

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minute of the Meeting Held on Monday 4th November 2019 in Culgaith Victoria Institute commencing at 7.30pm

Unapproved.

78/19 Present

Cllrs: Caroline Richardson (Chair), Laura Wilson, Pam Jago, Sue Smith, A Clay, Pauline Toppin (Vice Chair), David Witney. Ken Philipson, John Watson, County Cllr Claire Driver. and John Fleming (Parish Clerk)

79/19 Apologies

Cllr Nicola Kulisxewski, District Cllr Rob Orchard

80/19 Minutes

The Chair was unanimously authorized to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2nd September 2019, as a true record.

81/19 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

82/19 Public Participation

There was none.

83/19 District and County Council Reports.

83.1 District Councillors Report (In the absence of Cllr Orchard, sent by E Mail.)

Apologies for not being with you tonight. Council plans and actions are turning out this year to be quite difficult to report to you. We are being bombarded with new initiatives. We've already had the new Council Plan and now we have the One Eden Project. This latter is supposed to reveal the steps the Council plans to take to address various issues facing the Council notably the projected financial deficit that the Council could face in future years. Unfortunately, all these plans are high on aspiration but to date short on detail as to how the objectives will be met, how they will be funded and what the results will be. In the past the Council has been split into separate Portfolios each with a Portfolio Holder appointed by the ruling administration. However, although Portfolio Holders have been appointed and are drawing remuneration no Portfolio Plans have been issued and few Portfolio Meetings have taken place. In the past each Portfolio was responsible for part of the Council budget in order to carry out their functions. It now looks like we will in future operate with a single budget. How this will be administered remains unclear. Hopefully when we come to Scrutinise the Draft 1920/21 budget which we will be doing shortly, to you.

Cllr Rob Orchard
EDC Councillor – Hartside

83.2 County Council Report – A brief report was presented to the meeting by Cllr Claire Driver; her full report being available on: - (control/click)

<https://youtu.be/EQ7uP2AfaOk>

84/19 Finance (Incl.Vat)

84.1 To note the following balances as at:-	22/10/2019
	£
HSBC Current Account	1562.78
NSI Account	23.64
Penrith Building Society	<u>18408.91</u>
Total assets	<u>19995.33</u>

84.2 Presentation of Interim Accounts –

These were unanimously adopted.

Proposed by Cllr D Witney, Seconded by Cllr L Wilson.

84.3 The following accounts were Ratified

J Fleming Fee/PAYE August – September 2019.	As per contract
J Fleming Office Provision August - September 2019	30.00
Mark Binney – Grass Cutting	547.80
Mark Binney – Grass Cutting	522.90
J Fleming. Expenses 1/7/19-2/9/9	30.72
J Fleming. 4 Reams Paper	11.56
Blencarn Village Hall Hire 2/9/19	10.00
CALC Training. Cllr A Clay Neighborhood Plan	45.00

84.4 The Following Accounts were approved for Payment

J Fleming. Clerks Expenses – September - October	10.35
Culgaith Victoria Institute Room Hire 4/11/2019	10.00
Memo – Amount owing from 2018/19	40.00
Memo - £50 Subscription + £30 2019/2020 (17 X 1/3page)	80.00
Memo – 2020/2021 Agreed to pay £50 Sub + £65 = £115	
Tree Work – Riverdene – Skirwith	160.00
Parish Tree Survey – D Willetts	1300.00
Unanimously agreed. Proposed by Cllr S Smith Seconded by Cllr A Clay	

84.5 To Report Receipts – None

84.6 The Following Transfer Was Reported.

Penrith Building Society to Current Account	1500.00
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84.7 Tree Pruning –

Ref 59.4/19 – Reported work completed. Quote less than £160.

84.8 - To Agree a Precept and Budget for 2020/2021

84.1 Following discussion, a budget for 2020/2021 was agreed, a copy being on file.

84.2 Projected Expenditure. In the year 2020/2021 it is estimated that the Parish Council could be required to spend in excess of £2900 on essential tree safety pruning work, throughout the Parish. The Council being responsible for 312 trees of which 22 will require essential safety pruning between now and 2022; with approximately £750 needing to be budgeted for, also in 2021/2022.

Further to this the Council also needs to budget for the reduction in the footway lighting, maintenance and electrical supply, grant received from EDC; this being totally withdrawn over a 4-year period. 442

84.3 Precept - To cover the above mentioned, increased costs, the majority being mentioned in minute no. 86.6, it was agreed to raise the Precept by £665; the Council Tax implication of this rise being approximately £1.82 per year for a Band D Property. The remainder of the expense being covered from financial reserves.

85/19 Planning Applications

- 19/0679 Garth House Skirwith** – Tree Work **Supported**
19/0722 – 2 Tarnside. Culgaith. – Proposed alterations and extension, erection of garage and new access **Supported**
19/00718 – 12 Otters Holt. Culgaith. Penrith – Install 1no. door and 2no. windows into existing storm porch.
19/0713 – Town Head Farm. Kirkland Road. Skirwith – Conversion of stone bank barn, reconstruction of stone byre to rear and re-modelling modern cow byre to a dwelling. **Supported**
19/0761 – Gilderwath. Kirkland Road. Skirwith – Part retrospective application for erection of pony shelter, extension to pony shelter **Supported**

86/19 Highways and Land Matters

- 86.1 Newbiggin Scar** - Freezing surface water was creating a road hazard in winter condition. – In hand with Highways
86.2 Potholes - Church Street, Skirwith, by the Recycling facility and on outskirts of Skirwith, towards Ousby – In hand with Highways
86.3 Kirkland Bridge – Vehicle damage. – Reported that bridge had been repaired but had been damaged again. Suggested that Highways be approach regarding an appropriate sign being erected to alert HGV drivers of its narrowness.
86.4 Foot of 'The Pea' – Drainage Issue – In hand with Highways
86.5 Blencarn and Kirkland Grit Bins – Reported had been replenishment
86.6 Tree Survey – Reported that a very detailed survey of the trees in the Parish had been received from David Willetts. Dip Arb. PTI. of 'PS Tree'. The Executive Summary being supported with detailed maps, the level of safety 'Threat' detail relating to all trees and a 'Management Priority Report'.

The Survey identified 312 trees under the ownership of Culgaith Parish Council and situated in four local villages and an adjacent small piece of woodland; 22 of these 312 trees, requiring attention on safety ground within the next two years.

The Council were indebted to David Willett for undertaking and completing such a detailed and comprehensive survey. The Clerk being asked to convey the Council's grateful thanks to David.

The full survey being on file.

87/19 Emergency Plan – A revised plan was approved.

88/19 Neighbourhood Planning Workshop – A brief report was presented by Cllr A Clay.

89/19 Winter Gritting Routes & Salt Storage

- 89.1 Winter Gritting of Routes and Key Facilities Located** within the Parish were discussed. It was unanimously agreed that a request be made to Highways that the route from Culgaith to Blencarn, via Howrigg farm be reclassified, for gritting priority purposes, as a Route 3.

89.2 A revised map, identifying the revised location of key facilities within the Parish to be submitted to Highways.

89.2 Undercover Salt Storage – It was reported that Highways were looking for locations, within the Parish, where 1 ton lots of salt/grit could be stored. It also being noted that a small spreader could also be supplied, on request, to support such a storage facility. It being confirmed that any local parishioner involvement was covered by insurance.

90/19 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications.

The following items of correspondence were received since the last meeting.

90.1 NALC - Neighbourhood Planning and Health and Well Being Article – Legal update was tabled.

90.2 Local Electricity Bill – A National Community Campaign. – It was agreed to support this initiative, facilitating local energy schemes to upload electricity into the National Grid.

90.3 VE Day 75 Celebrations. 3pm Friday 8th May 2020 - Advanced notice tabled

90.4 The Swales Trust Fund – Grant opportunities for young people was tabled.

90.5 CALC - Eco/Sustainability projects – Details in respect of Parish and Town Councils were tabled.

91/19 Councillor Matters An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues on behalf of residents.

91.1 Tarn Villa – Footpath Signs. It was reported that the Public Right of Way signs at either end of the footpath, commencing at ‘Tarn Villa’, Culgaith, were no longer in place.

Action: - Agreed to approach Cumbria County Council to request replacements.

91.2 The ‘Pea’ Pavement – Reported that this path had become very slippery due to a buildup of moss.

Action :- To report the issue to Highways.

91.3 Grit Box – Skirwith – A request was made for a grit bin to be installed in the lay – by on the outskirts of Skirwith, on the Langwathby road.

Action :- To make a request to Highways.

92/19 Dates and Venues of Future Meetings

Monday 6th January 2020– Skirwith

Monday 2nd March 2020 – Blencarn

Monday 11th May 2020– Culgaith

(Annual Parish Meeting/AGM/May meeting

This meeting will be followed by the AGM and May Council Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm with the Chair thanking Councillors for their attendance.

Signed by Chairman _____

Date _____