

**CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on January 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 at Culgaith Victoria Institute**

**Present:** Councillors J. Hay (Chairman), M. Helm, P. Jago, A. King, K. Phillipson, C. Richardson, J. Slann, L. Wilson.

**In Attendance:** No members of the public.

**1/12 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Ravetz (holiday) and Councillor Toppin (illness). **Resolved** that the apologies be noted and the reasons approved.

**2/12 MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on November 7th be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**3/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Hay (Director of the Fellrunner) in 8/12 Grant application from the Fellrunner. Councillor Jago (Culgaith Victoria Institute Committee Member) in 8/12 Divisional Members Grant and 9/12 Payment of Accounts – Eden District Council planning application.

**4/12 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT on matters since the previous meeting**

- An email had been sent to EDC objecting most strongly to the proposal to consult electronically on planning applications.
- A letter had been sent to the owners of properties south of the Flooder that are accessed by the track illegally tarmacked in the summer. It explained that no action would be taken to remove the tarmac but that action would be taken if the offence occurred again. The easement allowed for the tracks to be covered by chippings or quarry waste.
- A submission had been made to the Boundary Commission for England against the proposed Kendal and Penrith parliamentary constituency. The Commission will be collating and publishing all representations, for further public comment in the first half of 2012. **Resolved** to send copies of the Parish Council's response to Rory Stewart M.P. and Tim Farron M.P. and to the Parish Councillors.
- The Local Government Boundary Commission was consulting on new electoral arrangements for Cumbria County Council. In Eden District the Commission is proposing to retain the existing pattern of electoral divisions.
- Cumbria Highways had cleared out the ditches between Skirwith and Kirkland.
- Cumbria Highways had inspected the Kirkland Beck. The watercourse (gravel build up) could be cleaned out and debris pulled back over to the side supporting road. This was a summer job (Environment Agency window for works not affecting fisheries).
- The Kirkland Bridge had been repaired.
- Oubsy Parish Council had confirmed it is looking to set up its own winter gritting scheme, a contractor is still to be finalised and no costs were available.
- Skirwith Childrens Committee had thanked the Parish Council for the donation. They had asked Alan Kitchen to repair some of the play equipment.
- The Localism Act had received Royal Assent on 15 November 2011 and CALC were planning briefing sessions early in 2012.
- EDC had conducted a Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.
- Smiths Gore had been in contact to say the Church Commissioners were still interested in developing the land next to Loaning Head.
- In its Core Strategy EDC committed to review the list of Local Service Centres every two years. An updated list of the range and extent of services available in Culgaith, Blencarn, Skirwith and Kirkland had been submitted to EDC as part of

the preparation of the Housing Allocations Preferred Options Development Plan Document.

- Alan Kitchen had repaired the Blencarn Notice Board and had been asked to repair the Notice Board at Kirkland and the bench by the Culgaith War Memorial.
- The proposed 30 m.p.h. Blencarn Speed was being considered by the Eden Local Area Committee on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **5/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman had attended the following:

- Eden Community Conference.

#### **6/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Councillors raised a number of issues:

- Flooding was a problem outside Kirkland between Bank Hall Bungalow and the main village.
- More information was needed on progress towards high speed broadband.
- The bench on the Blencarn village green was in need of repair or perhaps replacement as part of the Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

The Chairman and Blencarn Councillors would look into these issues and report back to the next meeting.

#### **7/12 PLANNING**

**EDC had approved the following applications:**

- 11/0828 Highfield Blencarn. Change of use of existing garage to dining room and replacement of garage door with window
- 11/0831 Lathover, Kirkland Rd, Skirwith Installation of 18 solar panels onto south facing roof slope
- 11/0780 Cornmill Blencarn. Single storey extension and associated landscaping works. After discussions with the applicant EDC had confirmed that the height of the fence will be reduced from 2 to 1.8 metres.

#### **Awaiting a decision**

- 11/0516 Leural View, Culgaith New Bungalow. The Parish Council had raised concerns with regard to the effect on neighbouring properties and the effect on the drainage system.
- 11/0894 Land at the Paddock, Culgaith. Proposed workshop building for private use.
- 11/0945 Blackhill Lodge Stud, Blencarn New dwelling in association with existing egg packing station. The Parish Council had objected to this application.

#### **Planning Appeal**

An appeal had been made to the Planning Directorate against the decision by Eden District Council to refuse the following application. Appeal No. APP/H0928/A/11/2161131

- 10/1030 Retrospective Planning Application for a residential caravan in Newtown Woods, adjacent to Abbey Farm Skirwith

**Resolved** to make no objections to the following applications

- 11/1103 1 Pennine View, Blencarn. Proposed extension to rear elevation.
- 11/1137 Ivy Cottage, Culgaith Proposed development of two houses

#### **Culgaith Victoria Institute**

A planning application was due to be submitted this month by the Parish Council on behalf of the Culgaith Victoria Institute for a new disabled toilet.

## 8/12 FINANCE

### Precept

The precept requirement of £8,000 for 2012/13 had been submitted to Eden District Council on 28<sup>th</sup> November. Based on the estimated Council Tax Base the cost to a Band D Household in the Culgaith Parish would be £22.35

### Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit

**Resolved** to accept the Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit carried out under The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006.

### Grant Applications

**Resolved** to consider a grant application from The Fellrunner at the March meeting.

### Divisional Member Grant

The application from Culgaith Victoria Institute for £5,000 towards a disabled toilet will be considered by the Eden Local Area Committee on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

### Payments to the village halls for room hire

The Clerk reported that the Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room charged a flat fee of £6 per meeting. Skirwith Village Hall was proposing to charge £5 per hour and Culgaith Victoria Institute £10 per hour. **Resolved** to make a flat fee payment to all the village halls of £10 per meeting.

## 9/12 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

**Resolved** to make the following payments

£424.42	Clerk's Salary Dec/Jan
£7.02	Clerk's expenses
£10	Culgaith Victoria Institute (Room Hire)
£85	Eden District Council (planning application Culgaith Victoria Institute)

## 10/12 FINANCIAL REPORT

**Resolved** to accept the accounts of 31 December as a true record of the Council's finances. As of 31 December the balances at National Savings were £8,699.36 and at the Bank £1,051.54. There were two unrepresented cheques of £216. A cheque for £19.20 had been received from Playsafety Ltd to cover the overpayment made in September. £21.01 had been received from Electricity Northwest as wayleave for the electricity poll on Skirwith Village Green.

## 11/12 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Apologies had been received from Mrs Robinson (County Councillor) and Mrs Orchard (District Councillor). The County Council had published consultation papers on the draft council budget and proposals for changes to Cumbria's household waste recycling centres.

## 12/12 COMMUNITY LED PLAN

Councillor King reported on the 2nd Meeting of the Steering Group and work on the Community Led Plan.

## 13/13 GRASSCUTTING 2012

**Resolved** that the Clerk should seek tenders for grass cutting in 2012 based on the following requirements.

- Culgaith. 10 cuts of the Flodder, the grass around the War Memorial, the area in front of the stones on the Tarn.
- Skirwith 10 cuts of the green area on the Village Green, plus other areas every other month.
- Blencarn. 10 cuts of the village green.

- Kirkland. 6 cuts of the village green opposite Post Box Cottage and Ranbeck. 2 cuts of the village green from Post Box Cottage to the bridge on the side of the beck nearest the road.

**14/12 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk briefed the Council on routine correspondence.

**15/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved** that the next Parish Council meeting would be on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room.