

**CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on September 2nd 2013 at 7.30 pm at Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Rooms**

**Present:** Councillors J. Hay, M. Helm, P. Jago, K. Philipson, C. Richardson, P. Toppin, J. Slann, L. Wilson, Councillor J. Ravetz joined the meeting at 7.45pm

**In Attendance:** None

**107/13 APOLOGIES**

None

**108/13 MINUTES**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the business meeting of July 1<sup>st</sup> be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**109/13 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

None

**110/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**111/13 REVIEW OF LAND AND ASSETS**

**Resolved** to approve the Review of the Land and Assets Register.

**93/13 RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT (FINANCIAL) 2013/14.**

**Resolved** to approve the Risk Assessment and Management (Financial) for the period April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014.

**94/13 PARISH CLERK'S REPORT on matters since the previous meeting**

- There has been a complaint from a Culgaith resident about weeds on the Tarn blocking his view. The Chairman of the Guardians of the Tarn has spoken with the resident over their concerns and the matter has been resolved.
- A non resident of the parish has again complained about the spraying of weeds in Culgaith. He appreciates it is not a Parish Council matter but he thought that the he Parish Council should be aware of this.
- Two 'No Dog Fouling' signs have been purchased for Skirwith village green and Alan Kitchen is in the process of making posts for these signs.
- A survey regarding 'Special Expenses' has been received from Eden District Council, this has been completed and returned.
- Eden District Council have provided information about the new operational changes to the Council's Recycling collections which are to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013. All residents should now have received a new recycling calendar.
- RoSPA have carried out their play area inspection.
- Eden District Council's Community Grant Scheme for 20013/14 now named Eden Community Fund replaces the Community Fund, Rural Infrastructure Funds and Village Hall Funds which have all been merged under the new name.

**112/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**113/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**114/13 PLANNING**

**EDC have approved the following**

- 13/0268 Land Adjacent to Harold's Way, Culgaith. Erection of 2 no. dwellings. Reserved Matters application for the erection of 2 no. dwellings.
- 13/0347 Abbey Farm, Skirwith. Change of use of land for the siting of an

- agricultural workers caravan.
- 13/0358 Abbey Farm House. Erection of walled silage clamp.
  - 13/0447 Guiders Cottage, Kirkland Road, Skirwith. Fell roadside cypress tree; Skirwith Conservation Area.

**Awaiting a decision**

- 13/0349 Cross Keys, Blencarn. Outline application for the development of 6 dwellings (including 3 affordable dwellings) with approval sought for access and scale.

**The following have been withdrawn**

- 13/0357 Land Adjacent to Abbey Lodge Barn. Erection of self build dwelling.

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

- 13/0582 4 Whinfall View, Culgaith. Single storey extension to front elevation.
  - 13/0584 Red House, Skirwith. Rear single storey extension.
  - 13/0608 Land adjacent to Harolds Way, Culgaith. Proposed dwelling with adjoining carport and annexe.

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

- 13/0501 Application to extend the time limit for the implementation of planning approval 10/0591.

**115/13 FINANCE**

**Resolved** to approve the Internal Audit Plan 20014/15.

- The audit documents have been approved by the external auditors BDO LLP and there is no fee due for auditing the accounts for 2012/13.
- Final pay scales for Parish Clerks has been received from CALC, there are no changes that will affect the Parish Council.

**116/13 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**Resolved** to make the following payments

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| £367.38 | Clerk's Salary 1 July to 31 August 2013         |
| £75.42  | Clerk's expenses (Dog signage and printer ink)  |
| £10.00  | Blencarn Village Hall (Room Hire September 2nd) |
| £166.80 | Playsafety Ltd                                  |

The grass cutting invoice of £980.04 from Mark Hill Ground Maintenance is still to be received.

**117/13 FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Resolved** to accept the accounts of 23rd August as a true record of the Council's finances. As of 23<sup>rd</sup> August the balances at National Savings were £9,968.71 and at the Bank £3,124.05.

**118/13 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

None

**119/13 CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILLOR FOR CULGAITH WARD**

There has been no response for the request for a new councillor for Culgaith ward.

**Resolved** that the council would continue to look to co-opt a new councillor.

**120/13 COMMUNITY LED PLAN**

**Resolved** to discuss the community led plan at the November meeting.

**121/13 BROADBAND**

Councillor Ravetz updated the meeting, Cumbria is to receive superfast broadband in 2015 and 50% of the parish are to be connected under the normal programme from Openreach BT, DEFRA is to provide the additional funding.

**122/13 WOODEN BRIDGE AT SKIRWITH**

A site meeting has been held with Tony Burns, the Countryside Ranger and Tony

Jackson, a contractor to discuss the options of replacing the bridge at Skirwith beck. An estimate for the work to replace the bridge by making concrete bases on the riverbank and to have a larger bridge which would meet with current health and safety regulations is to cost £3,450 + VAT. **Resolved** to contact Mary Robinson with regard to funding.

**123/13 SKIRWITH GARDEN WASTE SKIP SCHEME AT SKIRWITH**

The first skip was in place on 5<sup>th</sup> July and was quickly filled due to the fact that residents had been stockpiling their garden waste. Eden District Council has advised that the skip is to remain for a maximum of two weeks or until full and is then returned the following month. When the skip is emptied by Eden District Council's contractor if it is found that any contaminated waste i.e. soil has been placed in the skip, the Parish Council will be charged, although Eden District Council has not provided the Parish Council with any further information regarding charges. Skirwith residents are unhappy that the skip is being filled by residents from other villages and also, that the last skip to be delivered will be in October. Requests have been made about whether an additional skip could be provided in November and paid for by residents. Eden District Council has advised that additional skips can be requested at cost and the Parish Council has been advised this figure would be £130 + VAT. **Resolved** that the clerk should write to Eden District Council to advise that the scheme is inadequate.

**124/13 SKIRWITH BECK**

Cumbria County Council Flood Defence team has advised that work can be carried out with the use of manual tools to limit foliage growth alongside the beck. However Eden Rivers Trust advise that the growth of foliage is a natural habitat. **Resolved** that the clerk should continue to look into this.

**125/13 APPEAL FOR DEFIBRILLATORS**

Cumbria County Council has launched an appeal to raise funds for a defibrillator. **Resolved** not to have a defibrillator as it would be difficult to site to cover the whole of the parish.

**126/13 CORRESPONDENCE**

The clerk briefed the Council on routine correspondence. **Resolved** to nominate Councillor Hay for CALC executive committee 2013.

**127/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved** that the next Parish Council meeting Monday November 4th at Culgaith Victoria Institute