

**CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 at Culgaith Victoria Institute**

**Present:** Councillors Jill Hay (Chairman) - JH, Pam Jago - PJ, Pauline Toppin - PT, Marjorie Helm - MH, Ken Phillipson - KP, Caroline Richardson (Vice Chairman) - CR, Laura Wilson - LW, Kathryn Binney (Clerk) – KB.

**Also In Attendance:** Philip Grant - Skirwith Resident.

**106/14 APOLOGIES**

Councillor Joe Ravetz, Councillor John Slann and Councillor David Witney.  
Apologies accepted.

**107/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillors Jill Hay – Fell Runner**

**108/14 MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting of 1 September 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record – with one additional note 104/14 to indicate that the recreational ground wall in question was the one in Culgaith.

**109/14 CLERKS REPORT**

An update on the actions arising from the last meeting was heard.  
Grass cutting specification to be on Agenda at the next meeting.  
A query regarding an update on the blocked public right of way at Blencarn was raised; This matter is in the hands of Andy Sims, Rights of Way Mapping Officer, Cumbria County Council to bring to resolution.

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

JH attended the Eden Association of Local Councils meeting on 20th October 2014.  
JH plans to attend the CALC AGM - on Saturday 15th November.  
JH advised that she hoped to get the speed awareness cameras from the local policing team as the speed of traffic past the school has become dangerous. Also the parking outside is extremely hazardous. Many people not even observing the hash marked areas.

**110/14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Philip Grant a resident of Skirwith Village had been approached initially to see about Newton Rigg College students undertaking the embankment clearance. He regrets that this is not possible for this to be completed by the students but as a resident of Skirwith he finds it hugely disappointing and frustrating that it is left in such a state of abandonment. A discussion took place and it was recognised that some Skirwith residents wanted it to be left uncut historically. However it was recognised that it needs some management. The conclusion from this discussion was that Philip Grant agreed to call a meeting of residents to Skirwith Village Hall and gather the wider community opinions. He agreed to present the findings and proposals to the Parish council at its next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

**111/14 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

Regretfully County and District Councillors did not attend, although both had responded to the clerk via email. Engagement will be sought again.

## 112/14 PLANNING

### EDC have approved the following:

<a href="#">14/0101</a>	Culgaith Methodist Chapel
<a href="#">14/0485</a>	Skirwith Abbey Farm
<a href="#">14/0650</a>	Home Farm Skirwith
<a href="#">14/0677</a>	Pea Top Farm, Culgaith
<a href="#">14/0689</a>	Land adjacent to Harolds Way, Culgaith
<a href="#">14/0707</a>	Rose Cottage Blencarn
<a href="#">14/0881</a>	Land adjacent to Harolds Way, Culgaith

### The following were considered at the meeting:

<a href="#">14/0888</a>	Staingills, Culgaith
<a href="#">14/0939</a>	River Dene, Skirwith

**Resolved** to make no objections to the above.

## 113/14 FINANCE REPORT

As we are in the process of changing the Clerk as the named administrator on the accounts the figures are based on the up-to-date cash book and earlier financial records available.

Total spending £5367.92 year to date for 2014/15.

Account balances TBC

### 2014/15 Forecast to year end

1. The total Clerk's salary is forecast to be £2,160.44 – this figure accounts for C Callery to 1 Aug then K Binney to the year end – this is 539.36 under budget. (NB HMRC payment of Clerks Tax annotated separately and this comes to £346.60)
2. Admin costs are on budget.
3. Training costs are under budget - £65.
4. Office expenses are anticipated to come slightly over budget by the year end £50.
5. Grass cutting – we are awaiting the final invoice but it is expected to be as budgeted.
6. Under donations £1,300 is still to be allocated from the Parish Council's own funds
7. The forecast out turn assumes that none of the £1,000 contingency will be used before the end of the year.
8. It is anticipated that our balance going into 2015/16 will be £7885.68

**Resolved** to make the following payments

£79.10	Clerk's expenses
£164.95	Clerks salary sept (standing order in place for Oct onwards)
£10.00	Culgaith Victoria Institute (Room Hire 1 <sup>st</sup> September)
£ 6.00	Memo
£41.20	HMRC sept (standing order in place for Oct onwards)
£29.50	CALC Clerk Induction training
£377.40	Donation to the Fell Runner

A discussion around the precept took place it was **resolved** to keep the precept set the same for the coming year.

## 114/14 SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE, NOTICES AND PUBLICATIONS

All hard copy correspondences were made available to view.

A document listing correspondence received since the last meeting was circulated.

**115/14 THE TEMPLE SOWERBY MEDICAL PRACTICE**

A discussion took place around the Parish Councils opinion of capabilities of the practice due to number of GPs – A letter from the practice was shared, this recognised the impact and concerns of residents and JH was at the Eden Association of Local Councils meeting where Rachel Preston who is the lead GP for Eden on the Clinical Commissioning Group was discussing the Local Health Economy Strategy. JH raised a question regarding concerns about ‘a surgery’ and the response indicated full awareness of the issue. It was felt that little more could be done but it was agreed to revisit this issue again in January.

**116/14 COUNCILLOR MATTERS**

Recycling bins for foil have been removed. JH advised she would look into this.

It was noted that the green waste skip at Skirwith has been removed. Query was raised about the funding for this next year and the query of the possibility of getting Green bins for each household.

It was noted the grit heaps have been washed away.

It was raised that there is some outstanding work required in Skirwith regarding a chestnut tree that is dead (near the playground) and the copper beech near the telephone box that needs trimming. Since then it has also been noted that there are several diseased alders. KB to obtain quotes and progress.

**117/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Monday, January 12th 2015 at Skirwith Village Hall.**