

KIRKBAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 13th July 2009 Kirkbampton Village Hall

Present: Clr. M. Cunliffe, Clr. R. Stables, Clr. N. Mowbray, Clr. M. Cartner (arrived 8.45 pm), Clr. J. Graham, Clr. S. Bertram, Clr. E. Newstead

1. **Apologies and Declarations of Interest**

To receive any apologies and note any declarations of interest

Resolved: - Apologies Received from Clr. D. Fairbairn

Declarations of interest from Clr. J Graham for item 7c as landowner

2. **Minutes of the meeting**

Dated 11th May 2009

Resolved: - Approved and 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 of the public present.

4. **Police Report**

a. Report from Crime mapping website.

Resolved:- Results to 1st May 2009

Date	Area	Burglary	Robbery	Vehicle crime	Violence	Anti-social behaviour	All crime
01/04/2009	Marsh	1	0	0	0	2	3
01/05/2009	Marsh	2	0	0	1	4	6

b. Police Surgery - Kirkbampton

Resolved: - The Clerk visited the police surgery in Kirkbampton Village Hall and had a word with PC Andy Robertson about general issues.

There had been 1 visitor to the surgery on the day from Thurstonfield on issues with speeding. PC Robertson was unsure on our involvement with SIDs and was put in the picture by the Clerk. PC Robertson informed the Clerk that we were welcome to rejoin the SIDs scheme anytime we wish and meanwhile he will try and get speed guns used in the area more often.

He informed us that they had only 1 Community Police Officer to cover the whole of our area including Wigton Silloth etc

5. **Bowness, Thursby & Caldbeck Neighbourhood Forum & Other External Meetings** -To receive reports from:

a. Workington Area Police Community Liaison Forum – Tues. 9th June – Northside Community Centre, Workington

Resolved:- No one available

b. CALC Meeting in Cockermouth – 29th June

Resolved: - Clr. N Mowbray and Clr. M. Cunliffe attended the meeting. They found the venue difficult to find as did other Councillors.

With reference to items on the agenda:-

The new Chief Exec wants Parish Council's to take on work relating to other services within the Parish i.e. rubbish collection roads etc.

This Council wished it to be minuted that they should proceed with this issue with extreme caution as it seems that the Borough Council are devolving highly specialist

work to people unskilled in these fields and at the same time expecting work that should be under the Councils umbrella to be done by unpaid workers.

Ian Payne, Head of Environmental Services would like to do a deep clean of all villages i.e. Move into a village and carry out all necessary work in the area.

See also item 11d

c. Neighbourhood Forum – Caldbeck Village Hall, 22nd June

Resolved:- No one available

6. **Roads, footpaths and lighting**

a Update on Oughterby Notice Board

Resolved:- Work still to be completed

b Update on Street Lighting, Little Bampton

Resolved:- Vaughan Hodgson to contact Dave Brydon to get further details.

c. Highways Hotline Reports

Resolved:- The Clerk has posted 3 reports on the Hotline

1. The broken signpost at Little Bampton Ref. 308110 – Nothing seems to have been done to date. The site has been inspected and action is instructed when our contractors are next working in the area. Gully cleaning vehicle hit it

2. Blocked gully at Longrigg Ref. 308108. – Nothing seems to have been done to date. The site has been inspected and action is instructed when our contractors are next working in the area.

3. Tarmac to Walton Cross Ref. 292291 – Area has been marked out as if work is to be carried out. There seems to be extensive top surfacing being done in the area. Clr. J. Graham indicated that the surface through the village is to be given this treatment.

7. **Planning:-**

a. **Grant of Outline Planning Permission** – High Ploughlands, Ploughlands, Carlisle

Resolved:- Received from Allerdale Borough Council

b. **Grant of Outline Planning Permission** – The Limes, Little Bampton, Carlisle

Resolved:- Received from Allerdale Borough Council

c. **Planning Application** – 2/2009/0379 – Change of use from agriculture to garden, 3 St Peters Court, Kirkbampton – Revised application received

Resolved:- Passed to Clr. M. Cunliffe and Clr. M. Cartner – No Objections

d. **Planning Application** – 2/2009/0353 – Outline application for cattle shed, Low Ploughlands Farm, Ploughlands

Resolved:- Passed to Clr. M. Cunliffe and Clr. M. Cartner – No Objections

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

a. **Balances:-** Club a/c :- £2154.16

Current a/c :- £6227.01

Note: Current a/c figure includes £905 holdings on behalf of Parish Plan Group.

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

i Village Hall Rent hrs @ £8

ii Expenses to Clr. Mowbray for 49 miles @ 60.1ppm £29.44
CALC meeting, Cockermouth
29th June 2009

iii Great North Air Ambulance Agreed at last meeting £100

iv Colville Ground Maintenance Grass Cutting 566.38

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

i Wigton Swimming Pool

Resolved:- It was decided not to support this project

- ii Vitalise - support your local Disabled People and Carers

Resolved:- Due to lack of information it was decided to defer a decision on this to the next meeting

- iii Moorhouse Football Team

Resolved:- Mr. Kelton of Moorhouse has indicated that funding is required for a new football team he has set up for young people including some from our parish. Due to lack of information it was decided to defer a decision on this to the next meeting. Clr. S. Bertram is to try and get a contact number for Mr. Kelton

- d. **Grants** – to agree to pay any Grants

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Resolved:-

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

- i. Request from BDO Stoy Hayward as to why there was an increase of 63% in the Council Precept for the year to March 2009.

1. **Resolved:-** The Clerk informed Stoy Hayward that our major cost is grasscutting and some of this was previously carried out by local farmers at a negligible cost to the Council, the rest being carried out by a contractor approved by competitive tender. It was however decided to compress the work into one contract and the additional anticipated cost was allowed for in the precept also last year the clerk made a very simple error in including the balance amount brought forward from 2007/08 in assessing our expenditure for 2008/09. To allow for this error we have reduced our precept for 2009/10 to £5000 which when inflationary costs to our expenditure are added should counteract our excessive increase from last year.

9. **CALC Correspondence**

- a. **CALC Circular** – June and July/August

Resolved:- The CALC Circulars should now be sent directly to those Councillors with Email.

- b. Request for update of Councillor information sent.

Resolved:- The recent Circulars have been sent directly to the Councillors.

10. **Forthcoming Meetings / Training**

- a BTC Neighbourhood Forum – Anthorn Village Hall – 22nd July at 7pm Solway Barrage

Resolved:- Clr. M. Cunliffe, Clr. Ron Stables, Clr. N. Mowbray will attend.

11. **General Correspondence:-**

- a Grasscutting

Resolved:- Clr M. Cunliffe and the Clerk did an inspection on 20th June of the works carried out by the new Contractor and noted that after the second cut:-

1. Kirkbampton was completed satisfactorily.
2. Finglandrigg was a little rough but the Clerk contacted Natural England who confirmed that it was to a satisfactory standard as far as they were concerned although the front verge area, which should only have 1 cut per year due to the orchids, had been cut. They were not unduly concerned at this but suggested that the area should be marked out with low posts in an attempt to prevent this occurring again.
3. Oughterby was not up to standard. There were many areas that had been badly cut leaving tufts of grass. Some areas have been given an extra by Clr. S. Bertram and Mr. S. Rickerby and these are now up to standard.

The Clerk contacted Colvilles and informed him of the findings. He apologized for the

error in the verge cutting and noted our comments regarding the other works. Since this a third cut has been done which is to a much better standard.

At the time of the first inspection the Clerk and Clr. Cunliffe had a word with Mr. S. Rickerby who had previously done the work at Oughterby who said that some of the locals were unhappy at the neatness that the grass was being cut since we employed new contractors. It was noted that the main difference between the two contractors was that as the work was on his doorstep he cut the grass as required rather than the 1 cut per month as per the contract, at no extra cost and the locals had got used to the better cutting régime. We informed him that unless we radically increased our precept figure we could only afford to do 1 cut per month but we would look into the issue at this meeting. A Play area has been created in a back field so no need for play area on common. Clr. Scott Bertram indicated that he would be willing to give an extra cut on the larger areas if Mr. Rickerby could do smaller areas. A decision on cutting for next season will be made at the meeting in November.

b. Tree Planting

Resolved: - No one could think of any public area where we could plant this number of trees.

c Invitation to Watchtree Wheelers opening 10th July

Resolved: - Invitations were issued to Councillors and Clr. E. Newstead and Clr. John Graham attended and enjoyed the event. Letter of thanks to be sent to Watchtree for the invitations.

d Managing radioactive waste consultation document.

Resolved: - The draft statement was circulated. Calc has a seat on the joint management group. CALC want local councils to have first say. Entrance may be in Allerdale but the underground works for the repository in Copeland. Will the payment to Councils be given to only one or both Councils? What about those that have vehicles traveling through. CALC is generally for the repository but with lots of provisions. At present this is a tabletop survey and due for startup 2040 start and 2140 fill in.

e Clerk & Councils Direct

Resolved:- Circulated

f Local Council Review

Resolved:- Circulated

g Minerals and Waste Development Framework

Resolved:- Circulated

h Rural Services Network – Rural Focus Newsletter

Resolved: - This newsletter should now be sent directly to those with an Email address. It should be noted that this newsletter is in a format that cannot be circulated to those without a computer.

i Rural Schools Funding

Resolved:- An Email was received and noted

j Core Strategy – Locality Workshop –Greenhill Hotel Red Dial

Resolved:- No one is available to attend

k Northern Gas Environmental Projects

Resolved:- Email noted

l English Heritage Conservation Areas at risk

Resolved: - Information circulated. Note that this information is only available to those with a computer

m Sporting Opportunities in Rural Cumbria

Resolved:- The Clerk completed and returned this survey

n Friends of Lake District – Overhead Wires Project

Resolved:- Publication noted

o Public service delivery in rural England

Resolved:- Details of the course in London was circulated.

p 2009 NALC Leadership Academy

Resolved:- Details of the course in London was circulated at Warwick University was circulated

q Statement of Community Involvement

Resolved:- Letter

r Gambling Policy

Resolved:- Statement of policy received from Allerdale. Electronic copy available

s Mileage rates

Resolved:- New rates received

12. Items from County Councillor (Clr D Fairbairn)

Resolved:- Report received from Clr. Fairbairn who was not available for this meeting.

The Highways Hotline reports are now being dealt with much more quickly. The are being passed straight to the Highways at Lillyhall and actioned immediately to the pot hole repair crew. The crews are now being managed by a Capita Engineer and are now filling in up to 4 X more potholes than before. The new reports are being actioned immediately, while the long list that used to be is getting shorter by the day. Further, they are required to fill in any pothole they may see en route to holes reported on the Hotline. In other words, getting in front of the problems.

Most of the Flatt has now been re-surfaced!

The Bowness, Thursby and Caldbeck Forum will be discussing the Solway Barrage on the 22nd July at Anthorn VH. Get there early to save a seat!

I trust the B5307 is now working to "nearly" your satisfaction! Any speeding problems, report them to the police as the enforcement authority please.

13. Items from Borough Councillor (Clr V Hodgson)

The new Chief Executive for Allerdale is Harry Dacre

Public waste bins not being emptied by the refuse collectors & House bins are still being returned to the middle of drives. Clr. Hodgson will look into this

The new smaller bin wagons seem to be able to move faster than the older ones. There have been complaints of speeding through the villages. Ernie Davidson, Head of collection, advised us to get the number plate of offending vehicles and pass to Clr Hodgson

It was noted that the light had been repaired at Beech House

14. Items from Local Councillors

Clr. John Graham had been approached by a member of the public asking if a swing could be provided in the playground. Clr Graham had approached the Headteacher who indicated that there was no reason why not and it could be provided along with other upgrading works e.g. Resurfacing the playground in a flexible rubber or similar surface.

Clr. Michael Cunliffe reported that the Parish Plan was not proceeding very well and the information was quickly getting out of date. It was decided that Clr. Cunliffe suggests to the organizing group at the next meeting that the plan be shelved.