

# CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minute of the Meeting Held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 in Blencarn Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm

Unapproved.

### 78/21 Present

Cllrs: Caroline Richardson (Chair), Laura Wilson, Sue Smith, Pam Jago, John Watson, Andrew Clay, David Witney, Pauline Toppin (Vice Chair), Cllr Ken Philipson, County Cllr Claire Driver, District Cllr Ray Briggs and John Fleming (Parish Clerk).  
One member of the public.

### 79/21 Apologies

There were none.

### 80/21 Minutes

The Chair was unanimously authorized to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021, as a true record.  
Proposed by Cllr A Clay  
Seconded by Cllr S Smith

### 81/21 Declaration of Interests

There were none

### 82/21 Public Participation

There was none.

### 83/21 Co-option of Council Member for Skirwith Ward.

Michael Anderson of Aglionby House, Skirwith, was unanimously co-opted, as a Culgaith Parish Councillor, representing the Skirwith Ward.  
The Chair warmly welcomed Michael Anderson to the Council.  
Proposed by Cllr A Clay  
Seconded by Cllr L Wilson.

### 84/21 District Council Report.

District Councillor, Ray Briggs, reported the District Council was experiencing an element of uncertainty resulting from the move towards the formation of the Unitary Authority. A Unitary Programme Board has been set up to create a Development Plan for the new Shadow Authority. Elections for this Shadow Authority will take place in May 2022. It was proposed, by the Government, that the new Authority be called 'Westmorland and Furness'.

### 85/21 County Council Reports.

A brief report was presented to the meeting; this being summarised in the monthly report available on: - (control/click) <https://youtu.be/EQ7uP2AfaOk>

**86/21 Finance (Incl.Vat)**

<b>86.1</b>	<b>To note the following balances as at: -</b>	<b>22/10/21</b>
		<b>£</b>
	HSBC Account	167.38
	Penrith Building Society	23128.56
	NSI Account	<u>24.00</u>
	Total Cash	<u>23319.94</u>
<b>86.2</b>	<b>Presentation of Interim Accounts from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021</b>	
	These accounts were unanimously approved.	
	Proposed Cllr D Witney	
	Seconded Cllr John Watson.	
<b>86.3</b>	<b>The Following Accounts were Ratified.</b>	
	J Fleming Fee September 2021	As per contract
	J Fleming Office Provision September 2021	15.00
	Cumbria County Council – Skirwith Village Green Map	20.00
	Mark Binney – Grass Cutting	594.00
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<b>86.4</b>	<b>The Following Account for Payment was Approved</b>	
	J Fleming Expenses 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	6.75
<b>86.5</b>	<b>To approve 86.3 and 86.4</b>	
	These were unanimously approved.	
	Proposer Cllr S Smith	
	Seconder Cllr P Jago	
<b>86.6</b>	<b>To Report the Following Receipt</b>	
	Langwathby Parish Council – Zoom Meeting Refund.	24.00
<b>86.7</b>	<b>Change of Bankers</b>	
	It was reported that difficulties were being experienced in attempting to move from HSBC to Barclays. Barclays and a number of other banks, were refusing to take on new customers from HSBC, following their decision to start making charges on Community and Charity accounts.	
	<b>Action:-</b> Unanimously decided to maintain the status quo, for now, and to review the position in a years' time.	
<b>86.8</b>	<b>To Review the Clerk's Office Provision Monthly Fee</b>	
	The revision of the Clerk Office Provision, monthly fee, was discussed.	
	<b>Action:-</b> Unanimously agreed to raise this to £20 per month.	
	Proposed by Cllr D Witney	
	Seconded by Cllr S Smith.	

**87/21 Planning Applications**

The following were reported.

1/0814 - Fell 1x Confier (1), Pollard Ash (2), Reduce Damson (3). - Chapel, Kirkland Rd, Skirwith. Supported

21/0832 – Bank House. Culgaith. Penrith - Change of use of part of land from agricultural pastoral land to additional residential garden for dwelling. Extension of dwelling to facilitate provision of wheelchair Supported

21/0845 – Garth House. Culgaith. Penrith - Replacement of rear utility extension two storey extension and side porch in lieu of car port Supported

21/0912 – Linden Farm House, Langwathby - Change of use and conversion of a single storey redundant barn to dwelling house.  
Following discussion, the application was supported.

**88/21 A66 Trans- Pennine Northern Project –**

It was acknowledged that this project was outside the boundary of Culgaith Parish, however there was concern that traffic could be re-routed through Culgaith during construction of the Penrith to Appleby section.

**Action:-** To report this concern to the 'A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project's consultation at National Highways, requesting that, if at all possible, Culgaith village is avoided in any re-routing traffic management plans.

**89/21 Unitary Authority Proposals. –**

A questionnaire was completed, at the meeting, in respect of the Unitary Authority proposals, as part of the consultation process. A copy being on file.

**90/21 Highways and Land Matters**

**90.1 Digital Speed Awareness Device - Culgaith**

Reported that following the site meeting, of a couple of months ago, Highways were, initially, reviewing the road signage in Culgaith; this matter is still in hand. Following this review, the need for a digital sign will be addressed at a future meeting.

**90.2 Road Markings. Culgaith**

The repainting of the junction road markings is in-hand with Highways.

**90.3 Footpath Sign – To Broats from Kirkland.**

Reported that this sign had been temporarily propped up by a Parishioner.

**Action:** - To enquire, from Highways, when we can expect the new sign to be erected, by their contractors.

**90.4 Footpath Sign by Tarn Villa – Culgaith.**

Reported that a new sign still had not been erected.

**Action:** - To Chase Highways for an installation date.

**90.5 Skirwith Footway Lights.**

**90.5.1** Light by Pear Tree House. There still appears to be a wayleave issue holding up its installation. Matter is in hand with EDC and ENW.

**90.5.2** Light in Church Street, opposite the village hall. Matter is in hand with EDC and their maintenance contractors.

**90.6 Carriageway Flooding – By Highfield, Blencarn**

Work completed

**90.7 Skirwith Dead Pine Tree – Playground vicinity.**

The felling of this tree is imminent.

**90.8 Skirwith Village Green – Roadside Boundary Fence.**

It was reported that following a site visit by the Cllr C Richardson, Cllr K Philipson and the Clerk, the poor condition of sections of the concrete post and rail fence, was reported to Highways. The response from Highways confirmed that this fence, being on the highways verge, was their responsibility and that a job number had been allocated, with a view to it being repaired, when budgets permitted, hopefully within the next 18 – 24 months.

**90.9 A Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacon 2022 – On Cross Fell**

The arrangements for this project are in hand, working alongside Alston Parish Council.

**90.10 Staingills Junction to B6412 T Junction**

It was reported that the potholes had been repaired.

**90.11 Website Update - Businesses listing**

Reported that the updating of this listing was progressing.

**90.12 Culgaith War Memorial.**

A question was raised as to who was responsible for and who actually owned a War Memorial.

**Action:** - The Clerk would enquire and report back.

**91/21 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications.**

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

**91.1 30 E Mails** forwarded to Councillors since the September meeting, these being kept on file for 12 months.

**91.2 Culgaith Notice Board and Bench behind the War Memorial.**

A parishioner had raised concern over the untidiness of the Culgaith Parish Council notice board and the weeds growing beneath the bench behind the War Memorial; resulting in the middle of the village looking unkempt.

**Action:** - A Culgaith Councillor kindly agreed to tidy this, very well used, community facility, when needed, removing out of date notices. It was unanimously decided to add the weeding beneath the bench to the next seasons grass cutting contract.

**91.3 Police News Letter.**

Following an understandable, pandemic lapse, the Community Police Officer had compiled, recently, a newsletter which had been circulated to Councillors.

**92/21 Councilor Matters.**

An opportunity for Councilors to raise issues on behalf of residents.

**92.1 Flooding Bottom of the Pea.**

It was reported that flooding was occurring, again, between the bottom of the Pea and the junction with the B6412

**Action:** - Report to Highways.

**92.2 Flooding by Beck Mill Entrance.**

It was reported that flooding was continuing to occur on the Skirwith to Langwathby road by the Beck Mill entrance.

**Action:** - Report to Highways

**93/21 Dates and Venues of Future Meetings**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022– Skirwith, Village Hall

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Blencarn, Village Hall

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 - Culgaith Victoria Institute

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022 - Skirwith, Village Hall

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 - Blencarn, Village Hall

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – Culgaith Victoria Institute

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.55

Signed by Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_