

KIRKBAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at Kirkbampton Village Hall on 12th November 2007

Present: Clr. R. Stables, Clr. M. Cunliffe, Clr. N. Mowbray, Clr. J. Graham, Clr. D. Fairbairn, Clr. V. Hodgson, Clr. F. Duckworth

1. **Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

To receive any apologies and note any declarations of interest

RESOLVED: Apologies received from Clr. Newstead, Clr. Cartner, Clr. Bertram

1a New Councillor paperwork required from Clr. Bertram

RESOLVED: Not present due to work accident. Clerk received phone call after meeting and will arrange for forms to be signed.

1b Resignation of Councillor: Clr. Duckworth has indicated he wishes to resign. Clr. Mowbray requested it be minuted that we thank him for the work he has done over the years. Clerk to type up a letter for him to sign to send to Allerdale. Clerk to put advert in magazine for new Councillor.

2. **Minutes of the meeting**

Dated 10th September 2007 to approve and sign as a true record.

RESOLVED: The Minutes were signed as a true record.

3 **Adjournment of meeting**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow members of the public an opportunity to ask questions or raise matters of interest.

RESOLVED: No members present

4. **Police Report**

To receive report from PC Yvonne Benson, Wigton Community Liaison Officer.

RESOLVED: The Clerk reported her had tried all ways of contacting PC Benson without success. Our last report was January 2007. The Clerk is to try to contact Jane Goujon to see if we can get an explanation. It was reported that a local residents cars petrol cap was attempted to be removed and when the police were informed they did not seem to be interested. No crime number was given so the resident had to pay for repairs herself as the insurance company needed a crime number. It was reported by V. Hodgson that PC Benson has been given other duties.

5. **Bowness, Thursby & Caldbeck Neighbourhood Forum & Other External Meetings** –To receive reports from the following meetings:

a. Report from last Parish Plan meeting.

RESOLVED: Clr. Cunliffe has finished grant application, Questionnaires out by Feb, back by March, and draft plan by April. Joan Routledge doing things with school children. Questionnaires to be distributed via Parish Magazine.

b. Report from SIDS meeting

RESOLVED: No one was available to go to this meeting from this Council. There is now funding for 2 machines to each village. Complaint that there is no follow up by the police with speed gun. A question was asked if we could not have a fixed sign. Is one available that could register the number of vehicles over

the speed limit? Could this be funded under safe ways to school? Clr. Hodgson to chase up with relevant authority.

c. Report from CALC AGM

RESOLVED: No one attended from this Council

6. **Roads, footpaths and lighting**

a. Plan of required location for new lighting at Little Bampton sent to Allerdale Property Services

RESOLVED: Plan sent to Mr. David Brydon of Allerdale

b. Update on Sept Minutes items 8c 1 to 4

RESOLVED: Flooding: Clr. Hodgson reported that cleaning was on the list. Awaiting Kevin Hinds of Cumbria Highways 01900811180 to report back. Clerk to ask M. Cartner if it verges has been done.

c. Meeting with D. Bryden re above

RESOLVED: Clr. Cartner & J. Lightowler met on site on 31st Oct. to discuss & agreed a rough location for the new light standard. Mr. Brydon is to contact Utd Utilities to get a cost for doing their work. Allerdale will erect a new pole as required and the Council is to arrange for someone to dig a trench from Utd Utilities supply point to the new pole. Clr. Cartner said he thought this would be possible. Allerdale will supply all hardware and maintenance on completion. J. Lightowler contacted D. Brydon this afternoon and although a fixed price has not yet been received from Utd. Utilities he suggested a figure of £750 would be appropriate. A Vote was taken For: 3 Against: 2. It was decided to go ahead.

d. Moving of Oughterby Notice Board to Utility Pole on Village Green – Clr Hodgson

RESOLVED: N. Gash was contacted by Clr. Hodgson. We can't put it on Utd Utilities pole. New notice board would cost approx. £200 using a window frame. Clerk to contact K. McGarr of Finesse Windows to see if they have anything we could use,.

e. Children Playing signs for Oughterby – Clr Hodgson

RESOLVED: P. Marr of Cumbria Highways has quoted a cost of £300 for signs provide & fix to Clr. Hodgson. If we can wait until April then we can have them done free under next years. Agreed to wait. Clr Hodgson to liaise with Highways.

7. **Planning:-**

a. **Grant of Planning Permission:-** 2/2007/0808 South View, Kirkbampton, Carlisle – Erection of 2 storey extension

RESOLVED: Granted by Allerdale Borough Council

b. **Planning Application – 2/2007/1029 –** Erection of Fence Rear of 9 / 10 Oaks Lane, Kirkbampton

RESOLVED: A letter expressing our feelings on why this application should be refused has been sent to Allerdale Planning. J. Lightowler has received a request from the applicant that he saw a copy of this letter which we supplied. He has sent us a further letter indicating his thoughts. J. Lightowler has since contacted Allerdale Planning who stated that the reasons we had put forward to object to this did not actually fall within the Planning remit as they could actually consent to permission to build on a piece of land not owned by the applicant. J. Lightowler contacted Mr.Sims of Capita Symonds who deal with Rights of Way for Allerdale and informed him of the situation. To date there has been no reply.

Clr. Fairbairn will also chase it up.

8. **Finances:-** To agree finances as below

- a. Balances:-**
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| Club a/c :- | £1848.40 |
| Current a/c :- | £3393.65 |

RESOLVED:

b. Accounts to pay:- To agree to pay the following:-

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| i | Village Hall Rent | 2.5 hrs@ £8 | |
| ii | Grasscutting - | Amey Infrastructure Services Ltd | £116.51 |
| | | N. Pattinson, The Flatt | £10.00 |
| | | M. Cartner, Little Bampton | £50.00 |
| | | S. Rickerby, Oughterby | £60.00 |

RESOLVED: Pay as above

c. Grant applications- To discuss any Grant Applications

- i.** North West Air Ambulance

RESOLVED: It was agreed not to make any grant.

- ii.** Citizen Advice Bureau

RESOLVED: It was agreed not to make any grant.

- iii.** Parish Plan – Clr. Cunliffe requested a grant of £200 to assist in producing a Parish Plan with an additional £100 contingency if required

RESOLVED: It was agreed to assist with the above. Clr. Cunliffe will request the funding as & when required.

d. Grants – to agree to pay any Grants

- i.** Village Hall – Towards running costs and Insurance - £600
- ii** PCC – Newsletter and Churchyard - £200
- iii** School – Contribution to insurance on play area & Swimming Pool hire - £300
- iv** J. Lightowler – Towards running of Web Site -£100

RESOLVED: Pay all accounts as above. Note that the funding for item iii was increased by £50 due to an increase in insurance costs for the school.

e. Financial Correspondence –To discuss any financial correspondence

- i.** Grasscutting Contractors for next season - J. Lightowler asked whether all the Grasscutting areas could be merged into 1 contract. He had contacted M. Cartner and N. Pattinson who had no objections. S. Rickerby is a landscaping contractor who may be interested in tendering for the whole work. There are 4 basic areas to cover i.e. Kirkbampton, Finglandrigg, Little Bampton & Flatt.

RESOLVED: It was decided that the Flatt was probably too small to integrate into the main contract and J. Lightowler is to contact N. Patterson to request a revised quote for carrying out the work. A similar request is to be made to M. Cartner & S. Rickerby.

As regards the main contract the Clerk is to contact CNC – Gt Orton, Amey, Westwood and S. Rickerby to ask for quotes .

- ii.** Estimate Claim Form Received – Estimated Cost for Grasscutting Required

RESOLVED: Due to i. above it was decided to insert a request for £1200 inc. VAT to cover grasscutting.

iii. Cumberland Building Society statement received

RESOLVED: Noted and Balance agreed.

iv. CALC –Stan Simpson Presentation

RESOLVED: This item occurred between meetings and no comment was received from the Chairman.

v. Parish Clerk wage review

RESOLVED: It was proposed by Clr. Mowbray that the Clerks salary be increased by £100 to £1300 per annum backdated to April 2007. This was seconded by Clr. Cunliffe. The Clerk is to attempt to calculate how many hours per week is actually spent doing the required work.

vi. 6 month Budget Control

RESOLVED: At this time we are still within budget.

f. Budget and Precept for year commencing 1st April 2008

RESOLVED: In line with the Clerks calculations and the additions required to fund items in 8 above it was agreed to request a precept of £6500 for the next financial year.

9. **CALC Correspondence**

a. **CALC Circular**

RESOLVED: October & November newsletter was circulated.

10. **Forthcoming Meetings**

a Neighbourhood Forum Meeting 5th December @ Wheyrigg Hall Hotel

RESOLVED: No volunteers

11. **General Correspondence:-**

a Corporate Improvement Plan Public Meeting – Mon. 26th November – Nelson Thomlinson School – Wigton Comments by 14th December

RESOLVED: No one available to go.

b Cumbria NHS Consultation Document – Comments Required

RESOLVED: No comments.

c Drop In Sessions –Cumbria County Council at Kirkbride

RESOLVED: Notice put on Notice Boards

d Cumbria Autism Support Group

RESOLVED: Information noted. Copy put on notice board

e RAF Reception – Hunday Manor, Workington

RESOLVED: Clr. Newstead requested tickets.

f Adult Social Care - Entry in Newsletter

RESOLVED: Information passed to Mr. P. Cottam who deals with the production of the Parish Magazine.

g West Cumbria Partnership Forum – 2nd November – Launch of Strategy for Sustainable Communities.

RESOLVED: Event passed between meetings. No one attended from this Council.

h Polling Districts & Places review.

RESOLVED: Letter received regarding review of Polling Districts and ease of voting in an election. Letter noted and there seemed no problem with the way

things are in this Parish.

i Cumbria Minerals & Waste Development

RESOLVED: A brochure has been received regarding the above. Comments are required by 10th December. It was noted that although we have no landfill areas in our Parish this also was regarding waste treatment plants etc.

j Ways to Tackle Climate Change brochure from DEFRA

RESOLVED: Brochure received and noted.

k. Cumbria Highways brochure received

RESOLVED: Brochure received and noted.

l Statement of Community Involvement Report

RESOLVED: Received and noted.

m Wigton News & Views

RESOLVED: Received and noted.

n. Town & Parish Standard

RESOLVED: Received and noted.

o. Adoption of Parish Charter Sign Up

RESOLVED: The discrepancies regarding this have been sorted and this Council has signed up to the Parish Charter.

p. Chris Bagshaw, Grasscutting Expenditure

RESOLVED: An E Mail has been received from Chris Bagshaw, Parish Dev. Officer CALC requesting information on expenditure and who does what as regards grasscutting. J. Lightowler to reply once we have decided on how we are to proceed next year.

q. Highways Response Team

RESOLVED: Information noted. A comment was made on the extension to the lengthmans scheme that has been running in the West of the County. Clr. Fairbairn stated that funding has run out and at present this will not be continuing. The Clerk stated that the HRT system will not unduly change how things are done at present except that non emergency items will not be carried out until the team is in our area. Items are still to be sent to the Highways Hotline as usual. Clr. Fairbairn issued cards with the Hotline number for use by Councillors.

r. Local Council Review

RESOLVED: Received and noted.

s. Clerks & Councils Direct

RESOLVED: Received and noted.

12. Items from County Councillor (Clr D Fairbairn)

Clr. Fairbairn emphasized that the Mobile library must be use or there is a possibility that we would lose it under funding cuts. Copy of visiting times to be forwarded to Clerk for inclusion on website.

Ditto above re. Mobile Post Office. Clr. Mowbray said it is well used & she will get a list of times for the Clerk also.

Clr. Fairbairn is on the Cumbria Transport Forum. There is to be a review of Speed limits by 2011 with a possible 20mph limit round schools. Open ended timescale for b and c roads although a limit of 30mph in most villages is possible.

13. Items from Borough Councillor (Clr V Hodgson)

Wording for sign at Oughterby to be "Warning Children Playing" or similar.

14. Items from Local Councillors

3 houses in Thurstonfield have both Allerdale wheelie bins and Carlisle recycle bags. Why? Clr. Fairbairn stated that the household waste in the houses in question should be serviced by Carlisle but for ease they are done by Allerdale. On introduction of the new recycling service by Carlisle City this may have been forgotten about and so they have received the bags for the new system.