

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on January 10th 2011 at Culgaith Victoria Institute

Present: Councillors L. Wilson (Chairman), J. Hay (Vice Chairman), J. Findlay, M. Helm, J. Hindson, K. Philipson, C. Richardson, J. Slann

In Attendance: 1 member of the Public.

Apologies from PC Taylor and Mrs Robinson (County Councillor).

1/11 APOLOGIES

Councillors Roper (work) and Toppin (holiday). **Resolved** that the apologies be noted and the reasons approved.

2/11 MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on November 1st be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hay as a Director of the Fellrunner in Item 8/11 Grant Applications and Councillor Wilson as a Trustee of Skirwith Village Hall in Item 7/11 Planning.

4/11 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT on matters since the previous meeting

- Mr George Walker's offer to tidy up the Culgaith War Memorial had been accepted. He had offered to do this on an annual basis.
- Cumbria Highways had supplied grit heaps on the Skirwith to Culgaith road where it crosses the Aigill.
- 7 tonnes of salt had been offered to parishes by Cumbria Highways on 30 November in light of the exceptional spell of freezing conditions in late November/early December
- Following the two weeks of snow and ice at the beginning of December a request had been made to Cumbria Highways Hotline to have the grit bins refilled.
- The Culgaith Notice Board had been repaired.
- There had been no further news on the Blencarn speed limit.
- Mr John Brookfield's offer of benches for the Culgaith War Memorial area had been accepted. He had confirmed that there would be no cost to the Parish Council.

5/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

6/11 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A number of members of the public had raised concerns about children playing on the War Memorial.

7/11 PLANNING

Eden District Council had approved the following applications:

- 10/0808 West View, Blencarn. Garden store for dwelling.
- 10/0877 Lerual, Culgaith. Two storey extension to dwelling.
- 10/0928 1-2 Church Street Fell Cyprus at rear of property which has outgrown its situation in Skirwith Conservation Area.

Resolved to ratify the decision taken by the Clerk under delegated powers to make no objection to the following:

- 3/10/9033 Skirwith Wastewater Treatment Works. GRP Kiosk on existing Wastewater Treatment Works

Resolved to make no objections to the following:

- 10/1030 1 Newtown Skirwith. Retrospective application for residential caravan for use by agricultural worker.
- 10/1085 Skirwith Village Hall. Installation of 3 boreholes to serve a new ground source heat pump
- 10/1046 Long Meadows, Blencarn. Extension to dwelling.

Noted that Eden District Council had started a public consultation on the Management of Conservation Areas Consultation Draft Supplementary Planning Document.

8/11 FINANCE

Precept

The precept requirement of £8,000 for 2011/12 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 would be £22.71.

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.

Cumbria County Council Members Divisional Capital Grant

A decision is still awaited from the Eden Local Area Committee.

Grant Applications

Applications had been received from The Fellrunner and the Great North Ambulance. **Resolved** to consider them with other applications at the March meeting.

9/11 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved to make the following payments

£475.91	Clerk's Salary December/January
£4.53	Clerk's expenses
£10	Culgaith Victoria Institute (Room Hire)
£45.83	Alan Kitchen (repair of Notice Board)

Resolved to ratify the following payment

£85 Eden District Council (Skirwith Village Hall Planning Application for installation of 3 boreholes to serve new ground source heat pump). **Resolved** to support the Village Hall Committee by not seeking reimbursement of the planning fee.

10/11 FINANCIAL REPORT

Resolved to accept the accounts of 31st December as a true record of the Council's finances. As of 31st December the balances at National Savings were £7,881.76 and at the Bank £747.27. The Clerk reported that £20.66 had been received from Electricity North West Services for the Wayleave payment.

11/11 COUNTY, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE REPORTS

- County Councillor Robinson had sent her apologies. She was working with the County Council on a number of highways issues across the East Fellside and reported that the capital grant application was going through the system
- PC Taylor had sent her apologies. She had reported that due to changes at Cumbria Constabulary there would no longer be a dedicated officer for this area but that officers would be available to assist when needed.

12/11 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Both the Parish Council and SmithsGore had sought informal advice from Eden District Council about developing the land around Loaning Head. The Clerk reported that the District Council still had concerns about developing the site on the corner next to Loaning Head and the site down the hill alongside Station Road because it would

constitute an extension of a development beyond the village limits into open countryside. It had agreed that there might be some merit in looking at a limited development next to Whinfell Terrace, but the question would be how far back into the site the development should extend.

The District Council had also reported it was currently looking at a series of plots in Culgaith for the forthcoming Housing Development Plan Document (DPD), including the currently identified sites.

Resolved to await the outcome of the Housing DPD before considering these sites further.

13/11 LOCALISM BILL

Noted that the Government had published the Localism Bill on December 13th. A briefing from NALC had been copied to all parish councillors.

**14/11 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILS PRIORITIES AND BUDGET OPTIONS
Cumbria County Council**

A copy of the public consultation on Cumbria County Council priorities and budgets had been circulated. The main issues of concern were:

- The removal of recycling credits payments to community projects,
- The proposed changes to day services for older and disabled people,
- The reduction in grants to rural bus services,
- The Implementation of charging for on street parking,
- The abolition of a number of grants affecting Childrens' Services.

Eden District Council

A copy of the proposed 2011/12 budget had been circulated. The main issue of concern was whether the discretionary nil council tax rate for village halls would be abolished.

15/11 RURAL BROADBAND

Geoff Anderson (the Parish's website manger) had reported on the Broadband Champions Meeting organised by Rory Stewart on November 6th.

Resolved to support the campaign by signing up to the www.broadbandcumbria.com website.

16/11 GRASSCUTTING 2011

Resolved that the Clerk should seek tenders for grass cutting in 2011 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.

17/11 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk briefed the Council on the routine correspondence

18/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be on Monday March 7th 2011 at the Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room