

KIRKLINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Kirklington Parish Council held at Fir Ends School on Tuesday 15 September 2015.

PRESENT

M Jack (Chairperson), I Armstrong, Mrs B Irving, D Allan, Mrs M White, T Wigham, Mrs M Story and A Smith.

Councillor David Shepherd (Carlisle City Council) also attended the meeting.

The Chairperson warmly welcomed David to his first meeting of Kirklington Parish Council.

David briefly introduced himself and confirmed that he had available a small budget which could be used to assist with parish council projects.

He also outlined his proposals to hold local parish based council surgeries where demand for them was evident. Such surgeries are advertised in the Cumberland News. He would be prepared to hold a surgery for Kirklington if required.

APOLOGIES - None.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS - No requests received.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

D Allan declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 7(1)(b) – Payments, Subscriptions and Receipts – and took no part in the ensuing discussion.

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 7 July 2015 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the chairperson.

MATTERS ARISING

(a) Play area – monthly inspections

Monthly Inspection Report Forms were circulated to the Councillors on the rota.

(b) Highways Issues: Flooding at Rigghead

Flooding at Kirklington Terrace

Flooding in the dip in the road between Smithfield and Scaleby Hill

Crossroads on the A6071 (Fergushill/Newbiggin)

The Clerk reported that he had received no further information on the above highways issues. Councillor John Mallinson had advised the Clerk that he was on holiday and would follow up the issues on his return.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2015/16

The Income and Expenditure position as at 15 September 2015 compared with the approved Budget was noted.

PAYMENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND RECEIPTS

(1) The following payments were approved:

- (a) Invoice from the Audit Commission for Annual Audit Fee for 2014/15 - **£0.00**
- (b) Invoice from D Allan re grass cutting during 2015 - **£350.00**

(2) The following receipts were noted:

- (a) Parish Grant from Carlisle City Council for 2015/16 - **£201.00**

AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

The Clerk reported that the audit undertaken by the external Auditors, BDO Stoy Hayward, has been completed and that no matters of concern had been identified which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising report. The Annual Return was therefore approved and accepted by the Parish Council. A 'Notice of Conclusion of Audit' would be displayed on the public notice board for a period of 14 days.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Application No: 15/0352 (John Braisted)

Erection of 1no. dwelling (Outline) on land between Stonelea and Bluebell Cottage, Smithfield, Carlisle.

The decision of the Planning Authority to refuse permission was noted.

DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH AT FIR ENDS SCHOOL

The Parish Council supported the proposals to divert the footpath and amend the Definitive Map accordingly.

GAMBLING ACT 2005 – DRAFT STATEMENT OF GAMBLING POLICY 2016

The draft Policy was noted without comment.

TRANSPARANCY CODE FOR SMALLER AUTHORITIES

The Clerk reported that Kirklington Parish was one of thirteen parishes that had taken up CALCs offer to host the relevant documents in order to meet the above Code. All the required documents were now available on CALC's website.

The Clerk reported that the Government had made available some funds to assist smaller Parish Councils to publish information electronically on their own dedicated website. The

Parish Council was not convinced that expenditure in excess of £200 could be justified at this point in time and agreed that an application for funds from the Transparency Fund should not be pursued.

WORKPLACE PENSIONS

The Clerk reported that the Pension Regulator had confirmed that if there are no members of staff that need to be automatically enrolled, there is no requirement to have a pension scheme in place on the staging date. Consequently, until such time as a future Clerk requests to be included in a workplace pension scheme no further action is required other than to report back to the Pension Regulator at the appropriate time.

REQUEST FOR A SPEED RESTRICTION ON THE ROAD AT ALSTONBY

The Clerk reported that he had received a request from the residents of properties at Alstonby for the Parish Council to ask the Highways Authority to impose a speed restriction on the stretch of road from Alstonby Hall to Alstonby Grange.

It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain some additional information.

This prompted a wider discussion on speeding around Smithfield village, during which David Shepherd offered some advice on 'self policing' the problem based on the voluntary scheme set up in Brampton. He also indicated that he would be willing to help set up a similar scheme in Smithfield if the Parish Council wished to pursue the issue further. It was agreed to give the matter further consideration at a future date.

CORRESPONDENCE

A schedule of the correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 24 November 2015 (Budget and Precept meeting)

CORRESPONDENCE received since the last meeting

1. CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

CALC Circulars - September 2015 (***Attached***)

Training opportunities

National Grid North West Coast Connections Project

Financial Services Compensation Scheme

CALC Annual General Meeting – Saturday 14 November 2015

Introduction of the new Chief Officer of CALC – Samantha Bagshaw

CPCA Meeting 18 June 2015 Minutes

2. CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Agendas and Minutes of City Council Meetings

Parish Council and Village Hall Capital Grants 2015/16 second round.

Notes on Neighbourhood Planning

3. OTHER

Cumbria Constabulary – Longtown Newsletters

Reservoir Safety Campaign 2015 – United Utilities

Geological Disposal of Nuclear Waste – Call for evidence by Cumbria Trust