

## KIRKBAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Kirkbampton Parish Council held on Monday 7th July 2025 at 7.30p.m.

**Present:** M Cunliffe (MC), S Edgar (SE), and TH Rudd (HR).

**In Attendance:** Clerk / RFO, A Dawes (AD). Cumberland Council Member M Johnson (MJ), 1 (ONE) member of the public (interested in being Co-opted)

**013/07/25      Apologies for Absence:** C Clark

**014/07/25      Requests for Dispensations & Declarations of Interest**

No requests for dispensations were received and no declarations of interest were made.

**015/07/25      Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 6th May 2025**

**Resolved** to authorise the Chairman to sign, as a true and accurate record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.

**016/07/25      Public Participation**

No comments or questions recorded from the Member of the Public.

#### **Report from Unitary Authority Councillor**

MJ reported that he had received numerous contacts from disgruntled residents regarding the decisions taken by Stagecoach to reduce the Bus Service. However, it was unlikely that any changes to the decision would be taken. Highways situation still not great but potholing filling still going ahead albeit slowly. Fortnightly waste bin collections now in place and households do have the ability to order big bins. The Cumberland Council accounts are still not signed off further discussion will no doubt take place at the full council meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. Boundary changes were now out for "consultation".

**017/07/25      Administrative and Village Matters**

#### **Little Bampton**

Update on Play Area - SE reported that she had received a rejection letter from Sport England, so we won't qualify for any grant from them

Fund provider [CWMET] application still to be completed by SE and CC.

Clerk had distributed an email from Sports and Play Consulting advertising consultancy services for Play Areas. **RESOLVED** that Clerk would enquire regarding costs involved.

#### **Studholme**

Clerk still to provide a "Mock-up" of a sign to be placed at a point close to the "entrance" to the Common land.

Clerk reported that he had received several questions regarding the accounts as we had now gone over the £25k "amount. Answers had been sent to the Auditors and no further response had been received.

#### **Tree Removal**

Still to be completed

**018/07/25      Review of Policies and Procedures**

Clerk to provide a full index of policies required together with a proposed Annual Timetable.

**019/07/25**     **Highways matters** – no further additions

**020/07/25**     **Finance Matters**

**RESOLVED** To ratify payment of invoices/authorise payment as per schedule presented at the meeting and to receive the reconciliation of the balance at the bank.

**021/07/25**     **Correspondence**

D. Common re proposed shed noted.

Cumberland Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) for discussion noted and link to be forwarded to SE for any action.

Environment Agency Website noted.

Connecting Cumbria and Fibrus noted and **RESOLVED** that the clerk to complete letter of complaint regarding the positioning of poles on Little Bampton Village Green.

**022/07/25**     **Co-option**

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk would commence the process of co-option for the member of the public in attendance.

**023/07/25**     **Date of Next Meeting**

Resolved that the next meeting(s) of the Parish Council will be held in Kirkbampton Village Hall on Monday 1st September 2025 at 7.30pm.

**There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.50pm.**