

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on May 13th 2013 at 7.30 pm at Culgaith Victoria Institute

Present: Councillors J. Hay, M. Helm, P. Jago, K. Philipson, J. Ravetz, C. Richardson, J. Slann, P. Toppin, L. Wilson, S. Smith (Retiring Clerk)

In Attendance: Mrs Orchard (District Councillor)

64/13 APOLOGIES - None

65/13 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS - None

66/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Richardson in item 77/13 Repair of Blencarn Village Green

67/13 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT on matters since the previous meeting

- A list of priorities has been sent to Eden council's scrutiny committee these include financing affordable housing, leisure, and working with communities in the district.
- A request for more information on the repair of the footpath in hag wood has been sent to the countryside ranger.
- The local area committee for Eden has awarded £2000 towards the kitchen at Skirwith village hall.
- The countryside ranger has been notified that the parish council has decided not to go ahead with opening the footpath down the Lonnen at Blencarn at the moment due to financial constraints.
- Eden District Council have reported that the light outside Eden Cottage, Culgaith has been disconnected because the bracket light was cable tied together (the shade was cable tied, control box door cable tied shut) and there was no Earth to the fitting which meant that the engineer had to remove the fuse and head. The light has been placed on the Outstanding Works Programme for future consideration after the footway lighting consultation and subsequent reports have been completed.

68/13 APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK AND RFO

Resolved that Mrs Christine Callery be appointed new clerk and RFO.

69/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – Councillor Andy King has retired due to family commitments.

70/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

71/13 PLANNING

EDC had approved the following applications

- 13/0129 Plot 27 Otters Holt, Culgaith. Erection of a conservatory
- 13/0137 Skirwith Hall. Erection of agricultural shed
- 13/0190 Helmwinds, Culgaith. Single storey extension

The following application had been withdrawn

- 13/0098 Pea Foot Culgaith Retrospective application for change of use from general storage to timber processing and general storage. Pea Foot Culgaith (The Council has objected)

Awaiting a decision

- 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)

Resolved that this application did not require permission

- 13/0153 Dairy Cottage, Home Courtyard, Skirwith Erection of Canopy over front

entrance door.

Request for further information

- 13/0132 Highfield Farm, Blencarn. Use of land for siting of a mobile home for an agricultural worker.

Resolved that this is an invalid application

- 13/0268 Land adjacent to Harolds Way, Culgaith. Erection of 2 No dwellings.

Resolved completion of questionnaire re planning review by EDC to examine Planning Services

72/13 FINANCE

- **Resolved** that the accounts for 2012/13 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 31st 2013.
- **Resolved** to appoint John Fleming as the Internal Auditor for 2013/14.

73/13 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved to make the following payments

£551.65	Clerk's Salary April/May
£75.30	Clerk's expenses
£10	Culgaith Victoria Institute (Room hire May 13 th)
£10	Skirwith Village Hall (Room Hire April 22 nd)
£167	CALC (Annual subscription)
£50	CALC(Training)
£309.09	Aon Ltd (Insurance)
£25	John Fleming (Internal Audit)

74/13 FINANCIAL REPORT

Resolved to accept the accounts of 25 April as a true record of the Council's finances. As of 25th April the balances at National Savings were £5,468.71 and at the Bank £1,840.03. The VAT reclaim of £532.10 for 2012/13 had been received and the Precept of £7994.58 on 27th April. **Resolved** that £5,500 be transferred from the Bank to National Savings.

In March £500 had been received from ACT as a contribution towards the costs of the Community Led Plan. It had been included in the accounts for 2011/12.

75/13 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Orchard reported that she has been making EDC more aware of the needs of rural communities. As a member of the planning committee she is pressing for the views of Parish Councils to be given greater importance when planning applications are being considered. The weekly refuse collection has been secured together with the re-introduction of the garden waste skip although the cost to the Council is being looked into.

76/13 COMMUNITY LED PLAN

Councillor Hay updated the meeting on the outcome of the Annual Parish Meeting when the issue of the grass cutting in Skirwith was discussed.

77/13 REPAIR OF BLENCARN VILLAGE GREEN

Councillor Richardson left the meeting for this agenda item.

Two quotes had been received to repair the track across Blencarn Village Green. At the January meeting it was agreed to consider the quote of £450 + VAT from T.A. Hodgson. **Resolved** to accept T. A .Hodgson's quote.

- 78/13 HGV's and The Pea**
Resolved to await an assessment from Cumbria County Council
- 79/13 AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
In response to the 'Eden Housing: Preferred Sites and Policies' consultation Smith Gore on behalf of the Church Commissioners are planning to submit the Loaning Head site as a preferred site.
- 80/13 FOOTPATH THROUGH HAG WOOD**
The footpath remains impassable at present. Cumbria County Council are not proposing to undertake any work at present due to the risk of more land slippage.
- 81/13 BUS SHELTER AT KIRKLAND**
Resolved to write to the parishioner advising that there is no funding available.
- 82/13 SPEED INDICATION DEVICE**
Constable Harrison has advised due to an internal audit it may be some time before one can be obtained.
- 83/13 SKIRWITH GARDEN WASTE SKIP**
As yet EDC has not been in contact with the Parish Council.
- 84/13 LITTLE WOODEN BRIDGE AT BLENCARN**
Resolved that this is not a council matter.
- 85/13 NOTICE BOARD AT BLENCARN**
Resolved to ask Jack Barnes to repair the notice board.
- 86/13 CORRESPONDENCE**
- Cumbria County Council's highway improvements team has proposed that the 30mph speed limit should be extended to "Black Hill" Blencarn on the Blencarn to Milburn road.
 - A66 Temple Sowerby by-pass consultation has made access easier onto the A66 and has stopped lorries coming through Culgaith.
- 87/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Resolved that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday July 1st 2013 at Skirwith Village Hall