/PAYE Nov/Dec 2019	As per contract
	J Fleming Office Provision Nov/Dec 2019	30.00
	British Legion – 11/11/2019 Wreath	20.00
	CCC Skirwith Village Green Map	5.50
	Penrith Posters – Photocopying	7.50
	D Willetts – Safety Pruning of Silver Birch – Blencarn	130.00
	EDC Lighting Maintenance and Electricity Contract	1835.67
	Penrith Posters – Large Gritting Map Photocopy	15.00
7.4	The Following Accounts were approved for Payment	
	J Fleming Expenses – November/December 2019	34.65
	Skirwith Village Hall Room Hire 6/1/2020	10.00
7.5	To Report the Following Receipt	
	Electricity NW – Wayleave	22.48
7.6	The Following Transfer Was Reported.	
	Penrith Building Society to Current Account	4500.00

8/20 Planning Applications

- 19/0880 – Hayriggs, Skirwith – Removal of condition 2
Removal of holiday let condition attached to approval 04/0711 **Supported**
- 19/0887 – 1 Kirkhill. Blencarn – Erection of first floor side extension for additional living accommodation – **Supported**

9/20 Highways and Land Matters

- 9.1 Newbiggin Scar** - Freezing surface water was creating a road hazard in winter condition. – Reported to Highways
Action: - To check progress.

It had also been reported that there was a problem with foliage being washed across the carriageway. This issue had since been rectified.

- 9.2 Potholes** - Church Street, Skirwith, by the Recycling facility and on outskirts of Skirwith, towards Ousby – Work completed.
- 9.3 Kirkland Bridge** – Vehicle damage. – Reported that bridge had been repaired but had been damaged again.
Action: - To ask Highways to add to Sat-Nav maps, 'Not suitable for HGV's.'; also, to continue to monitor the situation.
- 9.4 Foot of 'The Pea' – Drainage Issue** – Still in hand with Highways
- 9.5 The 'Pea' Pavement** – Slippery with moss.
Reported that Highways had attended to the matter.

9.6 Langwathby Road out of Skirwith

The unsatisfactory condition of the road out of Skirwith, towards Langwathby was discussed at length. Vehicles were regularly driving on the verges, splattering mud across the carriageway. The vastly increased level of traffic over recent years, aggravated by the increasing width and size of both farm traffic and HGV's was contributing to the problem. It was also noted that car drivers were often guilty of not pulling over to the edge of the carriageway when passing an oncoming car, again causing a vehicle to touch the edge of the verge; the speed of traffic was a further issue.

It was unanimously considered that this stretch of road was becoming increasingly 'unfit for purpose'. To curb both carriageway edges was a solution; however, unless the road width was sufficiently wide, this could cause an additional dangerous hazard.

Action: - Agreed to discuss the problem with the highways department with a view to recommending that a full upgrade of this road be put into future budgets.

9.7 Tarn Villa – Footpath Signs.

Reported that this matter was in hand with the County Council, with it being agreed that a new sign being installed at the village end of the path, in due course.

9.8 Grit Box – Skirwith – Following discussion it was confirmed that grit heaps were position on the corners as you left Skirwith, towards Langwathby.

Action: - Agreed to continue to monitor the situation.

9.9 Safety Tree Pruning – Skirwith

Reported that, being in a Conservation area, EDC planning permission was needed to be sought; should there be no legitimate objection by the 16th January, instructions would be given to the contractor to undertake the work, which had previously been agreed by the Council.

9.10 Safety Tree Pruning – Kirkland.

Reported that this was in hand with Electricity NW.

9.11 Green Waste Disposal –

Reported that the current waste collection contract, with the contractors expired on 31st March 2021 and a full review of future waste collection arrangements, including 'Green Waste', post April 2021, were at a very early stage of discussion and no assumptions of future arrangements could be made at this early stage.

It was assumed that the current arrangement would continue for the 2020/2021 year, with a green waste skip being provided in Skirwith; this has yet to be confirmed by EDC.

9.12 Lottery Grant Application – Reported that a 'Parish Community Tree Planting' grant had been applied for, from the National Lottery.

10/20 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications.

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

10.1 Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 27 May 2020
No Councillor was interested in being nominated for this occasion.

10.2 CALC Developing Your Skills Programme. January to July 2020

10.3 Transparency Meeting Wed 19th Feb 6.45pm for 7 was reported.

10.4 The North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS FT ‘Pass the Baton’
initiative was reported. For further details contact; -
www.ncic.nhs.uk/trust/how-we-are-run/be-involved/pass-the-baton.

10.5 Community Police Officer Report – Circulated.

11/20 Councillor Matters An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues on behalf of residents.

11.1 ‘The Pea’ Tree Safety

Concern was raised over the safety of some of the trees on the right as you descend ‘The Pea’

Action: - To report the concern to Highways.

11.2 Rushed Wall Culgaith. Reported that a wall had collapsed over the pavement by the ‘Black Barn’ in Culgaith.

Action: - Agreed to report the issue to the property owner.

11.3 Skirwith ‘Bring’ Site Festive Period Collections - Concern was raised over the frequency of collection from the Skirwith ‘bring site’ over the Christmas and New Year period was raised.

Action: - To check out the collection arrangements, during this period, with EDC and to confirm who was the EDC contact for managing this site.

12/20 Dates and Venues of Future Meetings

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 9.15pm with the Chair thanking Councillors for their attendance.

Signed by Chairman _____

Date _____