

# CULGAITH PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minute of the Meeting Held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 in Skirwith Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm

### 1/22 Present

Cllrs: Laura Wilson, Sue Smith, Pam Jago, John Watson, Andrew Clay, David Witney, Michael Anderson, Pauline Toppin (Chair), Ken Philipson, County Cllr Claire Driver, John Fleming (Parish Clerk).

### 2/22 Apologies

Cllr Caroline Richardson,

### 3/22 Minutes

The Chair was unanimously authorized to sign the minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021, and the Extraordinary meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022, as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr J Watson  
Seconded by Cllr P Jago.

### 4/22 Declaration of Interests

There were none

### 5/22 Public Participation

There was none.

### 6/22 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>

### 7/22 Wayleave Agreement – Private Sewer, Hushwing Barn, Skirwith.

**Action:-** The Agreement was unanimously agreed by Councillors.(Copy on file)

### 8/22 Finance (Incl.Vat)

#### 8.1 To note the following balances as at:-

25/2/2022

	£
HSBC Account	2075.14
Penrith Building Society	18128.56
NSI Account	24.00
Vat to be claimed	<u>317.73</u>
Total Cash	<u>20545.43</u>

#### 8.2 Presentation of Interim Accounts from 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2021 to 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

These accounts were unanimously approved.  
Proposed Cllr D Witney  
Seconded Cllr John Watson.

<b>8.3</b>	<b>The Following Accounts were Ratified.</b>	
8.3.1	J Fleming Fee Oct/Nov/Dec 21 and Jan 22	As per contract
8.3.2	J Fleming Office Provision Oct/Nov/Dec 21 and Jan 22	75.00
8.3.3	Bank Charges	10.80
8.3.4	Play Ground Inspection Company – Inspections X 2	167.88
8.3.5	EDC Lighting – Maintenance and Electricity	1645.63
8.3.6	Royal British Legion – Wreath	21.98
8.3.7	Room Hire - Skirwith	10.0
8.3.8	D Tec Penrith. ‘Bullguard’ Antivirus	29.00
8.3.9	Mark Binney – Tree removal – Skirwith	58.50
8.3.10	Web Hosting – Until 5/1/2023	25.00
8.3.11	Land Registry Skirwith and Culgaith Village Green Title Maps	41.88
8.3.12	Cumbria County Council – Registered Village Green Maps	14.00
<b>8.4</b>	<b>To Approve the Following Account for Payment</b>	
	J Fleming Expenses, 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021 – 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	21.53
<b>8.5</b>	<b>To approve 8.3 and 8.4</b>	
	These were unanimously approved.	
	Proposer Cllr A Clay	
	Seconder Cllr S Smith	
<b>8.6</b>	<b>Transfers</b> from Penrith Building Society. £2500 X 2	5000.00
<b>8.7</b>	<b>Receipt</b>	
	Electricity NW – Wayleave	22.48

## 9/22 Planning Applications

The following were reported.

21/0861 – Pea Top Farm. Culgaith. Penrith - Increase the roof pitch on existing extension and addition of 2 rooflights.	Supported and Granted
21/0993 – Lyncroft. Langwathby - Creation of pond.	Supported and Granted
21/1048 – Ellicar Barn, Blencarn - Oak porch extension.	Supported and Granted

## 10/22 Highways and Land Matters

### 10.1 Foot path signs

Reported that the Kirkland/Broats, Bramblelands/Lime Tree Farm signs would be replaced by Cumbria County Council shortly. The sign by Tarn Villa would not be replaced until the legal queries had been resolved.

### 10.2 Potholes and Other Road Issues

10.2.1 Following the Culgaith Digital sign site visit in the Autumn, Cumbria Highways had suggested that initially the entrance signage to Culgaith be reviewed along with additional road markings. Highway had now supplied the Parish Council with a revised signage design for approval, which included ‘30mph’ and ‘Please drive carefully’ along with ‘Culgaith’. (See Attached)

**Action:-** It was unanimously agreed to approve this proposed new design, asking that these new signs be installed at all entrances to the village. In addition, either ‘30 mph’ or ‘Slow’ road markings be painted by each sign.

10.2.2 Drainage issue by the Beck Mill entrance had been reported.

10.2.3 The Pea to A6412 Junction – Drainage issue. Reported.

10.2.4 Culgaith Back Lane pothole and poor surface by Drove Road corner. Reported

10.2.5 Water flowing across road – Culgaith / Langwathby road. In hand with Highways.

10.2.6 Black Swan – Back Road T Junction, potholes and poor road surface. Reported

10.2.7 Pot hole – Kirkland junction in Blencarn. Reported

10.2.8 Lodge/Abbey Farm Entrance – Pothole. Reported

10.2.9 Culgaith Faded - White Lines at junctions. Reported  
10.2.10 Faded Culgaith school 'No parking' - yellow lines. Reported

- 10.3 Skirwith Footway Lights** – The light opposite Skirwith village hall and the one in front of Pear Tree house are still not functioning. The issue lies with Electricity North West and they are being leaned on by EDC Contracts Department to connect power to them. The Parish Council have requested a supply and maintenance refund.
- 10.4 Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacon 2022 – On Cross Fell -**  
It was reported that difficulty was being encountered with regard to obtaining permission to light a beacon on this SSSI site. Councillors agreed to consider covering 50% of the beacon costs with Alston PC; subject to prior approval. (Subsequent to the meeting it can be clarified that the arrangements are in hand, with Alston Parish Council, with regard to attempting to meet the requirements specified by Natural England, to enable them to grant permission. The fact that the top of Cross Fell is an SSSI is presenting problems. It may be easier to achieve the objective by having a 'Medieval Propane Gas' beacon, subject to availability; the hire of which being approximately £250 per week,
- 10.5 Queens Platinum Jubilee – Other activities or not.**  
Councillors expressed a view that they felt it was for the village halls or other community organizations, rather than the Parish Council, to organize specific Jubilee Community events. It was reported that EDC had available a £500 grant available per event.  
Web contact:- <https://www.eden.gov.uk/your-council/news/latest-media-releases/eden-district-council-invites-applications-for-queen-s-platinum-jubilee-fund-2022/>
- 10.6 Tree Safety Maintenance Work Required – 2022.**  
The required information was not available to the meeting. This agenda item is to be deferred to the May meeting.
- 10.7 Playground Inspection Reports –**  
The Skirwith and Culgaith Inspection reports had been received and would be forwarded to the respective committees for action.
- 10.8 Roadside Bench - 0.9 m from Skirwith towards Kirkland.**  
Reported that EDC had issued a license granting permission for the erection of this bench.
- 10.9 Culgaith School Parking Safety Concerns**  
Following a Parishioner expressing safety concerns regarding the dropping off and collection of school pupils, the matter had been raised with the Head Mistress who was liaising with the Community police officer over the issue. It was agreed to make reference to the concerns raised in the Memo.

#### **11/22 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices and Publications.**

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

- 11.1 52 - Forwarded E Mails** since the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. meeting. Kept on file for 1 year.  
**11.2 Cumbria in Bloom** – Closing date 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
**11.3 Letter from Kirkoswold PC** to HSBC over bank charges, copied to CPC.

- 11.4 Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2022.**
- 11.5 Community Police Report – March**
- 11.6 Great British Spring Clean – Can Register and receive bags**
- 11.7 Policing Survey regarding Council Tax** was received.  
The Cllr C Richardson completed on behalf of CPC.
- 11.8 Beck Cottage Trees Skirwith.** – The Parish Council had been approached regarding the trees on Skirwith Village Green, encroaching on the Beck Cottage property. Following a site visit by the Clerk and Councillor M Anderson, who had with them the Land Registry boundary plan of Beck Cottage and a map of Skirwith Village Green, it had been confirmed that the trees in question were on the Village Green and were the responsibility of the Parish Council.  
**Action:-** To seek a quote for the cost of the maintenance work required, to address the problem. This quote was then to be presented to Councillors at the May meeting for their consideration.

**12/22 Councilor Matters.**

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

- 12.2 Blencarn Blocked Drain by Bridge –** Just out of the village on the Kirkland Road.  
**Action:-** To report to Highways.
- 12.3 Bank Hall Adopted Access Road.**  
**Action:-** To report potholes to Highways.

**13/2 Dates and Venues of Future Meetings**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 - Culgaith Victoria Institute  
Annual Public Meeting followed by AGM and May Meeting.
- 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 Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9pm.

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_