

**CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2012 at Culgaith Victoria Institute**

**Present:** Councillors J. Hay, M. Helm, P. Jago, A. King, K. Philipson, J. Ravetz, P. Toppin, J. Slann.

**In Attendance:** 1 member of the Public and Mrs Robinson (County Councillor)

**49/12 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Wilson (church commitments) and Councillor Richardson (family commitments). **Resolved** that the apologies be noted and the reasons approved.

**50/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Hay and Slann as VIC Trustees and Councillor Ravetz Skirwith Village Committee in Item 56/12 Payment of Accounts. Councillor Helm in Item 61/12 Blencarn Speed Limit.

**51/12 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT on matters since the previous meeting**

- A response had been made on behalf of the Parish Council on the Eden District Council 2012/13 scrutiny work plan.
- The Fellrunner, Skirwith Village Hall, Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room, Culgaith PCC, Guardians of Culgaith Tarn and the Memo had all thanked the Parish Council for their recent donations.
- Councillor King had attended Part 1 of the Essentials for Local Councillors Course and would be attending Part 2 in June.
- The Clerk had been asked to check if the Skirwith Garden Waste skip scheme could start in early March. In the event it arrived almost immediately after the Parish Council meeting so no action was taken.
- CALC was a running an extra CilCA session on the General Power of Competence, the cost was £10. **Resolved** that the Clerk should attend.

**52/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Parish Councillors had attended the following:

- Neighbourhood Planning : what is it ? ; how does it work ?
- Localism – From Theory To Practice
- Crimestoppers and Rural Campaign
- EALC meeting

**53/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman reported that at the Annual Parish Meeting members of the public had raised issues on

- Vandalism at the Culgaith Recreation Ground.
- People using allegedly unlicensed and uninsured Quad bikes on public roads.

As a follow up the Chairman was planning to talk to Inspector Willetts and would also ask if it was possible for either him or one of his colleagues to come along to a Parish Council meeting or the Annual Parish Meeting.

Issues raised at the meeting included:

- Concerns about the siting of the new 30 mph limit on the Blencarn to Milburn Road by Rigglands. One of the signs was already obscured by a hedge and it was thought that a more appropriate place for the signs would be at Black Hill where the verge is wider. Cumbria Highways' policy is reportedly to place the signs 50 yards beyond the last building but within sight of a building. No buildings can be seen from the current position. Concern was also expressed that drivers leaving the village and seeing the end of the speed restriction would speed towards Black Hill which has a history of minor accidents.

- Some HGV's were having problems getting around the Kirkland Bridge from Skirwith. The alternative route from Blencarn is no easier particularly for articulated lorries.

#### 54/12 PLANNING

##### **EDC had approved the following applications**

- 12/0029 Culgaith Village Hall single storey extension to provide disabled toilet facilities
- 12/0132 Millrigg, Culgaith. Installation of Solar PV array to existing agricultural buildings.
- 12/0191 Various pruning and felling works throughout the village to clear powerlines in Skirwith Conservation Area (Under delegated powers the Clerk had made no objections to this application, the Parish Council having seen the plans at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting)

##### **The following application had been withdrawn**

- 11/1137 Ivy Cottage, Culgaith Proposed development of two houses

##### **Resolved** to make no objections to the following.

- 12/0163 Change of use from agriculture to launching and landing of gliders; installation of a portable building, wind sock pole, and parking of glider trailers (continuation of temporary consent 08/0149) Skelling Farm Kirkland)
- 12/0263 Agricultural building Field Title CU 249182 Culgaith

#### 55/12 FINANCE

**Resolved** that the accounts for 2011/12 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 March 31<sup>st</sup> 2012.

- **Resolved** to appoint John Fleming as the Internal Auditor for 2012/13.

#### 56/12 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

**Resolved** to make the following payments

£540.24	Clerk's Salary Apr/May
£21.51	Clerk's expenses
£30	Culgaith Victoria (Room Hire March 14, April 30, May 8th)
£164	CALC (Annual subscription)
£48	CALC (Training)
£300	Skirwith Village Hall (Legacy from Edward Watson)
£290.80	Printnetwork (printing Community Led Plan questionnaires)
£460.59	Aon Ltd (insurance)
£25	John Fleming (Internal Audit)
£95.95	Viking Direct (envelopes and printer ink)
£10	VIC (Refreshments for the Annual Parish Meeting)

#### 57/12 FINANCIAL REPORT

**Resolved** to accept the accounts of 25 April as a true record of the Council's finances. As of 25<sup>th</sup> April the balances at National Savings were £5,717.54 and at the Bank £9,855.91. The VAT reclaim of £454.47 for 2011/12 and the Precept of £8,000 had been received. **Resolved** that £5,500 be transferred from the Bank to National Savings.

The Parish Council had received £300 from the estate of the late Mr Edward Watson of Broats Farm for the maintenance of Skirwith Village Hall. A letter of thanks had been sent to his family. He had also left a similar amount directly to Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room.

In March £353 had been received from EDC towards the cost of printing the Community Led Plan Questionnaire and covering letter. It had been included the accounts for 2011/12.

**58/12 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Councillor Robinson reported that she was still chasing up potholes on the East Fellside. Positive discussions were taking place about replacing the temporary road bridge at Langwathby over 40 years since the old one collapsed. Skirwith Village Hall's application for funding from the Divisional Members Grant was currently being audited to ensure it met the criteria.

**59/12 COMMUNITY LED PLAN**

Councillor King updated the meeting on the outcome of the Annual Parish Meeting when a number of useful ideas had been generated by members of the public. The questionnaires were being distributed across the Parish in the middle of May.

**60/12 QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

Councillor Helm updated the meeting on the purchase of a new bench on Blencarn village green to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee. **Resolved** that the Clerk should investigate further a bench from Cyan Civic Benches.

**61/12 BLENCARN SPEED LIMIT**

Following the concerns raised earlier in the meeting the County Councillor and Chairman agreed to raise the issue with Cumbria Highways.

**62/12 DOG FOULING ON SKIRWITH VILLAGE GREEN**

The Eden District Council's Dog Warden had looked into the problem of dog fouling on the Skirwith Children's playground. He had reported that all dogs should be on a lead on the village green as it is within a 30 mph area. It would be possible to put up signs restricting dogs from the play area but the area would have to be fenced off. **Resolved** to ask residents through the Memo to pick up after their dogs on the play area.

The Chairman reported that concerns had been raised about the slippery surface of the matting under the swings at Skirwith and the Skirwith Children's Committee had confirmed it had been power washed last Autumn and would be done again soon.

**63/12 Eden Lifeline Project**

The Clerk reported that Parish Councils and village halls had been approached by the Eden Lifeline Project who were looking for support to install Public Access Defibrillators in every parish/ village hall, at a cost of £250 each. None of the village halls in Culgaith, Skirwith and Blencarn supported the project on either economic or practical grounds. **Resolved** not to support the proposal.

**64/12 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk briefed the Council on routine correspondence.

**65/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved** that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Skirwith Village Hall