

# Culgaith Parish Council

Annual Report 2018 – 2019 Serving:-



Culgaith



Skirwith



Blencarn



Kirkland.

## From The Chair.

Throughout 2018/19 Culgaith Parish Council has continued to work hard on behalf of the community. Sadly, our longest serving councillor, Jill Hay, passed away in August and will be greatly missed. I should like to thank both re-elected and retiring Councillors for their commitment and support throughout the year. The excellent work of the Clerk, John Fleming, who provides advice, enacts decisions and liaises with parishioners, is also highly appreciated.

Caroline Richardson  
Chair, Culgaith Parish Council

## Jill Hay

All within the Parish were greatly saddened by the passing of Cllr Jill Hay. Jill had been a stalwart of the village for many decades. She had been dedicated to serving her community, both on the Parish Council and the Fellrunner bus service, of which she was Chair. A tree was planted in her memory on the Tarn. Jill will be sadly missed.



## In Kirkland and Blencarn

- The Blencarn phone box was removed.
- The flooding issue past the church, on the Skirwith road was dealt with by Highways.
- It was decided that it be policy for ¾ inch limestone chippings to be used to resurface the tracks on Blencarn Green.
- Agreement was given to reinstating the track, across Blencarn Green to 'The Green'.
- During 2018/19 the Council considered 4 planning applications in Kirkland and Blencarn

## Around The Communities

Some of the Issues raised are listed below.

### General

- A tree safety survey was initiated throughout the Parish on recommendation by CALC.
- During the year documentation was put in place to conform with the new GDPR regulations.
- The Council was consulted over the major road reconstruction works planned on the Low Moor to Kirkby Thore section of the A66, when the road was closed for a lengthy period.
- Defibrillator signage on the approaches to Skirwith and Blencarn was arranged.
- Church Street Skirwith – Foliage Growth on a telephone pole was taken up with Openreach.
- The Parish was very grateful for the support received from the Community Support Officer, PC Anthony Labram, on policing matters during the year.

### In Culgaith

- Trees by the Tarn were pruned
- Newbiggin crossroads road; improved drainage work addressed a flooding issue.
- Concern over vehicle speeding was taken up with police and the Highways department
- The parking of a vehicle on the Pin Fold and grass by War Memorial was addressed
- An appraisal of the Skirwith Conservation Area was undertaken by EDC. It was reported that all was in order.
- Following a donation of bulbs, daffodils were planted at numerous locations in the village.
- During 2018/19 the Council considered 9 planning applications in Culgaith

### In Skirwith

- It was agreed with the Highways department to change the road priority in Skirwith, as an attempt to stop HGV's getting stuck and damaging the verge at the crossroad in the village.
- A 'Garden Waste' skip was provided, as in previous years, in Skirwith. During the season there was concern over some Parishioners using the facility irresponsibly by depositing large quantities of heavy tree prunings.

- Partial repair was made to Skirwith Notice Board, again.
- The Parish Council liaised with United Utilities over the replacement of the water main in Church Street. The work being completed with minimum disruption.
- During 2018/19 the Council considered 2 planning applications in Skirwith.

## Finance

The Parish Precept (The Parish Councils share of Council Tax) for 2018/19 was £10608

### Financial Summary

Income	2017/18	2018/19
	£	
Carried forward	10351	13766
Precept + CRS	9135	10608
Grants	1352	0
EDC Lighting Grant	0	3024
Other Income	222	1315
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>10709</b>	<b>14947</b>

### Expenditure

Administration	3927	3524
Village Greens	2576	2722
Village Maintenance	1968	425
Playgrounds	290	207
Grants	1393	1350
Wreath	17	20
Lighting Costs	0	1605
Elections	0	0
Other Expenditure		1833
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>10555</b>	<b>11686</b>

**Internal Audit – The Council is indebted to Sandra Harrison for undertaking this duty.**

## Support For Local Organisations

	£
Memo – Mid Eden Newsletter	50
Fellrunner	343
Skirwith Village Hall	250
Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room	250
Culgaith Victoria Institute	250
Culgaith All Saints Church	200
St Lawrence Church, Kirkland	200
Skirwith Parish Church	200
Skirwith Playground Committee	250.

## Parish Council Elections.

Congratulations to Cllrs C Richardson, P Jago, S Smith, D Witney, J Watson, K Philipson, L Wilson and P Toppin on being re-elected to the Council. Grateful thanks are extended to Marjory Helm and Philip Hemingway for their dedicated service over the past 4 years. Their wise council will be missed from debate.

## Learning and Development

- Cllr C Richardson attended a course on 'Neighbourhood Planning'.
- A 'Tree' workshop was attended by Cllr C Richardson.
- Clerk attended a workshop on CCC's 'Working Together' initiative.

## Parish Councillors 2018- 2019

### Culgaith Ward

#### Jill Hay

1 Chestnut Close, Culgaith (Passed away during Year)

#### Pam Jago

17 Chestnut Close, Culgaith

#### Pauline Toppin (Vice Chair)

Glenmara, Culgaith

#### David Witney

Sunnyfield, Culgaith, Penrith

#### Sue Smith

Briarfield, Culgaith. (Co-opted during Year)

#### John Watson

Bracken Ridge, Culgaith. (Co-opted during Year)

### Blencarn and Kirkland Ward

#### Marjorie Helm

Rigg End, Blencarn

#### Caroline Richardson (Chair)

Smithy House, Blencarn

#### Ken Philipson

Glebe Farm, Kirkland

### Skirwith Ward

#### Laura Wilson

Skirwith Hall, Skirwith

#### Philip Hemingway

Old School House, Skirwith

### Parish Clerk

John Fleming

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### For More Information

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## Forthcoming Meetings

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 – Skirwith

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 – Blencarn

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 - Culgaith

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020– Skirwith

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 – Blencarn

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Culgaith

(Annual Parish Meeting/AGM/May meeting)