

# CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minute of the Meeting Held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022** **Victoria Institute, Culgaith, following the Annual Parish Meeting and AGM.** Unapproved

### **14/22 Present: -**

Cllrs Caroline Richardson, Pam Jago, Pauline Toppin, David Witney, Ken Philipson, Mike Anderson, Laura Wilson, Andrew Clay and Clerk John Fleming  
There were no members of the public present.

### **15/22 Apologies**

Cllr Sue Smith, John Watson, County Cllr Claire Driver and District Councillor Ray Briggs.

### **16/22 Minutes**

The Chair was authorized to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022, as a true record.

### **17/22 Declaration of Interests**

Cllr Caroline Richardson declared an interest in agenda item 8.7.(Minute 22.7)

### **18/22 Public Participation**

There was none.  
This agenda item was covered in the Annual Parish Meeting.

### **19/22 County Council and District Council Reports**

**19.1 District Council Report.** - District Councillor, Ray Briggs reported by E Mail, that there were 3 items to report all were about the New Authority.

- 1) The new Councillors were inducted on 9th May.
- 2) They are to be formally elected into the Shadow Authority on the 10<sup>th</sup> May.
- 3) The draft proposals for Day 1, next April are ready for consideration

### **19.2 County Council Report**

There was none.

### **20/22 Finance (Incl.Vat)**

#### **20.1 To note the following balances as at:-**

	<b>31/3/2022</b>	<b>3/5/2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
HSBC Account	1474.80	12899.70
Penrith Building Society	18179.76	18179.76
NSI Account	24.00	24.00
Vat to be claimed	317.73	0.00
Total assets	<u>19996.29</u>	<u>31103.46</u>

#### **20.2 The 31<sup>th</sup> March 2022 Year End Accounts were unanimously approved.**

Proposer Cllr A Clay  
Seconder Cllr D Witney.

**20.3 The Interim Accounts to 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 was unanimously approved.**

Proposer Cllr M Anderson

Seconder Cllr P Toppin.

**20.4 The Following Accounts were Ratified.**

<b>20.4.1</b>	J Fleming Fee Feb/March/April 2022	As per contract
<b>20.4.2</b>	J Fleming Tel/ Broadband Feb/March/April 2022	60.00
<b>20.4.3</b>	CALC Subscription 2022/2023	231.32
<b>20.4.4</b>	Bank Charges. 15/1/22 to 15/4/22	21.60
<b>20.4.5</b>	Skirwith Room Hire 7/3/22	16.00
<b>20.4.6</b>	Platinum Jubilee Oak Tree	73.38

**20.5 To Approve the Following Accounts for Payment**

J Fleming Expenses – 7 <sup>th</sup> March – 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	11.65
Sandra Harrison – Internal Audit fee lifted to	100.00
Geoff Anderson – Website Maintenance Honorarium	100.00

**20.6 Approval of 20.4 and 20.5 were Unanimously Approved.**

Proposer Cllr P Jago

Seconder Cllr A Clay

**20.7 To Report Receipts**

<b>6.7.1</b>	Precept	12000.00
<b>6.7.2</b>	Council Reduction Scheme	44.00
<b>6.7.2</b>	Hushwing Wayleave	75.00

**20.8 Online Banking Authorisation 2021/2022 Was Unanimously Approved.**

Proposer Cllr P Toppin

Seconder Cllr M Anderson

**20.9 The Annual Governance Documents 2021/2022 Were Unanimously Approved.**

Proposer Cllr C Richardson

Seconder Cllr D Witney

**21/22 Planning**

**22/0330 – Lyncroft, Langwathby, Penrith - Creation of pond. Re-submission of 21/0993.**

Supported

Proposed Cllr M Anderson

Seconded Cllr D Witney

**22/22 Highways and Land Matters**

**22.1 Foot path signs**

Kirkland/Broats, Bramblelands/Lime Tree Farm signs. In hand with Highways.

**22.2 Potholes and Other Road Issues**

**22.2.1** Culgaith Entrance Road Signs. In hand with Highways.

**22.2.2** Drainage issue by the Beck Mill entrance. In hand with Highways.

**22.2.3** The Pea to A6412 Junction – Drainage issue. Being monitored.

**22.2.4** Culgaith Back Lane pothole and poor surface by Drove Road corner.

Work completed

**22.2.5** Water flowing across road – Culgaith / Langwathby road.

Still in hand with Highways.

- 22.2.6** Black Swan – Back Road T Junction, potholes/poor road surface. Work completed.
- 22.2.7** Pot holes – Kirkland junction in Blencarn. Work completed
- 22.2.8** Lodge/Abbey Farm Entrance – Pothole. In hand with Highways
- 22.2.9** Culgaith Faded - White Lines at junctions. In hand with Highways
- 22.2.10** Faded Culgaith school 'No parking' - yellow lines. In hand with Highways
- 22.2.11** Blencarn Blocked Drain by Bridge; just out of the village on the Kirkland Road. Reported to Highways
- 22.2.12** Potholes - Bank Hall Farm Adopted Access Road. Reported to Highway

**22.3 Skirwith Footway Lights** – The light opposite Skirwith Village Hall and the one in front of Pear Tree house. EDC had reported that the electrical connection issue was still with Electricity N W. The Parish Council had requested a supply and maintenance refund in respect of both lights. The matter is ongoing.

**22.4 Queens Platinum Jubilee**

- 22.4.1 Cross Fell Beacon.** It was confirmed that due to SSSI issues, a Beacon on Cross Fell would not happen.
- 22.4.2 Platinum Jubilee Tree.** It was agreed to plant a Parish Platinum Jubilee tree in Culgaith in consultation with the Guardians of the Tarn. A plaque to be purchased –

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**Platinum Jubilee 2022**

**22.4.3 Blencarn Platinum Jubilee Tree.** Councillors confirmed that they had no objection to Blencarn Village Hall planting a Platinum Jubilee tree on an unmown part of Blencarn Village Green. It being confirmed that the landowner, Blencarn Hall, were in agreement. The cost being covered by Blencarn Village Hall.

**22.5 Parish Tree Safety Maintenance Work Required – 2022.**

It was reported that tree safety maintenance was required in Culgaith and Kirkland, costing £200 each respectively. It was unanimously agreed to instruct Dave Willetts to complete the work.

**22.6 Beck Cottage Skirwith Essential Tree Maintenance Work Required.**

It was confirmed that two trees adjacent to this property, on the Village Green, required essential maintenance. The roots of one were impinging on a property wall, necessitating the tree to be felled and the stump killed. The other required pruning as branches were touching overhead telephone wires. Two quotes for the work had been obtained, copies being on file. It was unanimously agreed to place the work with the Council's existing contractor, Dave Willetts, at a cost of £800. The work to be carried out in the autumn.

Proposed Cllr C Richardson  
Seconded Cllr P Toppin.

**22.7 Blencarn Village Green Steep Track Repair. -**

It was reported that the short, steep incline on Blencarn Village Green, outside of Orchard Cottage, was badly eroded and required leveling and resurfacing. The Village Green landowner, Blencarn Hall, were in agreement for work to be done; it being custom and practice for the Parish Council to

undertake this maintenance.

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A quote of £850 + Vat had been received from Andrew Hodgson to undertake work.

This quote was unanimously accepted.

Proposed Cllr A Clay

Seconder Cllr K Philipson.

**22.8 Road Safety Issue – Culgaith to Temple Sowerby Surgery. –**

A Parishioner had raised safety concerns regarding pedestrians walking along the A6214, from Culgaith towards Temple Sowerby, en-route to the Temple Sowerby Doctors Surgery. A request being made for a roadside footpath to be install alongside the A6214 and consideration being made to create a footpath, across fields by accessing S 106 funding.

It was reported that the above request had been forwarded to Cumbria Highways for their consideration. The following response had been received: -

*“To construct a footpath within the confines of the highway boundary, on this road is not possible due to available road/verge widths, regardless of any funding constraint.*

*Regarding funding, such schemes are deemed 'Highway Improvements' and are approved and funded via the 'Eden Local Committee – Budget'. The cost of such a project, to create a roadside footpath on this section of road would be estimated to be in the region of £250,00. As the total budget, for the whole of Eden District, for 2022/23 is only £25,000 the funding of this request is totally out of the question.*

*Regarding S106 funding; this is money received from developers to provide 'Safer links', however, **such funding cannot be applied retrospectively** and there were no S106 conditions linked to the planning approval for the Otters Holt and Hazel Dene developments, further, a project of this cost could only be considered when linked to a very large development.*

*With regard to footpaths.*

*Looking at the footpath map nothing directly links Culgaith to Temple Sowerby, though there is a footpath, west of Millrigg', to the Temple Sowerby Village. I am uncertain of the condition of this path, but it is out with Culgaith Parish. To create a new, registered footpath, across private land, is extremely problematical and past County experience is that it is nearly impossible to achieve.”*

*Cumbria County Council Highways.*

The Parishioner had been notified of this response.

**23/22 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications.**

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

**23.1 29 E Mails** were forwarded to Councillors since 7<sup>th</sup> March meeting

**23.2 CALC Code of Conduct Training** details.

**23.3 Culgaith Housing Development Concerns.**

A Parishioner had raised concerns over possible future housing developments in the field next to the Tarn in Culgaith, which was rumoured to have changed hands.

The following was researched and forwarded as a response.

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**“EDC Land Availability Assessment - Housing Sites”**

Published October 2015

A number of sites in Culgaith were submitted as potential housing sites, some have since been developed; however, the site in question was assessed and discounted as unsuitable in 2015 as part of the development of the Eden Local Plan 2014-2032

<i>A greenfield level site in agricultural (grazing use) on edge of settlement bounded by mature trees and natural stone boundary wall</i>	<i>Potential 40 houses</i>	<i>Discounted</i>	<i>Unsuitable</i>	<i>The site is considered to be too large a scale to be considered 'modest' and in keeping with the scale of the village and would be a significant expansion into open countryside. It is therefore considered to be in conflict with current and emerging policy. "</i>
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Further, the target number for housing in Culgaith was defined as 49 in the Local Plan but the number projected to be built is 74, this being 25 over the target.

The above is the current position. The Parish Council's assessment of the situation is that should the owner of the field in question ever decide to apply for planning permission in the future, the above points would strongly go against permission being granted.

Whilst it is not possible to speak for a future Culgaith Parish Council, one could make an assumption that in the circumstances the Parish Council would be minded to object to such a development. The Parish Council is not aware that this site has changed hands and is not aware of any current plans for its development; that said, in planning matters, you can never be 100% certain of future decisions.

**23.4 Acorn Bank 10k Cycle Event** – 18<sup>th</sup> September. This event, taking place within the Parish, was noted.

**24/22 Councillor Matters**

- 24.1 Potholes by Abbey Farm** entrance, Skirwith:- To be reported to Highway
- 24.2 Mill Cottage Blencarn.** Blocked drain reported. To be reported to Highway
- 24.3 Community Grants 2022.** It was confirmed that applications would be invited for consideration in the July meeting.

**25/22 Dates and Venues of Future Meetings**

Mondays- 4<sup>th</sup> July 22 – Skirwith, 5<sup>th</sup> September 22 – Blencarn, 7<sup>th</sup> November 22 – Culgaith, 9<sup>th</sup> January 23 – Skirwith, 6<sup>th</sup> March 23 – Blencarn, 15<sup>th</sup> May 23 – Culgaith (Annual Parish Meeting/AGM/May meeting)

The meeting closed at 20.55

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

