

CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minute of the 'Virtual' Meeting Held on Monday 1st March 2021 commencing at 7.30pm

16/21 Present

Cllrs: Caroline Richardson (Chair), Sue Smith, David Witney, Andrew Clay Laura Wilson. Ken Philipson, Lesley Benton, Pam Jago, Pauline Toppin (Vice Chair) and District Councillor and John Fleming (Parish Clerk)

17/21 Apologies

County Councillor, Claire Driver, District Councillor, Doug Banks (Technical reasons) and Cllr John Watson

18/21 Minutes

The Chair was unanimously authorized to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4th January 2021, as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr D Witney.

Seconded by Cllr S Smith

19/21 Declaration of Interests

To receive any declarations of interest, by members of the Council, in respect of items on this agenda.

There were none.

20/21 Public Participation

Nigel Smith and Diane Marsh, representing the 'Guardians of the Tarn', joined the meeting; both commented on the Tarn flooding problems, contributing local knowledge to the debate.

They also requested that the Parish Council consider the 'Guardians of the Tarn's' request for a dead Rowan to be felled and a Cherry to be pruned. If after pruning the shape of the Cherry is acceptable then it is to be left; however; if not, then they ask that it be felled also.

The Chair thanked them both for their contribution.

21/21 District Councillors Report

Cllr D Banks was unable to attend due to technical problems and forwarded his report following the meeting.

He stated that there was little to report from Eden District Council.

The main issue concentration minds being Local Government Reorganisation. Eden District Council's favoured option being a link up with Carlisle, Allerdale and Eden. The least favoured option being a link with South Cumbria and Barrow.

He confirmed that there will be a byelection, to elected a District Councillor for the Hartside Ward, on 6th May 2021

22/21 County Council Report

There was none

23/21 Finance (Inc. Vat)

23.1 The Following Balances Were Noted as at: -

	21/2/2021
	£
HSBC Account	1420.18
Penrith Building Society	16541.20
NSI Account	23.83
Vat to be claimed	<u>389.36</u>
Total Cash	<u>18,374.57</u>

The interim set of accounts, as at 21/2/2021, were unanimously approved. Proposed by Cllr Caroline Richardson and seconded by Cllr Andrew Clay

23.2 The Following Accounts were Ratified.

21.2.1 J Fleming Fee January 2021.	As per contract
21.2.2 J Fleming Office Provision January 2021	15.00
21.2.3 Zoom Fee January 2021 @ £14.39/m	14.39
21.2.4 Zoom Fee February 2021 @ £14.39/m	14.39
21.2.5 Play Ground Inspection Company – Inspections X 2	167.88
21.2.6 Miscellaneous	8.00

23.3 The Following Account Was Approved for Payment

J Fleming Expenses, 4 th January to 1 st March 2021	4.25
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23.2 and 23.3 were unanimously approved.

Proposed by Cllr David Witney

Seconded by Cllr Ken Philipson.

24/21 Planning Applications

21/0070 – 7 South Esk, Culgaith - Proposed off street car parking and associated works (as per previous consent 15/0735) Supported

21/0056 - Fell Silver Birch, Yeomans Cottage, Church Street, Skirwith. Supported

21/0055 – T4 Leylandii to fell, T4 Laburnum to fell, Gilderwath, Kirkland Road, Skirwith Supported

21/0095 – Rose Cottage Blencarn. Penrith - Outline application for erection of a dwelling with all matters reserved. Objected

The Parish Council's response, detailing the reasoning behind this decision, being on file and on EDC website.

25/21 Highways and Land Matters

25.1 30-mph Signs – Station Road, Culgaith. – Repositioning
It was reported that a request had been made to Highways that the start of a 30-mph zone, on the approach to Culgaith, be located before the entrance to the proposed Hazel Dene housing development.

25.2 Digital Speed Awareness Device – Culgaith

Reported that the 'Crash' Committee had agreed to a digital sign being erected. A site visit with Highways being planned for late March, to confirm the exact location.

25.3 Village Green by War Memorial Culgaith – Planting of Wild Flower Beds

An in-depth discussion ensued over what was planned and how it was to be executed. Concerns were raised that such a planting, in the vicinity of the War Memorial, could compromise the respect in which this location is held. The Victoria Institute had agreed to sponsor the project to a value of £300.

Action:- It was hesitantly, but unanimously agreed to proceed with the project, however all Culgaith Councillors were to be involved in the decisions taken over the planting.

Proposed by Cllr Andrew Clay, seconded by Cllr Sue Smith.

The Chair thanked Cllr Lesley Benton for all the hard work that she had put into the project to date

(Subsequent to the meeting it was decided not to proceed with this project this year)

25.4 Grass Cutting Tender 2021

Only one tender had been received, that from the current contractor, Mark Binney. Councillors, being well pleased with the excellent job that Mark had done for the last 3 years, unanimously agreed to accept his tender for a further 3-year period. Details being on file.

Proposed by Cllr Caroline Richardson

Seconded by Cllr Pauline Toppin.

25.5 Blencarn ‘Rigg’ – Cows and Calves grazing.

It was confirmed that: -

25.5.1 The farmer concerned did have legitimate grazing rights for 20 cows with calves at foot, on the land in question.

25.5.2 It was permissible to graze cows, with calves at foot, on land crossed by a public right of way; however, the owner of the livestock being liable, should a member of the public, walking on the public right of way, be hurt by one of his animals.

25.5.3 A farmer grazing animals in such circumstances would be wise to have undertaken a Risk Assessment.

25.5.4 Should an accident occur; the incident could be investigated by the Health and Safety Executive.

25.6 Road surface from Culgaith School to War Memorial – In Hand Highways

25.7 Flooding Vicinity of Otter’s Holt Entrance – Drainage work Completed

25.8 Tarn Flooding Issue

25.8.1 It was reported that Highways had jetted a number of drains in the vicinity.

25.8.2 It was thought that the two drains opposite Kettlestones house were ‘possibly soak away’ drains, being filled by the water level in the Tarn.

25.8.3 Highways were planning to revisit all the drains in question, including those in Chestnut Close.

25.8.4 It was decided to see the outcome of this further investigation before any further action was taken.

25.9 Tarn Trees to Prune

It had been requested by the Guardians of the Tarn Committee, that a dead Rowan, by the roadside by the Tarn, be felled and also a Cherry tree be pruned, if after pruning the shape of the Cherry is deemed unsatisfactory, it also should be felled.

Action :- Unanimously agreed to have this work undertake.

Proposed by Cllr David Witney

Seconded by Cllr Pam Jago.

25.10 Potholes-Kirkland to Skirwith/South of Howrigg Farm – Reported to Highways

26/21 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications.

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

26.1 CALC Local Government Reorganisation Consultation closes 19th April 2021

26.2 Calc Local Government Reform

26.3 Cumbria Wildlife Trust Vacancies in Cumbria

26.4 28 Covid – 19 related E Mails

26.5 Census 2021 - Your Questions Answered

26.6 Cumbria County Council - Cumbrian schools launch laptop appeal

26.7 Highways Customer Feedback Survey

26.8 Highlighting Eden - press release

26.9 Cumbria Arts and Culture Network Newsletter - numerous

26.10 Climate Change - Opportunity for Volunteers Cumbria

26.11 Action for Health & Mental Health Provider Forum - Numerous Bulletins

26.12 Settle Carlisle Railway Community Rail Partnership – Plans for the future

26.13 Zero Carbon Communities – A series of events.

Rural Community Energy Fund NW – Contact: -07929 859526

27/21 Councillor Matters An opportunity for Councillors to raise issues on behalf of residents.

There were none

28/21 Dates and Venues of Future Meetings

Monday 10th May 2021– Culgaith Victoria Institute

(Subsequently rescheduled to 17th May 2021)

Annual Parish Meeting/AGM/May meeting

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

Monday 5th July 2021 – Skirwith,

Monday 6th September 2021– Blencarn

Monday 1st November 2021 – Culgaith

Monday 10th January 2022– Skirwith

Monday 7th March 2022 – Blencarn

The above venues are subject to Covid – 19 regulations permitting, if not 'Virtual' meetings will be organized.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm with the Chair thanking Councillors for their 'Virtual' attendance.

Signed by Chair _____

Date