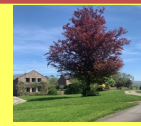


Culgaith Parish Council



From The Chair

The past year has been memorable. While we mourned the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, we celebrated her Platinum Jubilee and the Coronation of King Charles III. Although Culgaith Parish Council is now part of the new unitary authority of Westmorland and Furness, our Councillors were returned unopposed at the recent local elections and will continue to serve our community as before. I should like to thank all Councillors and our clerk, John Fleming, for their hard work, dedication and commitment over the past year.

Caroline Richardson
Chair, Culgaith Parish Council

- A steep track on Blencarn Village Green was repaired.
- During 2022/2023 the Council considered 3 planning applications in Kirkland and Blencarn.

In Culgaith

- New Road Signs at the entrances to Culgaith have been installed, along with the repositioning of a 30mph sign on Station Road and the introduction of new 40mph speed limits on the entrances to the village.
- Acorn Bank 10k Run was agreed and welcomed.
- The use of HGV's, over 7.5 tonnes and coaches, using the 'The Pea', in Culgaith, was raised with WAFC Highways and the Police.
- Worn Road Junction markings in Culgaith were repainted.
- Culgaith School – Yellow 'No Parking' Road Markings were repainted.
- Two Coronation Benches, in conjunction with the Vic Café, were installed by the Culgaith War Memorial.
- 'The Pea' to Station Road flooding issues were reported.
- A Jubilee Oak was planted in Culgaith to Commemorate the late Queen Elizabeth II
- During 2022/2023 the Council considered 2 planning applications in Culgaith

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.
- A number of Foot Path signs have been replaced in the Parish.
- The Parish Council is indebted to Geoff Anderson for his support in maintaining the Council's website during the year.
- The move towards the Westmorland and Furness Unitary Authority has progressed smoothly.

In Kirkland and Blencarn

- The Dalefoot Compost Enterprise, based at Blencarn Hall Farm, was subject to a Planning Enforcement Enquiry. The outcome confirming that no planning permission was required.
- A Commemorative Tree to the late Queen Elizabeth II was planted on Kirkland Village Green.

In Skirwith

- Footway lighting issues were addressed.
- Skirwith to Kirkland roadside boundary fence; to be repaired when funding is available.
- A 'Green Waste' skip was provided, as in previous years, in Skirwith.
- Skirwith Bus Shelter – An external mural was approved.
- Major Electricity safety tree pruning was agreed to, with Electricity NW in Church Street.
- Beck Cottage – Essential Tree Maintenance was agreed.
- During 2022/2023 the Council considered 4 planning applications in Skirwith.

Finance

The Parish Precept (The Parish Councils share of Council Tax) for 2022/2023 was £12,000

Financial Summary

| Income | 2021/2022 | 2022/2023 |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | |
| Carried forward | 17499 | 19679 |
| Precept + CRS | 12052 | 12044 |
| EDC Lighting Grant | 756 | 0 |
| Other Income | 622 | 469 |
| Total Receipts | 13430 | 12513 |

Expenditure

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Administration | 3862 | 4027 |
| Village Greens | 2979 | 2889 |
| Village Maintenance | 59 | 1698 |
| Playgrounds | 140 | 140 |
| Grants | 1835 | 1745 |
| Wreath | 18 | 24 |
| Lighting Costs | 1371 | 0 |
| Elections | 0 | 0 |
| Other Expenditure | 987 | 2780 |
| Total Expenditure | 11251 | 13303 |

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

Support For Local Organisations

| | £ |
|-------------------------------------------|-----|
| Fellrunner | 260 |
| Skirwith Village Hall | 275 |
| Kirkland and Blencarn Recreation Room | 275 |
| Culgaith Victoria Institute | 275 |
| Culgaith All Saints Church | 220 |
| Culgaith All Saints Church – Tree pruning | 50 |
| St Lawrence Church, Kirkland | 220 |
| Skirwith Parish Church | 220 |
| Skirwith Village Green Project | |
| Material for Benches. | 577 |
| Memo | 130 |

Parish Council Elections.

Grateful thanks are extended to Mike Anderson, who retired during the year, as he moved out of the Parish, for his contribution to the Council, during his short period of office.

A very sincere thank you is extended to Laura Wilson and Pam Jago for their many decades of service and wise contribution to the Council, who decided not to seek reelection in the May 2023 elections.

Parish Councillors 2022- 2023

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. (Retired during the year)

Parish Clerk

John Fleming

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

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Forthcoming Meetings

Monday 3rd July 2023 - Skirwith

Monday 4th September 2023 - Blencarn

Monday 6th November 2023 – Culgaith

Monday 8th January 2024 – Skirwith

Monday 4th March 2024 – Blencarn

Monday 13th May 2024 – Culgaith

(Annual Parish Meeting/AGM/May meeting)

For More Information

For more information on the work of the Parish Council, including full copies of the minutes, visit: - www.culgaith.org.uk