

# KIRKBAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Kirkbampton Parish Council-12<sup>th</sup> May 2008

Present: Clr. R. Stables, Clr, M. Cunliffe, Clr. N. Mowbray, Clr. J. Graham, Clr. E. Newstead, Clr. M. Cartner Clr. V. Hodgson, J. Lightowler (Clerk)

### 1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

To receive any apologies and note any declarations of interest

RESOLVED: Apologies received from Clr. D. Fairbairn, Clr. Scott Bertram

There were no declarations of interest.

### 2. Minutes of the meeting

held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2007 to agree & sign as a true record

RESOLVED: Agreed and signed as a true record.

### 3. Review of the Year.

To receive report from Clr. R. Stables

The year started with six Councillors and two vacancies, however, these were filled by Mr M Cartner and Mr S Bertram on 10th September,2007.

Unfortunately a further vacancy occurred on 12th November 2007 when Mr F Duckworth resigned due to ill health. We have as yet been unable to appoint a replacement.

As in previous years we have not had any members of the public attending any meetings apart from the Annual Parish Meeting 14th May 2007 when the Parish Plan was inaugurated., although we have not seen any output arising from this. The speed indicator device continued to be sited sporadically due to various reasons but appears to have little long term effect – only has a temporary effect when present – returning to normal excessive speed when removed. No feedback from any Police follow up (if this is existant).

Two devices are now available but still no more volunteers to operate so we are continuing to utilise one.

Police reports are still few and far between and there appears to have been staffing problems at Wigton Police Station which only seem to come to light at various meetings.

No progress has been made in respect of the items mentioned in last years report with regard to the provision of an emergency plan or the “Better ways to School Scheme”

In March the road at both ends of the village was resurfaced leaving the middle unfinished. Date for completion still awaited.

Finally may I thank all Parish Councillors, The Parish Clerk our Allerdale District Councillor and our County Council Councillor for all their help and assistance during my three years as Chairman.

### 4. Finglandrigg Wood Nature Reserve

To receive report from Mr. A. Brock – Senior Reserves Manager –Natural England

#### Haverlands Green - layby/carpark

Mowing - appears to be somewhat erratic. Need confirmation that this is under contract via the PC and the start and completion dates.

NE undertake additional works to keep it tidy.

#### Little Bampton Common

**Boardwalk** - east side of common full boardwalk completed. Reason is that there are greater numbers of visitors and the common is a predominantly wet habitat. Path and vegetation were becoming trampled and becoming wider.

**Grazing** - Kendal Rough sheep were used in 2007 and 2008 main purpose is to keep birch regeneration under control after coppicing.

**Trees.** Small area on southern edge coppiced back to allow light onto heath/mire vegetation

#### **Other**

##### **Marsh Fritillary Butterflies**

Reintroduced to the northern wet meadows in 2007 , good number of adults flew. We are expecting good numbers again this year and the adults should be flying in the next couple of weeks. When they do we will advertise, set up a self guided trail and lead guided walks.

#### **General**

##### **Tree safety**

NE commissioned a report from an arboriculturalist in April 2007 to look at the health and safety of all trees in the vicinity of the public - near footpaths, benches, picnic tables etc. Based on that report tree safety work was undertaken by a contractor. Recommended re visit every 12 - 18 months. NE will organise and pay for this.

##### **Management work over 2008/9**

##### **Picnic tables**

Work in 2008 to relay the flagstones under the benches

**Tree felling** - Felling licence obtained in 2007 to fell around 3 ha's of tree and scrub on Little Bampton Common. Reason is that since the site was declared an SSSI in 1968 trees have encroached over much of the site reducing the area of heath/mire vegetation for which the common is notified for, through shading. We are aiming to remove the trees in August 2008 and possibly 2009 with additional work coppicing some of the edge trees.

**Footpaths** - Brash from tree coppicing will be chipped and used to upgrade the footpath network.

#### **5. Report from Friends of Haverlands Wood**

A report was received from the Friends Group reporting that they had a meeting last week. There was nothing to report but they still take an interest and are ready to help if required.

#### **6. Any items from Members of the Public**

There were no members of the public present

#### **7. Financial Statement 2007/2008**

to agree the financial statement circulated with this Agenda

**RESOLVED:** Agreed and signed as a true record.

#### **8. Date & Venue of next Annual Parish meeting**

**RESOLVED:** The next Annual Parish Meeting will be in Kirkbampton Village Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009