

Culgaith Parish Council

Annual Report 2019 – 2021 Serving: -



Culgaith



Skirwith



Blencarn



Kirkland.

From The Chair.

Coronavirus has affected every member of our community and we should like to offer our best wishes to all. The Parish Council has continued to serve the community throughout the pandemic. As Chairman, I should like to thank all the Councillors for rising to the unprecedented challenges of the past year, working remotely and meeting online. Particular thanks go to our Clerk, John Fleming, who has mastered the technology and ensures that all functions of the Council run smoothly.

Caroline Richardson

Chair, Culgaith Parish Council

In Kirkland and Blencarn

- Kirkland Bridge vehicle damage. – reported.
- Safety Tree Pruning of Limes at Kirkland- actioned
- Kirkland Boundary Stone – Cleaned and reinstated.
- Blencarn Rigg – Grazing cows with calves – safety aspects clarified.
- During 2019/2021 the Council considered 9 planning applications in Kirkland and Blencarn

In Skirwith

- Skirwith – Change of Traffic Priority - actioned
- Wooden Footbridge on Skirwith Village Green: - repaired.
- Langwathby – Skirwith road – Very dirty state of carriageway discussed with Highways.
- Safety Tree Pruning - actioned
- Skirwith Beech Tree – Pruned lower canopy.
- Cross Hows Bridge – Culgaith/Skirwith road – Repaired.
- Skirwith Community Orchard – established.
- During 2019/2021 the Council considered 9 planning applications in Skirwith.

Learning and Development

- Cllr Andrew Clay has attended two courses, one on 'Neighbourhood Planning' the other the 'Effective Councillor' training course.
- Cllr Lesley Benson attended an 'Effective Councillor' training course.

Around The Communities

Some of the Issues raised are listed below.

General

- A tree safety survey was actioned; subsequently identifying 300 trees, 20 of which required safety attention.
- A Parish Emergency Plan – was updated.
- Hunsonby Swimming Pool – A donation of £100 was made.
- Public Rights of Way under Covid – 19 Lockdown Regulations was clarified.
- Website 'Accessibility Statement' - adopted.
- Grass Cutting Contract 2021/23 - awarded.
- Potholes/ road repairs in Parish – addressed.
- The Parish was very grateful for the support received from the Community Support Officer, PC Anthony Labram, on policing matters during the last two years.

In Culgaith

- Bush Impeding vision by Recycling - removed
- Wellgates Cottage - Culgaith – Public Right of Way Application. – Officially Registered.
- Foot of 'The Pea' drainage issue addressed.
- Newbiggin Scar – surface water - reported.
- Foot Path by Tarn Villa, replacement signs requested
- Slippery Pea Foot Pavement – resolved.
- Unsafe trees on the Pea were pruned.
- Chestnut Close junction – Road subsidence.
- 30 mph Signs – Station Road requested repositioning
- Flooding by entrance to Otter's Holt. Done.
- Digital Speed Awareness Device, in hand.
- Road Surface - School to War Memorial
- Tarn Flooding Issue – Monitored.
- Pruning of Tarn Roadside trees – actioned.
- During 2019/2021 the Council considered 15 planning applications in Culgaith

Covid – 19 Pandemic

2021/2021 has been dominated by the Pandemic. We have all been deeply saddened by those who have lost loved ones and those who have suffered ill health from the virus. The inability to visit our relatives in care homes has been particularly stressful. The community support demonstrated, has been exemplary, along with the backup provided by local businesses in providing essential supplies and take away meals.

Parish Councillors 2020- 2021

Finance

The Parish Precept (The Parish Councils share of Council Tax) for 2020/2021 was £12,000

Financial Summary

Income	2018/19	2020/2021
	£	
Carried forward	13766	15436
Precept + CRS	10608	12052
EDC Lighting Grant	3024	1512
Other Income	1315	130
Total Receipts	14947	13694

Expenditure

Administration	3524	3846
Village Greens	2722	2743
Village Maintenance	425	865
Playgrounds	207	139
Grants	1350	1585
Wreath	20	20
Lighting Costs	1605	1490
Elections	0	0
Other Expenditure	1833	943
Total Expenditure	11686	11631

Internal Audit – The Council is indebted to Sandra Harrison for undertaking this duty.

Support For Local Organisations

	£
Memo – Mid Eden Newsletter	120
Fellrunner	235
Skirwith Village Hall	250
Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room	250
Culgaith Victoria Institute	250
Culgaith All Saints Church	200
St Lawrence Church, Kirkland	200
Skirwith Parish Church	200

Goings and Comings

Grateful thanks are expressed to Nicola Kuliszewski, for her hard work and wise counsel during her time as a Skirwith Ward Councillor.

Andrew Clay joined the Council, representing Kirkland and Blencarn, last year and Lesley Benton and Pam Jago were co-opted onto the Council, this year, representing Culgaith and Skirwith respectively.

Pam having previously resigned for personal reasons, then offered her services to the Council again and was duly co-opted to represent the Skirwith Ward.

Culgaith Ward

Pauline Toppin (Vice Chair)
Glenmara, Culgaith

David Witney

Sunnyfield, Culgaith, Penrith

Sue Smith

Briarfield, Culgaith.

John Watson

Bracken Ridge, Culgaith.

Lesley Benton

(Co-opted 2020/2021)

3 Primrose Hill, Culgaith

Blencarn and Kirkland Ward

Andrew Clay

(Co-opted 2019/2020)

The Croft, Blencarn

Caroline Richardson

(Chair)

Smithy House, Blencarn

Ken Philipson

Glebe Farm, Kirkland

Skirwith Ward

Laura Wilson

Skirwith Hall, Skirwith

Pam Jago

(Co-opted 2020/2021)

17 Chestnut Close, Culgaith

Parish Clerk

John Fleming

Fell View, Blencarn, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 1TX.

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Forthcoming Meetings

Monday 5th July 2021 – Skirwith,

Monday 6th September 2021– Blencarn

Monday 1st November 2021 – Culgaith

Monday 10th January 2022– Skirwith

Monday 7th March 2022 – Blencarn

Monday 16th May 2022 – Culgaith

(Annual Parish Meeting/AGM/May meeting)

For More Information

For more information on the work of the Parish Council, including full copies of the minutes visit:-

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