

**CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Held on May 12th 2008 at 7.30 pm at Skirwith Village Hall**

Present: Councillors L. Wilson (Chairman), J. Findlay, E. Froggatt, J. Hay, J. Hindson, K. Philipson, H. Roper

In Attendance: County Councillor Henderson, District Councillor Orchard and 9 members of the public.

41/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Smith (work). **Resolved** that the apologies be noted and the reasons approved.

42/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

43/08 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT

- **Notice boards.** The Kirkland notice board needs reinstalling.
- **New political arrangements have been adopted by Eden District Council.** From June 1st a Leader/Cabinet model will be adopted.
- **Network Rail** had apologised for the rubbish left by their contractors and had taken action to remind staff and contractors that this behaviour was unacceptable.
- **Sewerage on the Greens, Moorside Rd** A potential problem has been notified to Eden District Council who will investigate and report back.
- **Public Rights of Way** Capita Symonds have written to say that Culgaith Parish will be covered under the Annual Public Rights of Way Improvements Programme in 2008/09. They have suggested that the Parish Council may wish to claim the path by Wellgates, Culgaith as a registered Right of Way. **Resolved** that the Clerk should follow this up with Cumbria County Council.
- **Cumbria Highways** have sent information on the new Highway Steward Scheme
- **Resignation of Alistair Urquhart.** The Returning Officer has been notified of Alistair Urquhart's resignation as Parish Councillor for the Culgaith Ward.
- **Training.** CALC has published a new Training Programme. **Resolved** that Councillor Wilson should attend the "New or Aspiring Chairman Course".

44/08 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

45/08 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A number of concerns were raised by members of the public.

- The Guardians of the Culgaith Tarn reported a number of cases of vandalism on seats installed on the Tarn and threats to fly-post the area to encourage travellers to come to the Tarn during Appleby Horse Fair Week. They asked the Parish Council to condemn these actions.
- The opening up of the drive by Jink Bank House and the removal of fencing by the side of the road was causing concern on this potentially dangerous corner. The Parish Council was asked to contact Cumbria Highways for advice.
- Culgaith Village Hall Committee, along with other volunteers, was trying to keep the Recycling Centre clean but it is not always possible. A reminder in the Memo was suggested to remind people not to leave un-recyclable materials.
- Local residents were concerned about the state of Culgaith Village Hall. The Chairman of the Hall Committee responded by saying that the final report has been received from the architect and it is hoped to hold a public meeting soon to discuss future plans.

46/08 PLANNING

Notices of Decision have been received from EDC as follows:

Approved:

- 08/0008 Sycamore House, Blencarn. Construction of garage & storage shed to the side, & extension to the existing conservatory to the rear of a dwelling house & provision of oil tank within the proposed shed.
- 08/0072 Phase 3 Lake Meadows Culgaith Construction of 15 dwellings (Phase III) revised scheme involving a change of house style
- 08/0119 Glenamara, Culgaith. Replacement of utility room with a single storey kitchen/diner extension
- 08/0133 Abbey Farm, Skirwith. Erection of agricultural building to house live-stock. (Eden District Council have confirmed that the plans were in accurate and trees shown had already been removed under an earlier application).

Since the last meeting the Parish Council has considered and made no objections to the following which have been approved by Eden District Council :

- 08/0145 10 Otters Holt, Culgaith. Rosewood UPVC Conservatory onto rear elevation
- 08/0175 11 Otters Holt. Culgaith Construction of a conservatory
- 08/0189 Lake View, Blencarn. Erection of external chimney breast to side
- 08/0203 Teal House, Culgaith Change of use of land to rear of Teal House from paddock to garden
- 08/0208 2 Woodlands Way, Culgaith Conservatory to rear elevation, revised application to No 3 08/0072

Planning applications considered by the Parish Council:

Resolved to ratify the decision to make no objection to the following:

- 08/0113 HazelDene Garden Centre. Redevelopment of the garden centre together with a change of use of an existing building to create two holiday lets

Resolved to make no objections to the following planning application:

- 08/0358 Wileman Croft, Skirwith. Construction of single storey side extension to provide a garage

Resolved to make a site visit before reaching a decision on the following:

08/0377 15 Chestnut Close, Culgaith. Proposed new detached garage to the rear garden and to convert existing garage into ground floor dining room with first floor bedroom.

Expansion of the Waster water Treatment at Culgaith

United Utilities are planning a public meeting in early June to brief the community.

47/08 FINANCE

- **Resolved** that the accounts for 2007/08 be certified as correct and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- **Resolved** to approve Section 2 the Annual Governance Statement for the Annual Audit Return for the year ended 31 March 2008
- **Resolved** to approve the risk assessment and management (financial) for the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009.
- **Resolved** to appoint John Fleming as the Internal Auditor for 2008/09.

48/08 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved to make the following payments

£422.50	Clerk's Salary April/May
£46.16	Clerk's expenses
£ 6	Hire of Skirwith Village Hall
£ 78.04	Viking Direct
£25	John Fleming Internal Auditor for the 2007/08 accounts
£398.17	Allianz Insurance Plc
£148.50	CALC Annual Subscription
£15.50	Cumbria Playing Fields Association annual subscription
£15	CALC Training for new Chairman

49/08 FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report as of 25 April was considered. Income has been received from the Precept £7,500 and VAT £417. Current Balances at the Bank are £8324 and at National Savings £5749. **Resolved** to transfer £5000 from the Bank to the National Savings Account.

50/08 COUNTY COUNCIL and DISTRICT REPORTS

- County Councillor Henderson reported on the new Highway Stewards scheme which it was hoped would help to sort out the smaller repair jobs more quickly. She expressed concern about the potential increase in traffic along the Pea with the new housing development, particularly when the Langwathby Bridge is closed for resurfacing from 28 July for 2 weeks.
- District Councillor Orchard reported that the new Eden District Council leader and Cabinet system should lead to improved decision making. During the past year she had raised concerns about the planning process and affordable housing. Recently she had conducted Eden District Council's Chief Executive on a tour of the Hartside ward to highlight rural issues.

51/08 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Clerk reported on discussions with Eden District Council and the Clerks at Cliburn and Shap who have done or about to do housing surveys. The survey form is currently being finalised and it may be possible to arrange printing at Cumbrian Police HQ for a nominal fee. Each form will be distributed with a covering letter from the Chairman. The Parish Council would be responsible for distributing and collecting the forms.

Resolved that the Clerk should continue discussions with Eden District Council and that the survey form should be brought to the July meeting for approval. The questionnaire is likely to be distributed in early September after the school holidays.

52/08 VILLAGE GREENS

The Guardians of Culgaith Tarn.

A report and draft plans has been submitted to the Parish Council. **Resolved** to formally record that the Parish Council has passed over management of the Tarn to the Guardians of Culgaith Tarn. **Resolved** to give the group a grant of £500 to help them hire or buy their own grass cutting equipment. **Resolved** to condemn the recent spate of vandalism.

The Flodder.

A damaged car left on the Flodder had been removed by the owner after Eden District Council initiated proceedings to remove it. **Resolved** that Councillor Findlay should investigate the possibility of reseeding parts of the Flodder.

Registering Village Greens

The information needed to register ownership of the village greens with the Land Registry has been identified. Copies from the Register of Village Greens and copies of the Commissioners decision have been obtained for the Tarn, the Flodder, Skir-

with Village Green and Kirkland Village Green. The next step is to find the evidence needed to support a statutory declaration. **Resolved** that the Clerk should bring the information to the next meeting.

Skirwith Village Green

The Parish Council discussed a request from a resident to relocate the garden waste skip from Skirwith village green. **Resolved** that this valuable local amenity should remain in its present location.

53/08 | CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk briefed the meeting on the other routine correspondence.

54/08 | DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2008/09

Resolved the following dates and venues for the Council meetings

July 7th 2008 – Blencarn

September 1st 2008 – Skirwith

November 3rd 2008 – Culgaith

Jan 5th 2009 – Blencarn

March 2nd 2009 – Skirwith

May 11th 2009 (Annual Parish Council Meeting and Parish Meeting) – Culgaith

55/08 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday July 7th at the Kirkland and Blencarn Reading Rooms.