

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on 12th November 2012 at Culgaith Victoria Institute

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

In Attendance: 2 members of the public.

107/12 APOLOGIES – None

108/12 MINUTES

Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting of September 3rd be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

109/12 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Noted that Councillors Richardson and Toppin had completed dispensation forms in respect of the precept.

110/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hay in Item 116/12 Grant Application for the Fellrunner. Councillor Richardson in Item 116/12 Grant application for Carlisle and Eden Citizens Advice Bureau and Item 123/12 Blencarn Village Green. Councillor Wilson in Item 124/12 Skirwith Play Area.

111/12 CODE OF CONDUCT

Noted the advice from CALC that when Councillors have a disclosable pecuniary interest they should declare the interest and leave the room and not speak at all on a matter in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

112/12 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT on matters since the previous meeting

- Cumbria Highways had found and repaired an electricity cable through the drain at the far end of a field at Millrigg. The drain is now flowing freely. It is however under capacity (9 inch pipe) and needs to be significantly upgraded. This is on the funding list for scheme for 2013/14.
- Flooding at Broats Farm. Cumbria Highways had reported that there is no known highway drainage at this location, although when the road floods it is passable. Cumbria Highways will place it on list for potential funding for 2013/14.
- Cumbria Highways will continue to plug pot holes and patch repair on the Ranbeck Road but the road is very unlikely to receive funding as it only serves one property.
- The pothole outside Abbey Farm on the Skirwith to Langwathby road had been reported to Cumbria Highways.
- The Countryside Ranger was investigating the state of the footpath through Hag Wood.
- The problems of water running down both The Pea and Station Road had been reported to Cumbria Highways.
- Due to drainage work the road past Howriggs Farm between Cross Hows and Blencarn would be closed for one week from January 14th.
- EDC was conducting a scrutiny review of communications between Eden's rural communities and the District Council. A series of open meetings was planned, details of which had been circulated.
- The Boundary Commission had published revised proposals for the new parliamentary constituencies in Cumbria. This would result in a Penrith and Solway constituency and a Westmorland and Lonsdale constituency.
- The following had been deposited with Cumbria Archive Service and a receipt received. Minute Books 1961-1988, 1988-1998, Treasurers Receipt and Payment Book 1895-1936, 1937-1988. Receipts and Payments Book 1976-1988, 1989-2001. Culgaith Parish Plan 2004-2009.

113/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Councillors had attended the following:

- Community Safety Event
- CALC AGM

114/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public and councillors raised a number of issues:

- Concerns were expressed at the loss of the garden waste skip which affected residents at Skirwith and Blencarn.
- A number of Councillors had been asked why the Parish Council did not lay a wreath on the Culgaith War Memorial.

The Clerk and Chairman will investigate and report back.

A member of the public provided background information and spoke in support of the repair of the track on Blencarn Village Green Item 123/12.

115/12 PLANNING

EDC had approved the following:

- 12/0510 Blackhill Lodge Blencarn. Variation of condition 1 attached to planning approval 11/0222 requiring the removal of a mobile home and restoration of the land by 22/6/2012.
- 12/0649 Moorside Culgaith. Erection of cubical shed

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
- 12/0655 Pea Foot Culgaith. Retrospective application for change of use from general storage to timber processing and general storage.
- 12/0664 Ivy Cottage Culgaith. Demolition of existing barn and erection of 2 dwellings.

Resolved to ratify the decision by the Clerk to make no objections to the following:

- 12/0664 Ivy Cottage Culgaith. Demolition of existing barn and erection of 2 dwellings. Revised application

Resolved to raise concerns about the orientation of the proposed building in relation to other properties:

- 12/0888 Highfield Blencarn. Proposed agricultural workers dwelling

116/12 FINANCE

Precept

- **Resolved** to retain the precept for 2013/2014 at £8000.
- **Resolved** to accept the proposed budget for 2013/2014.
- Noted the assessment of the Clerk's workload for 2013/2014

Grant Applications

Resolved to consider a grant application from the Fellrunner in March 2013.

Resolved not to respond to funding requests from the Great North Air Ambulance, and Carlisle and Eden Citizens Advice Bureau.

117/12 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved to make the following payments

£540.24	Clerk's Salary Oct/Nov
£13.85	Clerk's expenses
£10	Culgaith Victoria Institute (Room hire)
£956.40	Mark Hill Grounds Maintenance (grass cutting)

Resolved to ratify the following payment.

£10 – CALC (Chairman's attendance at CALC AGM)

118/12 FINANCIAL REPORT

Resolved to accept the accounts of 20 October as a true record of the Council's finances. As of 20 October the balances at National Savings were £8,617.54 and at the Bank £1,812.28. There was one unrepresented cheque for £10.

Resolved to accept the half yearly Bank Reconciliation.

119/12 COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Robinson had sent her apologies.

120/12 COMMUNITY LED PLAN

A 1st draft of the Action Plan had been circulated to Parish Councillors, Eden District Council, Cumbria County Council, CALC and ACT. Councillor King reported that a series of Public Forums had been arranged in Skirwith, Culgaith and Blencarn to explain the findings, give members of the public an opportunity to comment, and encourage people to engage with the process. The Action Plan will then be finalised and a summary distributed to every household.

121/12 RECYCLING

The Clerk reported that following the intervention of the District Councillor, Eden District Council had responded to the Parish Council's concerns.

- Plastic Bags could still be collected at the Culgaith Village Recycling Centre. The contractor had incorrectly, provided signage on the new plastic bins stating that plastic bags were not allowed. The contractor will either change the signs to make it clear that bags/film is acceptable or provide a separate bin for bags only. In the meantime residents are free to place their bags/film in the plastic containers.
- The problem of the Culgaith green wheelie bins for garden waste not being collected on the designated day seems to have been resolved.
- Skirwith garden waste skip. The provision of garden waste skips was a private arrangement by an external contractor who had chosen to stop the delivery of the service at the end of September. Eden District Council's Scrutiny Panel had looked at recycling in 2011 and their key recommendation had been to maintain weekly bagged collections and procure the wider kerbside recycling service. There had been no recommendation to extend the Garden Waste Service.

122/12 WINTER SERVICE 2012/13

Noted the report from Cumbria County Council on the proposed Winter Service for 2012/13. Noted that the Eden Local Area Committee had agreed to add all schools currently on untreated roads to be linked to the priority treatment network by at least a Priority 3 route, this would include Culgaith School. Currently there was no information as to what this actual meant and it was unclear if the roads from Skirwith and Blencarn to school would be treated.

123/12 BLENCARN VILLAGE GREEN

The Clerk reported that further investigation had revealed that although the Parish Council did not own Blencarn village green it does exercise, with the consent of the land owner, the responsibility for the day to day management of it. A small track by Orchard Cottage had become very rutted through water erosion. **Resolved** that the Parish Council should pay for the repair of this section of the track and notify the land owner accordingly.

124/12 SKIRWITH PLAY AREA

The Clerk and Councillor Wilson had attended a meeting convened by Skirwith Play Committee to look at upgrading the play equipment. **Resolved** to include the area by the slide in the next grass cutting contract so as to improve access. **Resolved** to purchase Dog Ban and Ownership signs for the play area as recommended by the last RoSPA report.

The Clerk reported that the Community Led Plan survey had resulted in mixed views on the management of Skirwith Village Green. This would be discussed at the Public Forum at Skirwith scheduled for November 20th.

125/12 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk briefed the Council on routine correspondence.

126/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved that the next Parish Council meeting would be on Monday January 7th 2013 at Skirwith Village Hall.