

Culgaith Parish Council

Annual Report 2021 – 2022 Serving:-



Culgaith



Skirwith



Blencarn



Kirkland.

From The Chair.

Although the work of the Parish Council has continued to be affected by Covid, there has been a welcome return to face-to-face meetings in recent months. As Chair, I should like to thank all Councillors for their unflinching service to the community throughout this difficult time. Particular thanks go to our Clerk, John Fleming, for his wise advice and determination in driving forward the decisions of the council.

Caroline Richardson

Chair, Culgaith Parish Council

In Kirkland and Blencarn

- Footpath Sign Blencarn/Kirkland to Broats.
- Re-siting the Kirkland Boundary Stone, with a snow plough marker.
- During 2021/2022 the Council considered 5 planning applications in Kirkland and Blencarn.

In Culgaith

- Two diseased trees by the Tarn were felled.
- Installation of a Digital Speed sign discussed.
- Repositioning of 30mph signs on Station Road.
- Concerns raised over possible Tarn flooding.
- Acorn Bank 10k Run discussed.
- Concern over vehicle speeding was taken up with police and the Highways department
- Possible increased traffic volume resulting from the A66 North Trans – Pennine Project was raised.
- During 2021/2022 the Council considered 10 planning applications in Culgaith
- Worn Road markings reported
- Culgaith School – Pupil arrival and collection safety raised.
- Councillor expressed delight at success of Culgaith Show.

Covid – Pandemic

Covid – 19 has continued to impact on the community during the year, all be it to a lesser extent than previously. The January 2022 meeting was cancelled due to infection concerns. Grateful thanks is, again, extended to all those in the Parish who have continued to help others during the year.

Around The Communities

General

- The Parish was very grateful for the support received from the Community Support Officer, PC Anthony Labram, on policing matters during the year.
- The Parish is also very grateful for the support that it has received from the Highways department during the year, in maintaining the roads within the Parish.
- Numerous potholes and drainage issues have been reported, across the Parish, during the year.
- The Parish Council is indebted to Geoff Anderson for his support in maintaining the Council's website during the year.
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.
- Website Business listings updated
- Ownership of Culgaith War Memorial clarified
- The move towards a Unitary Authority in the County has been a dominant issue throughout the year.
- The Chair has attended a number of remote meetings on Unity Reorganisation issues.

In Skirwith

- Skirwith Village Green – an orchard project was approved.
- Skirwith Village Green – a number of initiatives to improve the recreational benefit were approved.
- The Council is indebted to Susie Ramsden and her group for all their enthusiasm and hard work in enhancing the recreational facilities on the Village Green.
- A private sewer Wayleave Agreement was agreed in connection with Hushwing Farm.
- Footway lights by Pear Tree House and the Village Hall, reported to EDC.
- Skirwith Playground, dead tree removed and overhanging entrance branches pruned.
- Skirwith to Kirkland roadside boundary fence repair reported to Highways.
- Roadside bench approved on Kirkland Road.
- A 'Garden Waste' skip was provided, as in previous years, in Skirwith.
- During 2021/2022 the Council considered 8 planning applications in Skirwith.

Finance

The Parish Precept (The Parish Councils share of Council Tax) for 2021/2022 was £12,000

Financial Summary

Income	2020/2021	2021/2022
	£	
Carried forward	15436	17499
Precept + CRS	12052	12052
EDC Lighting Grant	1512	756
Other Income	130	622
Total Receipts	13694	13430

Expenditure

Administration	3846	3862
Village Greens	2743	2979
Village Maintenance	865	59
Playgrounds	139	140
Grants	1585	1835
Wreath	20	18
Lighting Costs	1490	1371
Elections	0	0
Other Expenditure	943	987
Total Expenditure	11631	11251

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

Support For Local Organisations

	£
Fellrunner	235
Skirwith Village Hall	250
Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room	250
Culgaith Victoria Institute	250
Culgaith All Saints Church	250
St Lawrence Church, Kirkland	200
Skirwith Parish Church	200
Culgaith Recreation Committee	200

Parish Council Elections.

Congratulations to Pam Jago for being co-opted to represent the Culgaith Ward and to Mike Anderson to represent the Skirwith Ward.

Grateful thanks is extended to Lesley Benton for her contribution to the Council, during her short period of office.

Parish Councillors 2021- 2022

Culgaith Ward

Pauline Toppin (Vice Chair)
Glenmara, Culgaith

David Witney

Sunnyfield, Culgaith, Penrith

Sue Smith

Briarfield, Culgaith.

John Watson

Bracken Ridge, Culgaith.

Pam Jago

17 Chestnut Close, Culgaith

Blencarn and Kirkland Ward

Andrew Clay

The Croft, Blencarn

Caroline Richardson

 (Chair)

Smithy House, Blencarn

Ken Philipson

Glebe Farm, Kirkland

Skirwith Ward

Laura Wilson

Skirwith Hall, Skirwith

Mike Anderson

Aglionby House, Skirwith. (Co-opted during the year)

Parish Clerk

John Fleming

Fell View, Blencarn, Penrith, Cumbria, CA10 1TX.

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Forthcoming Meetings

Monday 4th July 2022 - Skirwith

Monday 5th September 2022 - Blencarn

Monday 7th November 2022 – Culgaith

Monday 9th January 2023 – Skirwith

Monday 6th March 2023 – Blencarn

Monday 15th May 2023 – Culgaith

(Annual Parish Meeting/AGM/May meeting)

For More Information

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