

KIRKBAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 12th September 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. F. Duckworth, Mr. E. Newstead and Mrs. Hall, Clerk.

PC Nicola Ivison

1. **Apologies and Declarations of Interest** - Mr. Fairbairn sent his apologies.
2. **Minutes** of the meeting dated 11th July were approved and signed as a true record.
3. **Adjournment of the meeting** – no public attended.
4. **Police Report**

PC Nicola Ivison attending on behalf of PC Andrew Graham. No reports of vandalism at the School could be traced on the Police records and she would look further into these. She reported that the speed radar gun had been repaired and would be back in use.

Other crimes for the period 1st July to 10th September included 2 thefts involving gate hinges and bedding, the latter items were recovered and the offender traced, and 2 road traffic accidents.

5. **Roads, traffic and lighting**

The 30 mph sign at the west end of the Village had been hit by a vehicle and was leaning.

A manhole cover was missing in the grass verge outside the School.

The condition of the fingerpost was raised again. Mr. Fairbairn had reported that this was on a list to be repaired. English Heritage were concerned with regard to these signs. Mr. Stables and Mr. Cunliffe to do a survey of fingerposts in the Parish to see which needed attention.

6. **Planning:-**

- (a) Grant of planning permission – erection of additional classroom and canopy at Kirkbampton School.
- (b) Grant of planning permission – erection of extension at Kirkbampton Farm, Kirkbampton.

7. **Finances:-**

- (a) Balances Club account - £1,578.31
 Current account - £2,132.25
- (b) Accounts to pay – agreed to pay the following:-
 - (i) Audit Commission - £58.75
 - (ii) Amey – interim bill for grasscutting services - £231.64
 - (iii) Mr. R. Stables – materials for replacement of noticeboard - £12.93
 - (iv) Clerk’s half year salary - £600
 - (v) Village Hall – rent - £12
- (c) Grants – Wigton Swimming Pool - £50

8. **CALC correspondence**

County Circulars for August and September received and circulated along with Quality Parish Development Programme update 3. Details of Allerdale Association of Local Councils received and circulated. Training Programme and Statement of Policies also received.

9. **General Correspondence:-**

- (a) English Nature Sitelines – Summer 2005 – copy received.
- (b) Cumbria County Council – Roadside verges in Cumbria – leaflets received and circulated.
- (c) Cumbria Community Foundation Update – Spring 2005 – copy received.
- (d) Cumbria Local Transport Plan – Annual Progress Report 5 – copy received.
- (e) Friends of the Lake District – Underground overhead wires information pack.

Mr. Graham reported that he had had a discussion with a representative of United Utilities who thought the lines in Kirkbampton were ideal for being put underground. The Clerk to write a polite letter to United Utilities pointing out that the poles in the narrow pavements were a tripping hazard for the elderly and inconvenient for pushchairs, certain poles were rotten and in need of replacement in any event and that the steelwork was rusty.
- (f) Rural Regeneration Unit – Food Co-operatives and Village hamper schemes – questionnaire completed.
- (g) Cumbria Local Democracy Commission – details received.

- (h) Voluntary Action Cumbria – Workshops about Parish and Community Planning – details received.
- (i) Allerdale Borough Council – Anti Social behaviour – questionnaire completed.
- (j) Cumbria County Council – Public Transport Map – copy received.
- (k) The Post Office – Carlisle Mobile Post Office branch – update received.
- (l) Cumbria County Council – Cumbria and Lake District Joint Structure Plan – copy received.
- (m) Local Works – Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill – details received.
- (n) Local Council Review – September 2005 – copy received.
- (o) Clerks & Councils Direct – September 2005 – copy received.
- (p) Bowness, Thursby & Caldbeck Neighbourhood Forum – the next meeting to be held at Kirkbride School on 19th October. Mr. Cunliffe to attend if possible.
- (q) The Eden & Esk Catchment Abstraction Management Strategy Consultation document – this to be circulated and any comments to be brought to next meeting.

10. Items brought by Councillors.

Mr. Graham reported that there were to be two walks at Finglandrigg Wood, the first on Friday evening, 16th September, and the second on Saturday afternoon, 17th September. A new noticeboard has been erected at the entrance and questionnaires are available for completion by people walking there.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.