

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: John Fleming
Telephone 07768 468 634
E-mail: culgaithpc@yahoo.co.uk

Fell View
Blencarn, Penrith
Cumbria, CA10 1TX

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 4th March 2019 At Blencarn Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

Unapproved.

- 14/3/19 Present**
Cllrs Caroline Richardson (Chair), Pauline Toppin, Philip Hemingway, David Witney, Pam Jago, Sue Smith, Marjorie Helm, Ken Philipson, Laura Wilson, District Cllr Rob Orchard and John Fleming (Parish Clerk) and two members of the public
- 15/3/19 Apologies**
County Councillor Claire Driver and Cllr John Watson.
- 16/3/19 Minutes**
The Chair was authorized to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th January as a true record.
- 17/3/19 Declaration of Interests**
To receive declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda.
There was none.
- 18/3/19 Public Participation**
Two Parishioner, Paul and Emma Lowthian, made a case for the planning application which they were submitting, in the near future, for a dwelling on the outskirts of Culgaith.
- 19/3/19 County and District Councillors Reports**
19.1/3/19 County Council Report – There was none.
19.2/3/19 District Council Report – Presented by District Councillor Rob Orchard
This is the last meeting of this PC before the elections in May. Can I thank you all for the courtesy you have shown me in my first year as your District Councillor. I am standing for District Councillor again and hopefully will be at your next meeting.
Becoming a District Councillor is a steep learning curve but I think I have been able to make a positive contribution to the Council and to uphold the views and requirements of this Council. I am particularly pleased that I helped in a small way to achieve the planning permission for Mr and Mrs Steadman and that it looks at last as if some sense is going to prevail in the long running matter of disposal of garden refuse. I suspect this latter will probably not come in quickly enough for this year but should certainly be available for 2020.
I served as Chairman of the Budget Scrutiny Review Group and I also served on the Task and Finish Group looking at trying to encourage people to stand as Parish Councillors and also to use their vote.
I am pleased say that both Scrutiny Reports were accepted by the Executive and Council.
We have also been absorbing the changes brought about by the new Chief Executive's restructuring of the roles and responsibilities of the senior management team at EDC which sees familiar and new faces in new roles and responsibilities.
I wish this Council all success going forward, the job you do, thankless at times, is important – never forget that.

20/3/19	Finance (Incl Vat)	
20.1/3/19	The Following Balances	were noted as at 20 th February 2019
		£
	HSBC Current Account	1200.24
	NSI Account	23.64
	Penrith Building Society	<u>12592.46</u>
	Total assets	13,816.34

20.2/3/19 Presentation of Interim Accounts

A Set of Interim Accounts were tabled.
These were unanimously accepted by the meeting

20.3/3/19 The Following Accounts were Ratified

J Fleming Fee/PAYE Jan/Feb 2019	As per contract
J Fleming Tel/ Broadband Jan/Feb 2019	30.00
EDC Lighting Vat Underpayment	161.53
Spreading Tarmac Scalping's Drove Road Culgaith	10.00
Memo 2018 / 2019 Non – Business Subscription	50.00

20.4/3/19 The Following Accounts for Payment were Agreed.

J Fleming Expenses – Jan/Feb 2019	15.62
Blencarn Village Hall Room Hire 4/3/2019	10.00
Angela Hartland – Finalizing PAYE year end	12.00

20.5/3/19 To Note the Following Receipt

Electricity North West – Wayleave	22.48
-----------------------------------	-------

21/3/19 Planning

There were no Applications

22/3/19 Highways and Land Matters

22.1/3/19 Vehicles Exceeding Speed Limit Culgaith. –

It was reported by the CCC Traffic Manager, that this matter had been raised at the 'CRASH' multi agency group meeting, where the Police agreed to place traffic counters on both approaches.

Further, both approaches to Culgaith have been included in the 2019/20 speed limit review programme. The review will look at traffic counts at both locations and other factors including accident statistics, existing signing and road markings.

22.2/3/19 Crossroad Skirwith – Change of Traffic Priority –

This work has been scheduled for the end of March or early April.

22.3/3/19 Potholes and Blocked Drains within the Parish –

Still in hand with Highways.

22.4/3/19 Tree Survey within the Parish –

A tree mapping exercise had been undertaken throughout the Parish in respect of trees located on Parish land or land administered by the Parish. A professional safety survey on those trees mapped was ongoing.

22.5/3/19 Failed Footway Light – By Red House – Skirwith. –

The electrical connection of this light, by Electricity North West, is imminent. (Subsequent to meeting work now completed and the light is now working)

22.6/3/19 A Tree Memorial on the Tarn to the late Jill Hay. –

- It was confirmed that a tree planting ceremony would take place on Sat 6th April at 11am on the Tarn field. Subsequent to the meeting arrangements were in hand to provide light refreshments in the Victoria Institute, following the planting.
- It was agreed that the occasion would be advertised in the Memo and at the Victoria Institute. All are welcomed to attend.
- It was agreed that it was not necessary to purchase a metal tree guard as the tree would not be at risk from grazing livestock, however it was agreed to purchase a memorial plaque.

22.7/3/19 Dog Fouling – Skirwith –

Reported that an EDC leaflet had been circulated in the Memo, with notices being erected in Skirwith and the problem had been specifically mentioned in Memo

22.8/3/19 Daffodil Planting Culgaith –

Reported that all the bulbs donated had now been planted.

22.9/3/19 Culgaith Drove Road Seat Parking Issue – Reported that Highways had supplied tarmac scalplings, FOC, which had been spread behind the seat, to facilitate parking. The Council expressed their grateful thanks to Dave Hartland for undertaking the work, which had been appreciated.

22.10/3/19 Openreach – Church Street, Skirwith –

A request had been received from Openreach to realign some telephone wires, involving the installation a new pole, in Church Street, Skirwith. This work was unanimously agreed, with permission granted to sign the Wayleave Agreement, which also confirmed a one off Wayleave fee of £750, being paid to the Parish Council.

22.11/3/19 Grass by Culgaith War Memorial – The problem of a vehicle driving over and parking on the grass behind the War Memorial was discussed. Following mention of the matter in the Memo and a sign being erected, the matter appeared to have been resolved.

22.12/3/19 Green Refuse Skip – Skirwith

The 2019 season EDC 'Green Waste Skip' agreement had been received. It was unanimously agreed that this be signed. The terms being as in previous years, with the first skip to arrive in April.

23/3/19 Parish Elections –

Nomination papers were distributed for the election of Parish Councillors on Thursday May 2nd 2019. It being noted that a list of Electoral Role Numbers and Polling District details, were available from the Clerk.

24/3/19 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications.

24.1/3/19 The Fellside Dash'– Reported that this cycle race would take place on the 15th June, commencing at 9.30 am from Milburn. A route map had been circulated.

24.2/3/19 EALC Workshops

- 20th March EALC and Cumbria County Council will hold a workshop on “Supportive Communities”

Action:- The Clerk to attend.

- 10th April EALC and Eden District Council will run a workshop on “Trees”.

Action:- Cllr C Richardson agreed to attend.

24.3/3/19 EDC Draft Council Plan Consultation –

The closing date being 19/3/2019

Action:- The Chair, Cllr Richardson, agreed to complete the consultation on behalf of the Council.

24.4/3/19 Eden Local Plan – A copy was on File.

24.5/3/19 CCC Working Together Project. –

Following discussion it was the unanimous view of the Council that this was the beginning of another process of devolution of powers and responsibilities, from the County Council to the Parish Council, which could have employment implications for the Parish Council. Councillors were mindful of what happened, over a number of years, which ultimately resulted in the Parish Council being pressurised into taking over the responsibility of Footway Lighting, with the associated cost implication on the Parish precept.

Councillors concluded that this was a project that they did not wish to become involved with and the Clerk was to respond accordingly

24.6/3/19 East Fellside Police Update

A March update had been received and circulated to Councillors.

24.7/3/19 EDC ‘Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD),’

This document which provides further guidance on the housing policies in the [Eden Local Plan 2014-2032](#), is on file.

25/3/19

Councillor Matters

The Rigg - Blencarn

A Parishioner had queried who had been permitted to graze stock or horses on the ‘Rigg.’ in Blencarn.

It was confirmed that :-

- Only those persons with grazing rights, registered with the Cumbria Commons Registration Authority, in Carlisle are permitted to graze animals on this land.
- Those grazing horses must be covered by Third Party Public Liability Insurance.
- The riding of horses is only permitted on the Bridleway.
- The Parish Council has no jurisdiction or policing powers over the ‘Rigg’.
- The policing of Commons grazing rights lies with the local Commoners Committee and Natural England.

26/3/19 Dates and Venues of Future Meetings

Monday 13th May 2019 – Culgaith
 (Annual Parish Meeting/AGM/May meeting
 This meeting will be followed by the AGM and May Council Meeting.

Monday 1st July 2019 – Skirwith
 Monday 2nd September 2019 – Blencarn
 Monday 4th November 2019 - Culgaith
 Monday 6th January 2020– Skirwith
 Monday 2nd March 2020 – Blencarn

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm with the Chair thanking Councillors for their attendance.

Signed by Chairman _____

Date _____