

# **KIRKBAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF MEETING 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008**

**Present:** Clr. R. Stables, Clr, M. Cunliffe, Clr. N. Mowbray, Clr. J. Graham, Clr. E. Newstead, Clr. S. Bertram, Clr D. Fairbairn (arrived 8.15)

1. **Apologies and Declarations of Interest**  
To receive any apologies and note any declarations of interest  
**RESOLVED:** Apologies received from Clr. V. Hodgson
2. **Minutes of the meeting**  
Dated 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008 to approve and sign as a true record.  
**RESOLVED:** The Minutes were signed as a true record
3. **Adjournment of meeting**  
The Chairman will adjourn 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**
  - a. To receive report from, Wigton Community Liaison Officer.  
**RESOLVED:** The following incidents were received from Wigton Police.  
29/01/08-RTC-Slight Injury,  
18/02/08-Anti-Social Behavior – Kids in School Playing Field  
19/02/08-Suspicious Incident – Checked, all in Order  
Jane Goujon is no longer based at Wigton and all enquiries are now to go through PC Andy Milburn. Reports are now being processed and sent out by the front desk and should appear shortly before each meeting.  
Report from Clr Newstead has had a letter from Allerdale and generally crime is down.
  - b. Police Community Liaison Forum 18<sup>th</sup> March – Discussion re. SID's  
**RESOLVED:** Clr Stables & Clr Cunliffe will attend
5. **Bowness, Thursby & Caldbeck Neighbourhood Forum & Other External Meetings** –To receive reports from Neighbourhood Forum Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> January Aikton Village Hall.  
**RESOLVED:** Clr. Hodgson was not at this meeting but reported to the Clerk that most of the meeting was dedicated to the changes in the NHS and he stated that there was a reasonable argument given on both sides. He also stated that Clr. Fairbairn was quizzed about the condition of the roads and why for example drain cleaning equipment were driving through one flood to get to another without fixing the first problem. Minutes of meeting are now available on line at <http://www.cumbriaforums.org.uk/>
6. **Roads, footpaths and lighting**
  - a. Update on pedestrian signs for Oughterby  
**RESOLVED:** Clr V. Hodgson has been in touch with Ed Noble of Highways and it was suggested that the best way around the sign problem was for

Highways to erect Adult and Child signs. This would entail a cost to the Council of approx. £1000 supply & fixed. A site visit will be required before this went ahead. It was indicated that a neighborhood forum grant may be applied for. The Clerk and Clr Cunliffe will attend the Forum meeting

b. Update on Oughterby Notice Board

**RESOLVED:** Clr. S. Bertram informed the Clerk that Mr. I Ferguson had given him a quote for £120 for the notice board. As per last minutes the Clerk had asked Clr. Bertram to go ahead with the manufacture. The Clerk is to contact Dave Bryden of Allerdale requesting details of location of services in Oughterby Green to enable the board to be erected.

c. Update on Street Lighting, Little Bampton

**RESOLVED:** Letter received from Allerdale with quote of £530 + VAT for the supply to a new feeder pillar. Clerk to contact Dave Bryden to agree location for new light and provide location of buried services.

d. Update on Fluorescent Posts at Bank House Farm – Clr. D.Fairbairn

**RESOLVED:** Clr Newstead reported that a car has gone into the ditch on the corner and Clr Newstead request that Clr Fairbairn investigate the provision of fluorescent posts at this location.

f. Update of various road conditions. – Clr. V. Hodgson

**RESOLVED:** Clr Hodgson stated that he has reported several road problems to the Highways Hotline and to date they have “been checked and repairs incorporated into future schedules” The Clerk requested that anyone logging problems with Highways Hotline let him have the details including location, problem and Fault Ref. No. so he can keep a check on them.

g. Update on road surfacing at Flatt.

**RESOLVED:** To date Highways Hotline site states “Your fault / defect has been logged, but the site has not yet been inspected.”

Clerk has also written to Mrs. Edgar regarding condition of road.

h. Problem with deployment of SID’s machine

**RESOLVED:** Seems that several officers are running this system. Lack of Radar Guns after SID has been deployed.

i. Damage to vehicle wheels due to condition of roads

**RESOLVED:** Clr. S. Bertram had received several complaints from members of the public regarding damage to vehicles caused by the potholes in the road. He was advised to contact Highways and request a claim form. Potholes were reported at last meeting to be reported to Highways and the work has not been completed.

Clr Bertram asked Clr Fairbairn why several visits were required to fix one section of road. He has been approached by people when he was on a night out and is not happy. Clr Fairbairn has requested that Clr. Bertram send him details and he will contact Highways.

j. Yeddlewell Lonning- cars parked at head of Lonning restricting farm vehicle access.

**RESOLVED:** Alan Brown of Kirkbampton has commented to the Clerk about vehicles parking at the head of the farm access at the top of Yeddlewell Lane. Also he intends to use the entrance more often and could he lay a compacted rubble surface to prevent churning up of the grass surface. Clerk to contact Capita and request that letters are sent to residents requesting that vehicles are not parked at the head.

k. Verges & Hedge cutting on Longrigg Road.

**RESOLVED:** Highways have noted this and will ensure this work is carried out in future.

7. **Planning:-**

a. **Planning Application:-** 208/9004 – Storage Tanks, Watchtree, Gt Orton.

**RESOLVED:** Seen by Clr Stables, Clr. Cunliffe – No Objections, Clr E. Newstead who lives next to the site has no objections subject to the new tanks being inside the curtilage of the existing tanks as per the drawings.

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

a. **Balances:-** Club a/c :- £1848.40  
Current a/c :- £1939.65

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

|      |                   |   |         |
|------|-------------------|---|---------|
| i    | Village Hall Rent | 1.5 hrs@ £8 (overpayment)   | £18     |
| ii.  | Clerk             | Half Year Salary inc. increase  | £700    |
| iii. | Clerk             | Photocopying / Admin Costs<br>1 <sup>st</sup> April 2007 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2008 | £38.50  |
| iv.  | CALC              | Annual Subscription &<br>subscription to Local Council<br>Review                      | £145.50 |

c. **Grant applications-** To discuss any Grant Applications

i. Application for funding from Mencap North West.

**RESOLVED:** It was decided not to grant aid

ii. Application for funding from Great North Air Ambulance

**RESOLVED:** It was decided to grant aid GNAA to £100 under S137

d. **Grants** – to agree to pay Grants as above

e. **Financial Correspondence** –To discuss any financial correspondence

i. Grasscutting Contractors for next season

The following tenders have been received.

| Contractor                    | Kirkbampton & Finglandrigg | Oughterby | Both     |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|----------|
| S & W Rickerby Oughterby      | £800                       | £500      | £1300    |
| Amey Skirsgill Depot, Penrith | £1004.25                   | £839.05   | £1843.30 |
| Westwood Orton Grange         | £520                       | £550      | £999     |
| HGP Maintenance Workington    | No Tender                  |           |          |
| Silloth Town Council          | No Tender                  |           |          |

Also Little Bampton Green - £90 by M. Cartner and Flatt -£25 by N. Pattinson.

**RESOLVED:** It was decided to accept Westwood's quote and also those of Mr Cartner and Mr Pattinson

f. Appointment of External Auditor

**RESOLVED:** A letter has been received informing us of the external auditors

for the next 5 years. It should be noticed that due to our income (precept) going over the £5000 mark the audit cost will rise from £50 to £120 (+ vat)

9. **CALC Correspondence**
  - a. **CALC Circular**  
**RESOLVED:** February & March Circulars Distributed via E mail & Hand
  - b. **Standing Orders Alteration:** Guidance for Change in Standing Orders to reflect revised Code of Conduct.  
**RESOLVED:** Initial “Changing in Standing Orders” will suffice.
  
10. **Forthcoming Meetings**
  - a Police Liaison Forum Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> March  
**RESOLVED: mike & Ron**
  - b. BTC Neighborhood Forum- 1<sup>st</sup> April @ Rosley Village Hall  
**RESOLVED: Clerk**
  
11. **General Correspondence:-**
  - a Procurement News  
**RESOLVED:**
  - b. The Local Channel. – A centrally run website building and updating service  
Run by NALC - £396.50 per year  
**RESOLVED:** We already run our own site
  - c Letter from Allerdale re. co opting to fill Councillor place.  
**RESOLVED:** Received and we will attempt to co-opt a member of the community.
  - d North West Spatial Strategy  
**RESOLVED:** Received & Noted
  - e Local Councils Update  
**RESOLVED:** Received
  - f E Mail from CALC re. Grasscutting  
**RESOLVED:** Received and Clerk will respond when Grasscutting tenders have been finalized.
  - g Survey of Local Council Activity & Practice  
**RESOLVED:** Form completed by Clerk & Returned
  - h Public Art in new Developments.  
**RESOLVED:** Received & noted
  - i Local Council Review  
**RESOLVED:** Received
  
12. Items from County Councillor (Clr D Fairbairn)
  
13. Items from Borough Councillor (Clr V Hodgson)
  
14. Items from Local Councillors
  - i. It was again reported that the gullies at bottom of Oughterby hill were blocked and any major amount of rain was causing flooding to the road.