

**CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**Held on February 1st 2010 at at Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room**

**Present:** Councillors L. Wilson (Chairman), J. Findlay, J. Hay, J. Hindson, K. Philipson, J. Slann, P. Toppin

**In Attendance:** 2 Members of the Public

**0 Co-option of new councillor.**

**Resolved** to co-opt Mrs Pauline Toppin as a Councillor for the Culgaith Ward.

**0 APOLOGIES**

E. Froggatt (work) **Resolved** that the apologies be noted and the reasons approved.

**0 MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009 be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Declarations of Interest were declared

- Councillor Wilson 08/10 in Planning as trustee of Skirwith Village Hall
- Councillor Hay 09/10 in Grant Applications as Chair of the Fellrunner

**0 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT on matters since the previous meeting**

- The Parish Council meeting planned for January 11<sup>th</sup> had been postponed until February 1<sup>st</sup> due to the severe winter weather conditions in January.
- Alan Kitchen had repaired the Culgaith Notice Board.
- The Highway Steward was arranging for two signposts in Culgaith to be repainted and the finger posts replaced.
- The Countryside Ranger had confirmed that the road leading down to Moorside and Staingills is an adopted highway or Unclassified County Road (UCR), along which there will be public rights, hence the footpath sign at the end of the road.
- Following the West Cumbrian floods in November CALC had confirmed that Parish Councils had the power to make a donation to the Cumbria Community Foundation's Flood Relief Fund under section 137.
- The problem of flooding on Elbow Bend between Skirwith and Ousby had been reported to Cumbria Highways.
- County Councillor Mrs Robinson had still to confirm if the Culgaith Parish is now a Local Service Centre under the draft EDC Development Plan.
- The RoSPA Play Inspections will be in August, both the Culgaith and Skirwith Recreation Grounds had been notified.

**0 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Parish Councillors had attended the following meetings:

- CALC AGM
- EALC joint meeting with Eden District Council

The Chairman and Clerk had attended Code of Conduct Training organised by EDC.

**0 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following issues were raised:

- There had been an increase of fly typing at the Culgaith Recycling Centre. The area itself was very dirty and the sign asking that polystyrene is not left was missing. The Chairman of Culgaith Victoria Institute offered to write to all households asking for volunteers to keep it clean. The Parish Council offered its support to this initiative.

- One of the stones on the Culgaith War Memorial is insecure. The Clerk will look into the matter and report back to the Parish Council.
- There had been an increase in dog fouling which was both antisocial and illegal. The Clerk will mention the problem in the meeting report for the Memo.

## 0 PLANNING

### Eden District Council had approved the following applications:

- 09/0666 13 Otters Holt, Culgaith. Erection of conservatory
- 09/0855 Pea Top Farm, Culgaith. Revised scheme for self contained flat
- 09/0726 Oaklands, Skirwith. Retrospective planning application for retention of ancillary domestic garage serving Oaklands. This was approved after consideration by the Planning Committee

### Awaiting decisions

- 09/0881 Lake Meadows, Culgaith Erection of 9 new dwellings

**Resolved** to ratified the decision made by the Clerk under delegated powers to made no objections to the following planning application:

- 09/1015 Site Adjacent to Gyll Brow, Culgaith. Erection of 1 two storey dwelling

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

- 09/0964 Rosebank Farm Culgaith Conversion and replacement of redundant farm buildings to create 6 dwellings
- 09/1030 Post Box Cottage, Kirkland. Erection of conservatory
- 10/0034 Over Eden, Culgaith. Proposed erection of side extension

### Update on Skirwith Village Hall

Skirwith Village Hall Committee had reported that the architect was submitting a revised planning application with the Parish Council as applicant.

### Planning Policy

The following letters from Eden District Council affected planning policy were noted.

- New Procedure for handling non Material Minor Amendments to Applications.
- EDC Core Strategy Development Plan Document. As a result of hearings held in September and December 2009 some changes had been made to the draft Core Strategy. The amended polices were out for consultation until 26 February.

## 0 FINANCE

### Precept

The precept requirement of £8000 for 2010/11 had been submitted to Eden District Council at the end of November. Based on the estimated Council Tax Base the cost to a Band D Household in the Culgaith Parish will be £22.49. This was a reduction from £23.01 in 2009/10.

### 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 confirm acceptance of the offer of £1714 from the Cumbria County Council Member's Divisional Capital Grant for the village halls projects.

**Resolved** to consider grant applications from the Fellrunner and Skirwith Village Hall at the March meeting.

**Resolved** not to provide grants to Eden Citizens Advice Bureau, British Red Cross Emergency Appeal for the Haiti Earthquake Disaster Fund, and Mencap.

#### 0 **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**Resolved** to make the following payments

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| £471.07 | Clerk's Salary December/January                              |
| £5.95   | Clerk's expenses   |
| £6      | Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room (Room Hire)            |
| £149.50 | Alan Kitchen (repair of Kirkland and Culgaith Notice Boards) |

#### 0 **FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Resolved** to accept the accounts of 25<sup>th</sup> January as a true record of the Council's finances. The balances at National Savings were £7,710.70 and at the Bank £945.34. There were no outstanding invoices. The Clerk reported that £20.34 had been received from United Utilities for the Wayleave payment.

#### 0 **COUNTY, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE REPORTS**

- County Councillor Robinson had sent her apologies. She had lobbied the County Council during the severe weather to try and improve gritting for the East Fellside and would be interested in the Parish Council's views.
- PC Taylor had sent her apologies. The main issues to report were a crack down on speeding and the theft of 25 gallon drums of oil from the Culgaith area.

#### 0 **WINTER GRITTING PROGRAMME**

The 4 weeks of severe winter weather caused problems across the East Fellside. Most of the roads in the parish are designated as Priority 3 and were not gritted. The Clerk had reported lack of gritting and lack of grit in bins to the Cumbria Highways Hotline and had been in regular contact with Mary Robinson (County Councillor). Mrs. Robinson lobbied the County Council and Cumbria Highways throughout the holiday period. In the New Year the County Council took some action to fill grit bins and the roads were treated using sea washed stone chippings. In early January the County Council offered to make a quantity of salt / grit mix available for Parish Councils. Each Parish wishing to partake had to provide storage facilities and organize volunteers to spread it at the most appropriate locations within the Parish.

**Resolved** that the Clerk should write a letter of protest about the lack of gritting, which was putting children's lives at risk, on the school bus and taxi routes to the Leader of Cumbria CC, the local MP and the Chief Constable.

#### 0 **GRASSCUTTING**

**Resolved** to agree to the request from The Guardians of Culgaith Tarn that the Parish Council resumes responsibility for cutting the area at the front of Tarn. The area being defined as being between the stones and the road, but excluding any strimming around the stones themselves.

**Resolved** that the Clerk should seek tenders for grass cutting in 2010 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. (In the absence of any other information this would be based on the same areas as 2009).
- Blencarn. 10 cuts of the village green.
- Kirkland. 6 cuts of the village green opposite Post Box Cottage and Ranbeck.

## 0 FOOTPATHS

### **Footpath by Culgaith Church and down by Wellgates into field**

The Clerk reported that had been no progress on adding the footpath by Culgaith church and around Wellgates cottage to the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way. The County Council had reported in January that no applications had been processed since September 2009 as they were concentrating on compiling a priorities list for dealing with such applications. The Culgaith footpath is 33<sup>rd</sup> on the list and with only 2 or 3 applications being considered each year it could be a few years any progress is made.

### **Parish Paths Initiative 2010/11**

**Resolved** to apply for a grant under the Parish Paths Initiative to improve the footpath signage from Kirkland to Broats Farm.

## 0 COMMUNITY LED PLAN (PARISH PLAN)

**Resolved** that the Clerk should seek advice from ACT (Action with Communities in Cumbria) with regard to updating the Culgaith Parish Plan 2004-2009.

## 0 CORRESPONDENCE

- The Clerk reported that Culgaith Recreation Ground had written to apologise to the Parish Council for not inviting it to the opening of the ball walls in Culgaith.
- **Resolved** to invite Jayne Potts of the Cumbria Rural Housing Trust to the meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss affordable housing and a housing needs survey.
- **Resolved** to support the campaign by the Skipton - East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership to reopen the rail link between Colne and Skipton
- The Clerk briefed the Council on other routine matters

## 0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the next council meeting will be held on Monday March 1<sup>st</sup> at Skirwith Village Hall.