

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL

14/20 Apologies

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Minute of the Meeting Held on Monday 2nd March 2020 in Blencarn Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Unapproved.

13/20 Present

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

District Councillor Rob Orchard.

15/20 Minutes

The Chair was unanimously authorized to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6th January 2020, as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr P Toppin. Seconded by Cllr S Smith

16/20 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

17/20 Public Participation

There was none.

18/20 District and County Council Reports.

18.1 District Councillors Report

At its meeting on Feb 27th Eden District Council took some major decisions which will affect the people of Eden. The overall Budget for 2020/21 was approved. Within the budget was authority to proceed with the One Eden Project which forms a major part of the Corporate Plan. The full details of the One Eden Project should be circulated to Parish Councils for comment. It can also be viewed on the Eden District Council website. The main thrust is to make the Council operate more efficiently and to save money. How this will affect services is not yet clear. Also within the Budget was approval to raise Council Tax. This will rise by £5 for a Band D property. I did not support the proposal to increase Council Tax.

The other major item on the Council agenda was the decision to purchase Voreda House and convert it into the new single site office for the Council. This is a massive project involving expenditure of around £1.7m. These funds do already exist as the single site project was originally put in the Budget a few years ago and has been carried forward annually. This subject provoked a great deal of debate much of it acrimonious primarily because many members felt that insufficient information was being provided especially on costs and the futures of the existing Town Hall and Mansion House buildings. However, because of the size of the Rainbow Coalition the proposal was passed despite a large number of Members voting against it and ultimately leaving the meeting.

Many members felt that with the Government proposals currently circulating about forming a Northern Cumbria Unitary Authority (abolishing CCC and combining Eden, Allerdale, Carlisle City and rural, and Rydale Councils) that to commit Eden to such high expenditure at this time was inappropriate. I did not support the purchase of Voreda House for these reasons.

The Council, which already has a good record of dealing with homelessness, adopted an even stronger programme for dealing with the problem.

Rob Orchard EDC Councillor, Hartside

Feb 28 2020

18.2 County Council Report –

A monthly report is available on: - (control/click) <https://youtu.be/EQ7uP2AfaOk>

19/20 Finance (Incl.Vat)

19.1 To note the following balances as at:- as at 24th February 2020

	£
HSBC Current Account	1250.79
NSI Account	23.64
Penrith Building Society	<u>13908.91</u>
Total assets	15183.34

19.2 The Following Accounts were Ratified.

J Fleming Fee/PAYE Jan/Feb 2020	As per contract
J Fleming Tel/ Broadband Jan/Feb 2020	30.00
Office supplies	7.50
Cartridge People – Toner	29.90
D Tec – Resolve E Mail issues	23.46
CALC – Training New Councillor X 2 Sessions	80.00

19.3 The Following Accounts were Approved for Payment

J Fleming Expenses – Jan/Feb 2020	5.10
Blencarn Village Hall Room Hire 2/3/2020	10.00

19.4 Receipts

There were none

19.5 Presentation of Interim Accounts –

These were unanimously approved.

Proposed by Cllr S Smith

Seconded by Cllr Pauline Toppin

19.6 Hunsonby Swimming Pool – A request for a donation to support the swimming pool at Hunsonby had been received.

Action: - Unanimously agreed to donate £100.00

Proposed by Cllr D Witney

Seconded by Cllr P Jago

20/20 Planning Applications

20/0020 – Rose Walk, Culgaith – Internal alterations and refurbishments to enlarge dwelling into attached barn. Unanimously supported

Proposed by Cllr S Smith

Seconded by Cllr J Watson.

21/20 Highways and Land Matters

- 21.1 Newbiggin Scar** - Freezing surface water was creating a road hazard in winter condition. – Reported that work was now completed
- 21.2 Kirkland Bridge** – Revised Sav -Nav maps. **'Not suitable for HGV's.**
In hand with Highways.
- 21.3 Foot of 'The Pea' – Drainage Issue** – Progress report to be requested from Highways.
- 21.4 Safety Tree Pruning – Skirwith** Reported that work was in hand.
- 21.5 Langwathby Road out of Skirwith** - Following a request being made to Highways to upgrade this section of road, the following response had been received: and was noted -

This road is on the 'Long Non-Priority Road Network Assessment List' for resurfacing within 20/21 (schemes approved via Eden Local Committee). I must inform you it is unlikely to be included in 21/22 either, unless deterioration is rapid. Capital funding is limited and the roads list for assessment unfortunately long.

Reading through the PC notes, the problem is mainly as a result of poor, inconsiderate driving practise, running over the verges.

Road widening constitutes a 'Minor Improvement Scheme' – Funding for schemes of this nature are again assessed scored and prioritised as above, and the funding level (again approved by ELC) considerably less than the Capital fund noted above.

Part of the scoring for these schemes, however, is contribution/match funding towards the scheme, e.g. from Parish Council and/or local business, support

I can supply you with further information if you think there is any merit in the Parish Council considering a significant, match funded exercise, in conjunction with local businesses.

- 21.6 Safety Tree Pruning – Kirkland.-** In hand with Electricity NW.
- 21.7 Lottery Grant Application** – 'Parish Community Tree Planting' grant application – Reported that the application had been unsuccessful.
- 21.8 'The Pea' Tree Safety** – Work completed.
- 21.9 Rushed Wall Culgaith.** - Black Barn' in Culgaith. – Work completed
- 21.10 Skirwith 'Bring' Site Festive Period Collections** – Following a request to EDC for clarification, a response had been received stating that the Skirwith 'Bring Site' had been emptied on the 24th December and extra collections had been scheduled over the holiday period., Routinely the Skirwith site is always emptied on each Tuesday.
- 21.11 Skirwith Defibrillator Funding – A** funding issue regarding the Skirwith Defibrillator had been drawn to the attention of the Council.
- Action:** - To advise the Skirwith Defibrillator Committee to apply for a grant towards the upkeep of the Defibrillator, at the July meeting, supported by a fully itemised breakdown of their annual costs.

22/20 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications.

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

- 22.1 Cumbria in Bloom Competition.** –
Since cancelled due to Covid – 19 restrictions.
- 22.2 EDC – ‘Towards a Zero Carbon Eden’** -Wed 18th March – Rheged -
Since cancelled due to Covid – 19 restrictions.
- 22.3 Citizens Advice Recruitment. – Your CAB Needs You.**
CAB are recruiting advisors, in you are interested, contact: -
03300 563037 www.ca-ce.org.uk. (following lifting if Covid – 19 restrictions)
- 22.4 CSE Climate Emergency Support Workshop-**
Newbiggin Village Hall on Friday 13th March from 9.30am to 4.00pm.
Since cancelled due to Covid – 19 restrictions.
- 22.5 Police Report – February – Circulated.**
- 22.6 Cumbrian Litter Pick 20/21 March Fri Sat**
Since cancelled due to Covid – 19 restrictions.

23/20 Councillor Matters An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues on behalf of residents.

- 23.1 Potholes** reported, outside Skirwith Village Hall, Culgaith road approaching Langwathby and westerly road out of Blencarn.
- 23.2 Skirwith Junction** – Reported that wagons were cutting up the verge – point noted.

24/20 Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting – 11th May 2020

Subsequent to the meeting. - Due to the Government Covid – 19 restrictions (as from 23/3/20), it is expected that this meeting will be postponed until later in the year, following the lifting of Covid – 19 restrictions.

25/20 Dates and Venues of Future Meetings

Subsequent to this meeting and the Government Covid – 19 restriction, as of 23/3/20, all the future meetings planned in the Village Halls, are cancelled, with Council business being conducted Electronically, by E mail, until further notice.

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

Signed by Chairman _____

Date _____