

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minute of the Meeting Held on Monday 9th January 2023 in Skirwith Village Hall. commencing at 7.30pm

Unapproved.

1/23 Present

Cllrs Caroline Richardson (Chair), Ken Philipson, Sue Smith, Pam Jago, Laura Wilson, Andrew Clay, David Witney, and John Fleming (Parish Clerk),

2/23 Apologies

Cllrs, John Watson, Pauline Toppin (Vice Chair) and County Cllr Claire Driver

3/23 Minutes

The Chair was unanimously authorized to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th November 2022, as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr D Witney and Seconded by Cllr. P Jago

4/23 Declaration of Interests

Cllr S Smith, as a Trustee of the **VIC Cafe**, in respect of a suggested Coronation bench, being raised later in the meeting.

5/23 Public Participation

There was none

6/23 District Council Report

There was none

7/23 County Council Report

There was none

Following receipt of a letter of resignation from County Councillor Claire Driver, Councillors asked that a letter be sent to Claire, thanking her for the very conscientious, helpful and effective work that she had put in on, behalf of Culgaith Parish Council. Councillors also wanted to wish her every success in her new appointment and every happiness in the future.

8/23 Finance (Incl.Vat)

8.1 The following balances were noted as at:-

30/12/2022

	£
HSBC Account	2831.70
Penrith Building Society	18225.90
NSI Account	24.00
Vat to be claimed	<u>311.85</u>
Total Cash	<u>21393.45</u>

8.2 Presentation of Interim Accounts - 7th November 2022 to 9th January 2023

These accounts were unanimously approved.

Proposer Cllr C Richardson

Secunder Cllr A Clay

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8.3	The Following Accounts were Ratified	
8.3.1	J Fleming Fee November/December 2022.	As per contract
8.3.2	J Fleming Office Provision Nov/Dec 2022	40.00
8.3.3	Room Hire – Culgaith Victoria Institute	22.50
8.3.4	David Willetts Tree Felling, Beck Cottage Skirwith	480.00
8.3.5	Culgaith Jubilee Tree plaque	50.00
8.3.6	Commemorative Tree to our late Queen	59.50
8.3.7	HSBC charges	10.00
8.3.8	Cartridge People – Printer Toner	114.90

8.4 Following Account for Payment was Approved.
 J Fleming Expenses, 7nd November 2022 to 9th January 2023 9.90

8.5 The Accounts Listed in 8.3 and 8.4 above, were unanimously approved.
 Proposer Cllr S Smith
 Secunder Cllr A Clay

8.6 To Report a Transfer
 Transfer from Penrith Building Society to current account. 3000.00

9/23 Planning

To Report.
 22/0826 – West View, Blencarn, Penrith - Proposed sun room.
 Re-submission of 22/0530. Supported and Granted
 22/0920 - Agliony Barn, Kirkland. Tree Work Supported and Granted
 22/0925 – 3a Pennine View, Blencarn - Replacement side porch. Supported
 22/0902 – Skelling Farm, Kirkland Road. Skirwith. - Erection of a side extension.
 Supported

10/23 Highways and Land Matters

10.1 Foot path signs
 Kirkland/Broats - Bramblelands/Barn Croft - Station Road to Culgaith Church.
 Footpath signs down.
 Highways had indicated that this work was scheduled for January 2023

10.2 Drainage issue by the Beck Mill entrance.
 Highway had indicated that, following a site visit, they had assessed the problem and would take steps to attempt improve the drainage in this low-lying section of the carriageway.

10.3 The Pea to A6412 Junction – Drainage issue.
 Highway had indicated that, following a site visit, they had assessed the problem and would take steps to attempt improve the drainage in this section of the carriageway. The Clerk was asked to follow up this response.

10.4 Potholes - Bank Hall Farm Adopted Access Road.
 In hand - reported for a second time to Highways.

10.5 Skirwith Footway Lights – The light opposite Skirwith Village Hall and the one in front of Pear Tree house – not functioning.
 Following this, long running saga being reported to the EDC Footway Light Portfolio Holder and the Chief E of EDC, the light opposite the village hall has

now been fixed and it was reported that the, longstanding, wayleave issue, holding up the electricity connection to the Pear Tree House light, was being urgently addressed again.

- 10.6 Skirwith Village Green – Roadside Boundary Fence.**
It was reported that due to financial constraints, this work had now been rescheduled, by Highways, for the 2023/2024 financial year.
- 10.7 Beck Cottage, Skirwith – Revised Driveway Deed of Grant.**
Reported that this matter was still in hand.
- 10.8 Electricity NW – Tree maintenance in Church Street Skirwith.**
Reported that this matter was still in hand with Electricity North West.
- 10.9 Eden Speed Limit Review and New Village Entrance Signs – Culgaith.**
Reported that this matter was in hand with Highways.

11/23 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications.

The following item of correspondence was received since the last meeting.

- 11.1 35 Email** had been forwarded to Councillors since the November meeting, kept on file for 12 months.
- 11.2 Skirwith Bus Shelter – Mural**
A request was made to the Council, by a group of Skirwith Parishioners, to decorate the Skirwith bus shelter with murals.
The images presented to the meeting were considered very appropriate and suitable and are attached to these minutes.
Action :- Councillors were minded to give permission for the work to proceed, providing there was no major objection. The proposal with images were to be displayed on the Skirwith notice board, for a short period, to allow for any comment from local Parishioners. The Council agreed to cover the cost of paint.
- 11.3 ‘Green Space 2 Grow Support Package’** – was reported.
This comprehensive pack gives an introduction to ‘Green Space 2 Grow’ and how town and Parish Councils can get involved.
- 11.4 Buses and Coaches – up the Pea**
A Culgaith resident had expressed concern over buses and coaches driving, from Station Road, up the ‘Pea,’ to the Black Swan junction and visa versa. Councillors were aware that there was already in place signage stating ‘Access Only’ with a 7.5 Ton weight limit.
Action :- Agreed to discuss the problem raised with Highways.
- 11.5 Footway Lights**
It was reported by EDC:-
 - 11.5.1** That they had agreed that no charges for electricity and maintenance, in relation to the provision of footway lighting, are to be levied in 2022/2023, as a good will gesture for those Councils who have adopted their footway lighting.
 - 11.5.2** They have extended their existing ‘Blue Collar’ contracts until 2027, which includes the maintenance of footway lighting
 - 11.5.3** The electricity contract EDC have is through the YPO, administered by

Cumbria County Council, is currently due to expire in March 2023, so EDC are currently trying to establish what the position is, as we move towards the new Unitary Councils.

11.5.4 That a program is established to remove sodium lights without replacement, as they cease to function.

11.6 Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority: Parish Council Election
Confirmation had been received that, should a Parish Council election be called in May 2023, there would be no charge to the Parish Council.

11.7 Sustainable Warm Grants Scheme – Was reported.

11.8 Police Commissioner Survey.- Invitation to complete budget survey for next financial year, reported.

11.9 CALC Connecting People with Nature Event on Tuesday the 24th of January 2023, 6.45pm for 7.00pm start – was reported.

11.10 The Skirwith Defibrillator – Funding Request.
A request had been received by the committee managing the Skirwith Defibrillator for financial support from the Parish Council at the July 2023 meeting, when annual Parish Council grants are considered.

11.11 The Hedgehog Highway Project – Reported to the meeting, details on file.

12/23 Councillor Matters.

An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues on behalf of residents.

12.1 Culgaith Recycling Centre Fence
It was noted that sections of the surrounding fence had collapsed. It was confirmed that this facility was not under the remit of the Parish Council but of the Culgaith Village Hall committee.

12.2 Culgaith Coronation Bench
The VIC Café Committee had approached the Parish Council about the purchasing of a bench(s) to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles to, possibly, replace the existing benches behind the War Memorial; the VIC Cafe, being prepared to contribute to the cost.
Councillors were sympathetic to the idea.
Action :- To investigate bench designs and cost, with a view to make a decision at the March meeting.

12.3 Footway Sign – Kirkland. Broken sign was reported. To report to Highways

12.4 Kirkland Road Sign – Damaged – To report to Highways.

13/23 Dates and Venues of Future Meetings. All on Mondays at 7.30pm.
Blencarn Village Hall 6th March, Culgaith, Victoria Institute, 15th May
(Annual Parish Meeting/AGM/May meeting)
Skirwith Village Hall. 3rd July, Blencarn Village Hall. 4th September
Victoria Institute Culgaith. 6th November

Signed by Chairman _____ Date _____

The Chair thanked Councillors for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.40 **327**