

**CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Held on September 7th 2009 at Skirwith Village Hall**

Present: Councillors L. Wilson (Chairman), J. Hay, J. Hindson, K. Philipson, H. Roper.

In Attendance: 2 Members of the Public

69/09 Co-option of new councillor for Culgaith ward. Martin Smith had resigned as a Parish Councillor for the Culgaith Ward. The post had been advertised and there had been no call for an election so the Council can now co-opt a new member. **Resolved** to advertise the vacancy through The Memo, the Notice Board and the website.

70/09 APOLOGIES.
Councillor Findlay (holiday), Councillor Slann (holiday), Councillor Froggatt (family commitment). Councillor Findlay (family commitment) had sent his apologies before the July meeting but they had not been received until afterwards. **Resolved** that the apologies be noted and the reasons approved.

71/09 MINUTES
Resolved that the Minutes of the Meeting held on July 6th be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

72/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Councillor Wilson (Skirwith Village Hall) and Councillor Hay (The VIC) in item 82/09 Grants.

73/09 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT on matters since the previous meeting

- Cumbria CC had confirmed on September 7th that the consultation period was over and there had been no adverse comments to the proposal to register the footpath by Culgaith church, around Wellgates Cottage and into the field as a Public Right of Way. The earliest that any formal decision would be taken was November or December.
- Culgaith Community Cafe. The County Councillor Mrs Mary Robinson had officially launched the VIC on August 20th. The Parish Council had continued to support the project by producing flyers. **Resolved** to advertise the Cafe to the wider community in the Parish through The Memo.
- It is now planned that the B6412 will be closed for a week from 26 October and Cumbria Highways had confirmed that the collapsed drain will be repaired at the same time. Following representation from the Parish Council and local residents the Area Engineer had apologised for failing to notify them that the planned closure for August 10th had been delayed.
- The County Council considered the Winter Maintenance Programme for 2009/10 on July 21st. The request to include the road by Culgaith School in the gritting programme had been rejected. It was one of a number of similar requests which had been rejected on the grounds of the additional resources required and because can school bus routes change.
- A faulty street light at Newtown on the Skirwith Langwathby Road had been reported to EDC.
- The Highway Steward had reported that he may be able to clean up the road signs. It was not clear if this meant repainting the sign and more information was being sought by the Vice Chairman.

74/09 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Councillors attended the following meeting:

- Annual Joint Meeting between County Council Local Committee for Eden and Parish and Town Councils

75/09 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Skirwith Village Hall Committee gave an update on the planning application. Following feedback from EDC the planning application had been withdrawn. The Committee was now working with an architect, who would talk to the Planners and gather the additional information required. It was hoped to resubmit the proposal through the Parish Council in the next few weeks.

76/09 PLANNING

Eden District Council had approved the following applications:

- 09/0362 Plot 53 Otters Holt, Culgaith. Variation of house type on Plot 53
- 09/0380 The Lodge, Skirwith Abbey. Alterations and extension to dwelling
- 09/0379 Wileman Croft, Skirwith Change of use for extension of domestic cartilage and erection of workshop and store for domestic purposes

Planning Applications considered at the meeting

Resolved to make no objections to the following Planning Applications.

- 09/0446 Land Adjacent to Ivy House, Culgaith. Demolition of existing building and erection of dwelling with storage and garaging in detached outbuilding
- 09/0691 Pea Top House. Conversion and extension of garage to form dwelling and new access for Pea Top House.

North West Plan Partial Review

Noted that the North West Plan Partial Review is currently out for consultation.

Cumbria Housing Group – Strategic Housing Market Assessment

Noted that Strategic Housing Market Assessment for each Housing Market Area is currently out for consultation.

Planning Application 09/0469 for 60m Temporary mast on Lazonby Fell

Resolved to oppose E.ON's application for a 60m Monitoring mast on Lazonby Fell in support of the action group Save our Eden Valley.

77/09 FINANCE

- BDO Stoy Hayward, the external auditors, had completed the audit and there were no matters which caused them concern. **Resolved** to minute that the annual return had been approved and accepted by the Parish Council.
- **Resolved** that the Clerk/RFO should conduct a Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit for approval by the Parish Council.

78/09 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved to make the following payments

£466.43	Clerk's Salary August/September
£12.16	Clerk's expenses
£6	Hire of Skirwith Village Hall
£41.26	GC Anderson (website hosting charges)

Resolved to ratify the following payment.

£138 BDO Stoy Hayward LLP (external auditors)

79/09 FINANCIAL REPORT

Resolved to accept the accounts of 25 August as a true record of the Council's finances. The balances at National Savings were £10,010.70 and at the Bank £631.20. One cheque for £6 had still not been presented.

80/09 COUNTY, DISTRICT COUNCILLORS AND POLICE REPORTS

- The County Councillor. Mrs Mary Robinson had sent her apologies and plans to be at the November meeting.
- The District Council Mrs Sheila Orchard had sent her apologies and some information on the New Squares Development at Penrith.
- PC Taylor was on holiday but the Clerk had spoken to PC Ewin of the HQ Comms ANPR Monitoring Team. There was no significant crime to report in the area. It was hoped to set up a Poacher Watch scheme on the lines of Farm Watch.
- The EDC had written to promote the community litter picking service.

81/09 SKIRWITH CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

A request from the Skirwith Children's Committee to erect a new baby swing on Skirwith Village Green was considered. EDC had confirmed that Planning Permission would not be required if the Parish Council purchased and took responsibility for the new equipment. **Resolved** that the Parish Council would not buy the new equipment but would consider submitting a Planning Application on the Committee's behalf. **Resolved** that the Clerk should work with the Committee and EDC's Parks Department to consider the proposal, identify how many children would use it and report back to the next meeting.

82/09 GRANTS

County Councillor Mary Robinson had written to the Parish Council on 23rd July regarding a grant of £12,000 to be split across 9 Parishes, the money to be spent on capital investment. After consultation with the community the following proposals had been received.

- Culgaith Victoria Institute requested £255 to purchase new chairs
- The VIC Cafe requested £150 to buy new crockery
- The Guardians of Culgaith Tarn had received a quote of £2,000 to erect a sign in front of the Tarn with illustrations and the names of the Fells
- Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room had received a quote for £1,560 for new safety matting under the swings in the Hall Play area.
- Skirwith Children's Committee had received a quote of £1000 to install a baby swing.
- Skirwith Village Hall had requested £1000 towards Phase 1 of the renovation project to strengthen the building and in particular the roof. Initial estimates for this job are £25,000.

Resolved to support the following applications. The criteria for the decision being those proposals which would benefit the most people across the whole parish.

- Culgaith Victoria Institute - £255 to purchase new chairs
- The VIC Cafe - £150 to buy new crockery
- Skirwith Village Hall - £500 towards Phase 1 of the Renovation project
- Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room - £300 towards the safety matting

83/09 TRAINING – A STATEMENT OF INTENT

Resolved to accept the Training Plan for Councillors and the Clerk based on the five specific points outlined under the rules of Quality Parish status.

84/09 MAINTENANCE ISSUES

- **Resolved** to ask Alan Kitchen to repair the Culgaith Notice Board.
- **Resolved** that the grass cutting maps and terms of the grass cutting contract should be reviewed for the 2010 season.

85/09 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk briefed the Council on the routine correspondence.

86/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Resolved that the next council meeting will be held on Monday November 2nd 2009 at Culgaith Victoria Institute.

Resolved that the date of the January meeting be moved to January 11th at Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room.