

**CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Held on May 11^h 2009 at Culgaith Victoria Institute**

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

In Attendance: PC Taylor and 1 member of the public.

40/09 APOLOGIES

Councillor M. Smith (work)

41/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillor Wilson declared an interest in Skirwith Village Hall under Item 45/09 Planning.
- It was noted that Councillor Slann is no longer involved with the Guardians of Culgaith Tarn.

42/09 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT on matters since the previous meeting

- Public Right of Way by Culgaith Church, around Wellgates Cottage and into the field. Cumbria CC had confirmed verbally on 24th April that the application is due to be considered at a committee meeting on July 28th.
- The work to repair the wall at the top of Skirwith Village Green had been completed in early April.
- The Grass Cutting Contract had been awarded to Mark Hill Grounds Maintenance after they had given a written assurance that they had visited all the sites, including Skirwith, before submitting a tender.
- The Fellrunner, The Guardians of Culgaith Tarn, Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room, Skirwith Village Hall, Culgaith Victoria Institute, The Memo and Culgaith PCC had all written to thank the Parish Council for its recent donations and support.
- Cumbria Highways had been notified that the grit bins need filling.
- The problem of the blocked drain on the Tarn had been reported to Capita.
- The Cumbria CC meeting to review the Winter Gritting programme for 2009/10 is scheduled for September and the Clerk will write again before the meeting about the need to grit the Skirwith – Culgaith road.
- The Countryside Ranger had inspected the footpath through Hag Wood in Culgaith and repairs to the walk way had been scheduled for 2009/10.
- The litter bin by Culgaith Victoria Institute had been replaced with a bigger one.
- Cumbria Rural Housing Trust had published draft plans for conducting housing surveys. Culgaith Parish is scheduled for 2010.

43/09 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Councillors have attended the following meetings:

- Rights of Way Workshop
- EALC Meeting

44/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no comments from the public.

45/09 PLANNING

Eden District Council had approved the following application

- 08/0951 Blackhill Lodge Variation of Condition 2 on planning application 98/0627 - retention of mobile home for a minimum of a further two years.

Cumbria CC had approved the following applications

- 3/09/9001 Culgaith Waste Water Treatment Works. Land North East of Stampers Yard, Culgaith. New Waste Water Treatment Works
- 3/09/9002 Stampers Yard Culgaith. Temporary Compound site for use during construction of the new Waste Water Treatment Works

Planning decision made since the last meeting

Under delegated powers the Clerk, on behalf of the Parish Council, had made no objections to the following application. **Resolved** to ratify this decision.

- 09/0257 Land opposite St John's Church, Skirwith. Provide new 9 metre wooden pole. BT Openreach.

Planning applications considered at the meeting

Resolved to make no objections to the following applications.

- 09/0271 Plots 41A, 41B, Lake Meadows Culgaith. Development of two plots at the Lake Meadows development.
- 09/0277 Riggindale, Station Rd, Culgaith Change of use of agricultural land to provide extended amenity space to existing dwelling.

Skirwith Village Hall

Resolved to support Skirwith Village Hall by submitting a planning application on their behalf to bring the hall up to modern standards and improve the internal usage and environment by refacing the external walls with an insulated cladding system, installing photo-voltaic panels on the south facing roof and constructing an for storage. EDC had confirmed that if the Parish Council applies the fees would be reduced by 50%, the cost to the Parish Council would be £85.

46/09 FINANCE

- **Resolved** that the accounts for 2008/09 be certified as correct and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
- **Resolved** to approve Section 2 of the Annual Governance Statement for the Annual Audit for the year ended 31 March 2009.
- **Resolved** to approve the risk assessment and management (financial) for the period 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010.
- **Resolved** to appoint John Fleming as the Internal Auditor for 2009/10.

47/09 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved to make the following payments.

£474.31	Clerk's Salary April/May (includes £7.88 back pay from final salary award 2008/09)
£14.40	Clerk's expenses
£20	Hire of Culgaith Victoria Institute (This meeting and Annual Parish Meeting)
£64.31	Viking Direct (Stationery)
£155.50	CALC (Annual Subscription)
£418.27	Allianz (insurance)
£25	John Fleming (Internal auditor)
£15.50	Cumbria Playing Fields Association (subscription)
£100	George Allonby (repair of Skirwith Village Green wall)

Resolved to purchase a new edition of Arnold Baker's "Local Council Administration" due to be published in June, at a cost of £67.

Resolved to ask Alan Kitchen to repair the Kirkland Notice Board.

48/09 FINANCIAL REPORT

Resolved to accept the accounts of 25 April as a true record of the Council's finances. The balances at National Savings were £4,510.70 and at the Bank £8,763.11. The Precept of £8,000 had been received on 22 April. **Resolved** to transfer £7,000 from the Bank to the National Savings account.

A VAT refund for £179.02 had been submitted to HM Customs and Excise.

49/09 COUNTY, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE REPORTS

- County Councillor Mrs Henderson had sent her apologies. She will not be standing for re-election in the June elections and had written to thank the Parish Council for its support. In response the Clerk had written to her to thank her for her support and participation over the years.
- The District Councillor, Mrs Sheila Orchard, had sent her apologies.
- PC Alison Taylor gave an update on actions being taken to monitor speeding in Culgaith. There had been no crimes reported recently within the Parish although along the Fellside there was concern about poaching and theft of vehicles for scrap. Any incidents should be reported to the Control Room on 0845 3300247.

50/09 CULGAITH COMMUNITY PROJECT

At the Annual Parish Meeting on April 27th Derick Cotton had been invited to talk about the Bolton Exchange, which brings the local community together on a weekly basis for coffee with a book stall and stalls selling local produce. The project had generated a great deal of interest and a group of people were planning an inaugural coffee morning on June 20th to see if a similar scheme could be started in Culgaith.

Resolved that the Parish Council should provide support by funding the cost of flyers promoting the event.

51/09 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk briefed the Council on other routine correspondence.

52/09 DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2009/10

Resolved to accept the following the dates and venues for the Council meetings and the Annual Parish Meeting

July 6th 2009 – Blencarn

September 7th 2009 – Skirwith

November 2nd 2009– Culgaith

January 4th 2010 – Blencarn

March 1st 2010 – Skirwith

April 26th 2010 Annual Parish Meeting – Skirwith

May 10th 2010 (Annual Parish Council Meeting) – Culgaith

53/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next council meeting will be held on Monday 6th July at Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room.