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KIRKBAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the parish Council was held on Monday 11th July 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Present

Mr. R. Stables – Chairman

Mr. M. Cunliffe, Mr. J. Graham, Mr. R. Haddon, Mr. E. Newstead, Mr. F. Duckworth, Mrs. J. Gallagher, Borough Councillor, Mr. D. Fairbairn, County Councillor (arrived 8.10 p.m.) and Mrs. Hall, Clerk.

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

No apologies. Mr. Graham declared an interest in respect of planning matter 6(b) and Mr. Stables declared an interest in planning matter 6(c) as his wife is on the Governors for the School.

2. **Minutes** of the meeting dated 9th May were approved and signed as a true record.

3. **Adjournment of the meeting** – no public attended.

4. Police Report

No report had been provided by the Police. The Chairman had received a letter from the Headmistress at the School outlining recent incidents which had occurred at the School including a serious attempt to start a fire under the portacabin, the portacabin door being smashed, an attempted break in into a classroom, verbal abuse to adults either working in or visiting the school after school hours and the telephone calls being pulled off the wall suggesting someone climbing onto the roof.

The Clerk to write to the Headmistress to ask that she keep the Council informed of events over the summer holidays. If incidents continue the Council will ask PC Graham to attend the next meeting and also the Headmistress. The Clerk to put in the Parish Newsletter the Crimestoppers telephone number so anyone seeing anything happening at the School can report it immediately.

5. Roads, Foothpaths and Lighting

(a) The street light is out outside Old Rectory – the Clerk to report this.

(b) The weeds on the footpath were a mess – these looked as though they had been sprayed in the past few days.

- (c) The signpost at the top of Oaks Lane was still in a bad state – the Clerk to contact the Clerk to Dalston Parish Council to see who repaired the signs in that Parish and to find out the cost of doing so and how it was funded.
- (d) There were no “Give Way” lines or sign at the junction from The Flatt – Mr. Fairbairn to report this.
- (e) Mr. Fairbairn reported that the “grips” had been opened up on the verges to allow water to run from the road into the gutters.

6. **Planning**

- (a) Grant of planning permission – domestic extension including conversion of outbuildings – Yew Tree Cottage, Kirkbampton.
- (b) Erection of extension to provide additional bedroom and kitchen/dining and erection of garage to replace existing – Kirkbampton Farm, Kirkbampton – no objections.
- (c) Additional classroom and canopy – Kirkbampton C.E. School – no objection to the additional classroom but concerns were raised at the canopy in view of the recent incidents which had occurred at the School.

7. **Finances**

- (a) Balances Current account £2,145.25
 Club account £1,578.31
- (b) Accounts to pay:-
Village Hall – rent - £12.00
- (c) Completion of Annual Audit – this had been completed with no comments. The appropriate notice had been displayed.

8. **CALC correspondence**

CALC circular for June/July received and circulated to all members together with Quality Parish Development Programme update 2.

9. **General Correspondence**

- (a) Cumbria County Council – Parish Profiles received and copied to members.
- (b) Environment Agency – The Derwent, West Cumbria and Duddon Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy – this did not concern this Parish.

- (c) Cumbria County Council – proposed traffic regulation order review in the Borough of Allerdale – no comments made.
- (d) Getting Around Cumbria – The Lake District – copy received.
- (e) BT Payphones – Oughterby kiosk – details of BT’s proposal to make this public telephone “cashless”. The Council had no objection to this as an alternative to the kiosk being removed completely. The Clerk to put up a copy of this letter on the noticeboard in Oughterby as there is no representative from Oughterby on the Council at present.
- (f) Highways Agency – Northwest Roadworks and Traffic Information leaflet (May to August 2005) – copies received.
- (g) DEFRA – Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – update received.
- (h) Post Office – proposed branch changes – details received. Mr. Kenneth Batey from Wigton Post Office to operate the mobile branch. This will visit Kirkbampton on Thursdays from 11.30 a.m. to 12.05 p.m.
- (i) Faber Maunsell – rights of way improvement planning in Cumbria – suggested Mrs. Rosie be asked to complete this in view of the previous work she had done on rights of way – the Clerk to speak to Mrs. Rosie.
- (j) English Nature – Finglandrigg Woods Site of Special Scientific Interest – no comments made.
- (k) Local Council Review – July 2005 – copy received.
- (l) Clerks and Councils Direct – July 2005 – copy received.
- (m) English Nature Cumbrian Nature Summer 2005 – copy received.
- (n) Bowness, Thursby & Caldbeck Neighbourhood Forum – 19th July at Ireby WI Hall – Mr. Cunliffe unable to attend.

10. Items brought by Councillors

As this was Mrs. Gallagher’s last meeting before she moved to Australia Mr. Stables thanked her on behalf of all for her help in the past many years.