

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on May 10th 2010 at 7.30 pm at Culgaith Victoria Institute

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

In Attendance: 1 member of the public.

49/10 APOLOGIES

Councillors J. Findlay (holiday), E. Froggatt (work) and H. Roper (work). **Resolved** that the apologies be noted and the reasons approved.

50/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Wilson in Item 54/10 Planning Application 10/0311 Skirwith Hall, Skirwith. Proposed agricultural building.

51/10 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT on matters since the previous meeting

- Carl Glynn of ACT had accepted an invitation to come to the July meeting to talk about updating the Community Action Plan.
- The topics chosen by Parish Council had been submitted to the 2010/11 Scrutiny Work Plan
- The Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room, Skirwith Village Hall, The VIC, The Fellrunner, The Memo, and Culgaith PCC had all written to thank the Parish Council for the grants of money and its continued support of their activities.
- The Guardians of Culgaith Tarn had emailed the Parish Council to thank it for taking back responsibility for cutting the grass at the front of the Tarn.
- A printer/scanner/photocopier had been purchased for the Parish Council.
- The Clerk now had access via Internet Banking to the bank account to monitor transactions.
- PC Taylor had reported that a member of the public had complained about dog fouling in Culgaith. Notices had been put up on the lamp posts and Notice Board. The Community Warden had been alerted and would continue to monitor the situation.
- Skirwith Village Hall had written to thank the Parish Council for its support for Phase 1 of the renovation project.
- The Highway Steward had the paint to repaint two signposts in Culgaith and it was hoped this would be done on his next visit.
- Cumbria Highways had sorted out the problem of water running down the road in Blencarn where it forks to Skirwith and Howrigg.
- Cumbria Highways were looking into the problem of Kirkland Beck encroaching on the road at Kirkland.
- Cumbria Highways had confirmed that the dip in the road by Millrigg will be resurfaced in the coming year.
- Network Rail had inspected the road by the level crossing and had advised that the responsibility lies with the Cumbria CC. The County Council had confirmed that this part of the road will be repaired when the road is resurfaced later this year, but it will require Network Rail's permission as it affects the level crossing.

52/10 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillors had attended the following meetings:

- Eden Association of Local Councils
- Eden Liaison Police Forum
- Meeting with Chief Executive of Eden District Council organised by Ousby Parish Council

53/10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The Chairman of Culgaith Victoria Institute Committee reported that there was now a rota of people who were willing to keep the Recycling Centre clean but fly tipping was still a problem.
- It was also reported that there would be no flowers around the Culgaith War Memorial or Victoria Institute this year due to vandalism.
- Concern was raised about large stones which had appeared outside 1 and 2 The Greens Culgaith, making it difficult for vehicles and pedestrians to pass when there was oncoming traffic.

The Clerk was asked to report the problems associated with fly tipping and vandalism in the report of the meeting for the Memo. The Clerk was also asked to write to the occupiers of 1 and 2 The Greens about the boulders.

54/10 PLANNING

Eden District Council had approved the following applications:

- 10/0034 Over Eden, Culgaith. Proposed erection of side extension
- 09/0881 Lake Meadows, Culgaith Erection of 9 new dwellings
- 10/0081 Skirwith Village Hall. Refacing external walls with insulated render system, re-roofing and installation of photo Voltaic Panels
- 10/0121 Adjacent to Harolds Way, Culgaith. Outline Application for residential development

The following Planning Application had been withdrawn

- 09/1030 Post Box Cottage, Kirkland. Erection of conservatory

For Information – not material changes to approved plans

- 10/0233 Pea Top Farm, Culgaith Non material amendment of application 09/0855 comprising of change of window from softwood to PVC

Resolved to ratify the decisions taken by the Clerk under delegated powers to make no objections to the following:

- 10/0213 Field North of Twistappel House, Skirwith Erection of stable building
- 10/0226 10 Otters Holt, Culgaith. Conversion of garage to additional room and new garage.
- 10/0237 Inglenook Barn, Culgaith Proposed alterations and extension to dwelling

Resolved to make no objections to the following:

- 09/0964 Rosebank Farm Culgaith. Change of use and alterations to existing barns to form 3 dwellings, erection of single holiday let dwelling in place of existing barn and alteration to access (amended proposal originally seeking the erection of 6 dwellings)
- 10/0282 Holmeland Church Lane, Culgaith. Erection of conservatory on front elevation
- 10/0284 The Granary Skirwith. Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for use as a single dwelling not in association with Gate Farm
- 10/0311 Skirwith Hall, Skirwith. Proposed agricultural building
- 10/0322 Post Box Cottage, Kirkland. Erection of conservatory to side of dwelling
- 10/0342 Long Meadows, Blencarn. Proposed single storey side extension

Eden District Council's Core Strategy Development Plan Document

Noted that Eden District Council's Core Strategy Development Plan Document had been formally adopted on March 31st. Noted that as part of the Housing Development Plan a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment had been undertaken looking at a 5 year supply of deliverable land. Noted the designated areas in Culgaith/Blencarn.

55/10 FINANCE

- **Resolved** that the accounts for 2009/10 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 for the year ending 31st March 2010.
- **Resolved** to appoint John Fleming as the Internal Auditor for 2010/11.

56/10 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved to make the following payments

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| £475.91 | Clerk's Salary April/May |
| £47.05 | Clerk's expenses |
| £10 | Culgaith Victoria Institute (Room Hire) |
| £157 | CALC (Annual Subscription) |
| £447.14 | Aon Ltd (Insurance) |
| £15.50 | Cumbria Playing Fields Association |
| £97.43 | Viking Direct (cartridge ink and paper) |
| £25 | John Fleming (Internal Audit) |

Resolved to ratify the following payment made in March 2010
£77.47 to SP Smith (new printer and ink cartridges)

Resolved to ratify the payments made on 30 March. The Cumbria County Council Members Divisional Capital Grant having been received on 29 March. The Parish Council having resolved under Item 27/10 of the March 1st meeting that the following grants should be paid as soon as the money was received.

£255 - Culgaith Victoria Institute (£255 to purchase new chairs)

£170 - The VIC Cafe (new crockery)

£544.50 Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room (towards the new safety matting under the swings in the Hall Play area)

£744.50 - Skirwith Village Hall (towards Phase 1 of the Renovation Project)

57/10 FINANCIAL REPORT

As of 30 April (date of the last bank statement) the balances at National Savings were £5,731.76 and at the Bank £8,146.32. A copy of the accounts will be available at the July meeting. **Resolved** to transfer £6,000 from the Bank account to National Savings.

The Precept of £8,000 had been received on 28 April and the VAT refund of £281.90 on 10th May.

58/10 COUNTY, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE REPORTS

No reports from the County or District Councillors but both had attended the Annual Parish Meeting on April 26th. PC Taylor had sent her apologies and an update by email. The main problems were hare coursing, pick pockets in the local pubs and the theft of sheep. The main priorities were drink drivers.

59/10 WINTER GRITTING

Tony Markley the Portfolio Holder at Cumbria CC had responded to the Parish Council's letter requesting that the school bus/taxi routes were added to the winter gritting programme. He recognised that the east side of the County had faced some severe weather during the winter. The School had supplied evidence of the number of days when children from Kirkland, Blencarn and Skirwith had been unable to attend school and this had been passed on to the County Councillor. The Chief Constable had asked Chief Inspector Greenhow, Uniform Operation Support to look at the issues raised by the Parish Council.

Cumbria County Council Local Committee for Eden had met in April and had recommended that County's Cabinet upgraded the gritting routes for the roads from Culgaith to Skirwith and Blencarn. The Cabinet will meet in July.

6010 HOUSING SURVEY

Cumbria Rural Housing Trust had reported that as of 10 May there had been a response rate of 38.12%. Jayne Potts had accepted an invitation to report the findings at the July meeting.

61/10 FLOWERS ON THE FLODDER

Resolved not to accept a local resident's offer to plant snowdrops and daffodils on the Flodder given the long problematic history of this village green.

62/10 LITTER PICKING

Resolved that the Clerk should contact Eden District Council about the litter in the parish and particularly on the road between Skirwith and Culgaith.

61/10 CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman reported that a letter of resignation had been received from Councillor Froggatt who was moving out of the area.

62/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting Parish Council meeting will be on Monday July 5th 2010 at Culgaith Victoria Institute.