

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on July 1st 2013 at 7.30 pm at Skirwith Village Hall

Present: Councillors J. Hay, M. Helm, P. Jago, J. Ravetz, C. Richardson, P. Toppin, J. Slann, L. Wilson,

In Attendance: 2 Members of the Public

88/13 APOLOGIES

Councillor Philipson (Work). **Resolved** that the apologies be noted and the reasons approved.

89/13 MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the AGM and the Minutes of the normal business meeting of May 13th be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

90/13 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

91/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Helm in item 97/13 Planning Application 13/0349 Cross Keys, Blencarn

92/13 REVIEW OF LAND AND ASSETS

Resolved to approve the Review of the Land and Assets Register.

93/13 RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT (FINANCIAL) 2013/14.

Resolved to approve the Risk Assessment and Management (Financial) for the period April 1st 2013 to March 31st 2014.

94/13 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT on matters since the previous meeting

- Eden District Council have reported that the light outside the Chapel on Kirkland Road has been disconnected because the bracket light was in poor condition, the shade was cable tied on, the control box door was cable tied shut, there was no Earth, the back board was rotten and there was no cut out. The engineer has made the fitting safe and removed the lamp head. Eden District Council have requested Electricity North West Ltd to disconnect the light because of its condition. The light has been placed on the Outstanding Works Programme for future consideration after the footway lighting consultation and subsequent reports have been completed.
- The Annual Report was distributed with the June issue of the Memo.
- Skirwith Children's Committee have applied for a grant for new play equipment.
- The track in Blencarn has now been repaired.
- A member of the public has raised concerns about the spraying, with herbicides, of the verges on the road down towards the railway station.
- A new printer has been purchased for the Parish Council and the asset register has been updated.
- A notice advertising for a new councillor for Culgaith has been displayed on the notice board. As there have been no responses the vacancy will be co-opted.

95/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Connecting Cumbria event - there were presentations from Openreach BT regarding superfast broadband. Culgaith Parish is one of the 9 rural applications.
- Cumbria Rural Housing event – talked about an ageing population, employment in tourism or agriculture neither of which are well paid jobs and social

housing is the only way to afford a home. A Councillor from Appleby stated there are a large number of houses that are empty, it was also suggested that larger properties could be sub-divided.

96/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
None

97/13 PLANNING

EDC had approved the following applications

- 13/0190 Helmwinds, Culgaith. Single storey extension.
- 12/0421 Site adjacent to Highfield Blencarn. Change of use of land to equine grazing and erection of 3 wooden stables and surrounding fencing. (The Council raised concerns with regard to off road parking and removal of caravan from the site. Additional information has been received and a response made – the caravan has gone but parking is still an issue)
- 13/0132 Highfield Farm, Blencarn. Use of land for siting of a mobile home for an agricultural worker.

Awaiting a decision

- 13/0358 Abbey Farm House. Erection of walled silage clamp.

Resolved to make no objections to the following

- 13/0349 Cross Keys, Blencarn. Outline application for the development of 6 dwellings (including 3 affordable dwellings) with approval sought for access and scale.
- 13/0347 Abbey Farm, Skirwith. Change of use of land for the siting of an agricultural workers caravan.
- 13/0268 Land Adjacent to Harold's Way, Culgaith. Erection of 2 no. dwellings. Reserved Matters application for the erection of 2 no. dwellings.
- 13/0447 Guiders Cottage, Kirkland Road, Skirwith. Fell roadside cypress tree; Skirwith Conservation Area.

Resolved to support this application

- 13/0357 Land Adjacent to Abbey Lodge Barn. Erection of self build dwelling.

98/13 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved to make the following payments

£240.54	Clerk's Salary 14 th May to 30 th June 2013
£143.74	Clerk's expenses (includes £45.84 for copies of Annual Report and £79.00 for a new printer)
£10.00	Skirwith Village Hall (Room Hire July 1st)
£80.24	Geoff Anderson for website hosting and domain name
£540.00	T A Hodgson Ltd for the repair of the track on Blencarn village green

Also expected is the grass cutting invoice from Mark Hill Ground maintenance. The Clerk is to contact Mark Hill regarding the frequency of the grass cutting.

99/13 FINANCIAL REPORT

Resolved to accept the accounts of 25th June as a true record of the Council's finances. As of 25th June the balances at National Savings were £10,968.71 and at the Bank £3163.57. **Resolved** that £1,000 be transferred from the National Savings account to the Bank account.

100/13 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

None

101/13 WOODEN BRIDGE AT SKIRWITH

Advice has been sought from Cumbria County Council Flood Defence Team who advised that consent from them may be required, this will depend on what work is required and any work can only be carried out from the beginning of June to the end of September. Tony Burns, the Countryside Ranger has provided details of a contractor, Tony Jackson from Gamblesby who has been contacted, a reply is still awaited.

Resolved that the Clerk should contact Tony Jackson regarding a quotation for the work, Cumbria County Council Flood Defence Team and Eden Rivers Trust about the flow of Skirwith Beck.

102/13 DOG FOULING SIGNAGE AT SKIRWITH

UK Safety Store have a 200 x 300mm composite sign for £9.95 + p&p £2.95, signage states 'No fouling' & words of our choice can be added. Parrs sell a stoved aluminium sign 150 x 200mm cost £11.69 + p&p £5.95. **Resolved** to purchase 2 of the signs from UK Safety Store.

103/13 SKIRWITH GARDEN WASTE SKIP

There is to be no administration cost to the Parish Council. Eden District Council have said that a skip should be in place shortly. **Resolved** that the Chairman and the Clerk should follow up.

104/13 HGV'S AND THE PEA

As part of this year's review of traffic regulation orders, Cumbria Highways proposes to introduce a 7.5ton weight restriction on The Pea, Culgaith. The implementation of these measures is intended to address the problem of large vehicles proceeding along the road and encountering problems as a result of its steep gradient.

105/13 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk briefed the Council on routine correspondence.

106/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday September 2nd at Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room.