

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minute of the Remote Meeting Held from Monday 11th May 2020 commencing at 7.30pm

Unapproved.

26/20 Remote Attendees

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

27/20 Minutes

The Chair was unanimously authorized to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2nd March 2020, as a true record.
Proposed by Cllr C Richardson, Seconded by Cllr S Smith

28/20 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

29/20 Public Participation

There was none.

30/20 District and County Council Reports.

30. 1 District Councillors Report. Cllr Rob Orchard - May 10th 2020

The Covid - 19 Lock Down restrictions have made running EDC very difficult but I believe they have done a good job. Despite having the Town Hall and Mansion House virtually shut down they have managed to continue to operate most of the services they offer residents as before. This is despite having the bulk of staff operating from home. Thankfully modern digital technology has helped. The Council has also had to deal with managing many of the Government's schemes for protecting businesses, especially small businesses, jobs, charity organisations etc. and all of this has of course been additional workload to the normal running of the Council.

If you fall into any of those categories and have not talked to EDC I do urge you to do so as soon as possible. There is a team of people with a lot of money waiting to try and help you. As of last Friday (May 8th) EDC was reporting that they thought a third of eligible small businesses had not yet contacted them.

The Council has also been developing a system whereby we can hold Council Committee Meetings and Full Council meetings remotely using a system called Microsoft Teams. The intention is that where possible these sessions will also be available for the general public to view.

I had my first training session using this technology the other day and I have to say it worked well. However, it was a small meeting – just seven of us. Quite how it will work with a full Council Meeting involving 40+ people remains to be seen. The system does mean that meetings take much longer and it is quite tiring.

Whilst I welcome the introduction of the system to get us over the current problems it is not the same as having the normal social interaction, face-to-face discussions and debate of Council meetings, so I look forward to restrictions being lifted in hopefully the relatively near future.

I would like to commend all those who have helped their neighbours especially those

like me who have been Shielding making sure we are OK and able to access food, medicines and help. Fantastic community spirit but only what I would have expected from this special area.

I would also like to remind constituents and Parish Councillors that although I am also locked-down I am still here to help if you have problems you wish to raise.

I look forward to when we can all meet up again and until then please stay safe and try to keep sane

30.2 County Council Report –

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

31/20 Finance (Incl.Vat)

31.1 To note the following balances as at:-	31/3/2020	3/5/2020
	£	£
HSBC Account	1431.14	664.90
Penrith Building Society	13981.07	26981.07
NSI Account	23.83	23.83
Vat to be claimed	<u>45.06</u>	<u>45.06</u>
Total Cash	<u>15481.10</u>	<u>27714.86</u>

31.2 Presentation of the 31th March 2020 Year End Accounts

These were unanimously approved

Proposed by Cllr C Richardson and seconded by Cllr A Clay

31.3 Presentation of Interim Accounts from 31st March 2020 – 3rd May 2020

These were unanimously approved

Proposed by Cllr C Richardson and seconded by Cllr D Witney

31.4 The following Accounts were Ratified

31.4.1 J Fleming Fee March/April 2020, As per contract		
31.4.2 J Fleming Tel/ Broadband March/April 2020		30.00
31.4.3 Cartridge People – Toner		24.90
31.4.4 D Tec, Penrith – To resolve E Mail fault		23.40
31.4.5 CALC – Training – Cllr A Clay		80.00
31.4.6 Hunsonby Swimming Pool – Donation		100.00
31.4.7 D Tec, Penrith – Replaced Printer Toner Drums		102.50
31.4.8 Playground Inspection Co.- Inspections X 2		167.88
31.4.9 Memo – Donation 2020/2021		120.00
31.4.10 Norris Fisher Annual Insurance		444.34
31.4.11 Mark Binney – Grass Cutting	522.90	

These were unanimously approved

Proposed by Cllr C Richardson and seconded by Cllr L Wilson.

31.5 The Following Accounts were Approved for Payment

31.5.1 J Fleming Expenses – 2nd March – 11th May 2020 12.60

31.5.2 CALC – Annual Subscription. (CALC - £155.65/NALC £52.85) 208.50

The above were unanimously approved

Proposed by Cllr C Richardson and seconded by Cllr D Witney

31.6 To Report the Following Receipts

31.6.1 Precept	12000.00
31.6.2 Council Reduction Scheme	52.000
31.6.3 EDC Footway Lighting Grant	1521.00
31.6.4 VAT Refund	851.29

- 31.7 To Report the Following Transfer**
Current Account to Penrith Building Society 13000.00
- 31.8 Online Banking Authorisation 2020/2021**
The On-line Banking Authorisation for 2020 – 2021 was unanimously approved.
Proposed by Cllr S Smith and seconded by Cllr A Clay
- 31.9 To Approve and Sign Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020**
The Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020 was unanimously approved.
Proposed by Cllr C Richardson and seconded by Cllr S Smith
- 31.10 Revised 2020 Asset Register**
This was unanimously approved.
Proposed by Cllr S Smith and seconded by Cllr N Kulisxewski,

32/20 Planning Applications

- 20/0161 – 3 Crossfell View, Culgaith – 2 storey side extension Supported
20/0187 – Cross Fell View, Blencarn – Addition of conservatory to side elevation Supported

33/20 Highways and Land Matters

- 33.1 Foot of 'The Pea' – Drainage Issue –** Work completed
33.2 Safety Tree Pruning, Skirwith Work to be done when circumstances permit.
33.3 Safety Tree Pruning, Kirkland.- In negotiation with Electricity NW.
33.4 Potholes reported - Outside Skirwith Village Hall, Church Street, Westerly road out of Blencarn, Bottom of Blencarn Green by the Kirkland junction sign, Surface also needs attention outside Blencarn Village Hall. With Highways.

34/20 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications

- The following items of correspondence were received since the last meeting.
- 34.1 Covi Communications – 19 -** Since the 2nd March Meeting 47 Covid – 19 E Mails, on this subject, have been forward to Councillors. (Too many to itemise.)
- 34.2 Hunsonby Pool Grant of £100 –** Grateful thanks received.
- 34.3 Cumbria Choice Allocation Policy Review 2020 –** Reported.
- 34.4 Story of Plastic –** Free Tickets for Councillors reported; to book contact: - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-story-of-plastic-online-screening-by-pact-tickets-103624076402> Tabled for information.
- 34.5 'Long Grass for Nature' Campaign**
Penrith Action for Community Transition (PACT) – E Mail from Jaki Bell – Forwarded to Councillors for information.
- 34.6 Use of Public Rights of Way under Covid – 19 Lockdown Regulations.**
Correspondence had been received from a concerned Parishioner on this Issue.

The current position was confirmed – Public Footpaths are not closed and it is illegal for a landowner owner to do so. There is a provision, however, for a landowner to divert a path away from a dwelling, garden or farm steading. When using a Public Right of Way the public are asked to strictly observe the 2m Social Distancing rules and in the interest of all, especially the farming community, to sanitise hands before and after touching a gate and to avoiding touching where possible.

The management of Public Rights of Way lies with David Gibson, Senior,

Countryside Officer, Cumbria County Council, Parkhouse Building, Kingmoor Business Park, Carlisle, CA6 4SJ, Tel: 01228 226558.
David.Gibson@cumbria.gov.uk

The Parish Council has no jurisdiction or responsibility on this matter. The policing of the Government's Covid – 19, Lockdown regulations, lies with the Police.

34.7 Planting of Fruit Trees on Skirwith Village Green

A Parishioner had made this suggestion, for consideration by the Council/

Action – To discuss further at a later meeting.

35/20 Covid – 19 Delegation of Powers.

In order to conform to the Government Covid – 19 emergency regulations, it was recommended and proposed that during the current restrictions and until Parish Council meetings can be held, with all Councillors and members of the public present, in a meeting held in a village hall, powers are delegated to the Parish Clerk and Chair to make decisions on behalf of the Council, where necessary and appropriate. Any such decision made being subsequently minuted and reported at any future 'Remote' meeting or normal formal meeting.

This was unanimously agreed.

Proposed by Cllr A Clay and Seconded by Cllr D Witney.

36/20 Councillor Matters An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues on behalf of residents.

Boundary Stones – Approaching Kirkland.

It was reported that the two Boundary Stones as you approach Kirkland from Skirwith and Blencarn were damaged and in need of repair.

Action – To seek a quote for repair, when circumstances permit, to present to a future meeting for consideration.

37/20 Annual Parish Meeting Arrangements –

Following government advice on the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and under new legislation*which came into force on 4 April 2020 Culgaith Parish Council has cancelled the **Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Council**, scheduled for 11th May 2020 Under Regulation 4 of the new regulations, appointments continue. Therefore, the current 2019/20 Council structure will remain until an annual meeting of the Council is held (possibly next year).

38/20 Date and Venue of Future Meetings

All future meetings in the Village Halls are cancelled until further guidance is received from the Government.

The July 6th meeting will be conducted using a Video Conferencing format.

Signed by Chairman _____

Date _____

The minutes of this meeting will be formally ratified at the July 6th, video conference meeting, when all Councillors and members of the public can be involved.

