

KIRKBAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 9th November 2009 Kirkbampton Village Hall

- Present:** Clr. M. Cunliffe, Clr. R. Stables, Clr. N. Mowbray, Clr. M. Cartner, Clr. J. Graham, Clr. D. Fairbairn, Clr. V. Hodgson and Clr. S Bertram
1. **Apologies and Declarations of Interest**
To receive any apologies and note any declarations of interest
Resolved:- Clr. E. Newstead,
 2. **Minutes of the meeting** dated 14th September 2009
Resolved:- Were 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 were present.
 4. **Police Report**
 - a. Report from Crime mapping website.
Resolved: - A monthly newsletter is now produced by the police which is posted on their website that is easier to read than the mapping system. Clerk is to add a link to the village website. Entry for this month reads
“Crime levels in this mainly rural ward are historically exceptionally low and remain so this month. Of the five offences reported one did not happen in Marsh and is a mapping error, three were minor assaults which have led to the offenders being arrested and prosecuted and the final offence was theft of hens’ eggs. Two anti social behaviour incidents were recorded, however these are not linked.”
 - b. Police Surgery - Kirkbampton
Resolved: - The next surgery will be on Monday 30th November in Kirkbampton Village Hall
 - c Request from school for visit of Community Police Officer
Resolved: - This request was passed to PC Andy Robinson who contacted Joan Routledge.
 5. **Bowness, Thursby & Caldbeck Neighbourhood Forum & Other External Meetings** -To receive reports from:
 - a. Kirkbampton Village Hall AGM
Resolved: - Clr. M. Cunliffe attended. They still are short of Committee members and are looking for a chairman. A report was received by the Clerk.
 - b. Allerdale Association Meeting – 4th November 2009
Resolved: - No one attended
 - c CALC General Meeting 24th September at 7pm, Bothel Village Hall
Resolved: - No one attended
 - d Parish Plan Update
Resolved: - Plan getting printed and should be out soon.
 6. **Roads, footpaths and lighting**
 - a Update on Oughterby Notice Board
Resolved: - The old post is proving difficult to remove but a new post will be supplied and the board erected.
 - b Update on Street Lighting, Little Bampton
Resolved: - The work has finally been completed

c. Highways Hotline Reports

i. Studholme

Resolved: - There is a discrepancy as to the ownership of the area in question. The owners of Studholme Farm insist their deeds show they own up to the farm gate and it is thought they have access rights only over the track. It is thought the track belongs to the Common, and this in itself is a problem as the actual area of the common and ownership is debatable. It has been indicated that the previous owner of Studholme Farm concreted this area to provide access to milk tankers. The Clerk has looked at past minutes and could find no reference to this. Duncan Fairbairn has informed the owners that they should contact their solicitors to see if they could shed light on to the ownership as they should have information regarding the ownership for the crossing.

d. Moorhouse / Thurstonfield pipe

Resolved: - An Email was sent to Duncan Fone of United Utilities regarding this but no reply has been received to date. It has been indicated that permission has been granted to connect the missing section of pipe when the road closure at Port Carlisle has been completed.

e Drain Cover Kirkbampton

Resolved: - This has been reported to Highways Hotline and an Email requesting ownership information has been received from Clr. Fairbairn but nothing to date has been done probably due to an ownership query. Clr. Fairbairn indicated that in the interest of safety highways will repair the cover although they say they are not responsible for the cover, United Utilities also deny responsibility. It possibly belongs to the village hall and/or school as an outlet from field drain.

f Yeddlewell Footpath

Resolved: - This has been reported to David Gibson at Cumbria County Council who indicated it would be forwarded to their Grounds Department but to date nothing appears to be done. This problem has also been reported to the Parish Council by Mrs. A. Rosie from Kirkbampton. Duncan Fairbairn will follow this up.

f Fingerpost at Flatt Road end

Resolved: - The residents of Flatt have requested again that something is done regarding the fingerpost on the Kirkbampton to Wiggonby Road also the entry to Flatt as it is rusting badly and leaning over. Clerk to contact Highways to look at them.

7. **Planning:-**

There were no applications for Planning Permission in this period. Although there has been application for the building of a house in Thurstonfield to replace one that was demolished. Although this may have an impact of the sewage disposal it was agreed that the effect would be minimal and no objection would be made.

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

a. Balances:-	Club a/c :-	£2154.16
	Current a/c :-	£7165.00

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	2hrs@ £8	£16.00
ii	Grasscutting – N. Pattinson for Flatt		£25.00
iii	Hire of Hall for Police Surgeries		£50.00
iv	CALC AGM – Buffet Lunch		£20.00
v	Oughterby Notice Board – I Ferguson		£141.00

Resolved: - It was agreed to pay the accounts as above

- c. **Grant applications-** To discuss any Grant Applications
 - i Allerdale Disability Association
 - ii North West Air Ambulance

Resolved: - It was agreed not to give grants to either of the above.

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

i	Village Hall	Running costs & Insurance	£600
ii	PCC	Newsletter & Churchyard	£200
iii	School	Contribution to Play area	£350
		insurance & Swimming Pool Hire	
iv	John Lightowler	Web Site	£100

Resolved: - Agreed to pay the above. It was noted that the church was having problems with finance and the grass cutting was hopefully going to be done on a voluntary basis. It was decided still to fund the church to assist in costs for fuel etc. John Lightowler also indicated that ongoing costs for the website could now be reduced to £50 as only web hosting fees need to be paid. It was also agreed that the Insurance for the school be increased to £330 as per the increase in the premium.

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

- i. Change of treasurer to Kirkbampton Village Hall incl Change of Billing period for hall hire.

Resolved: - The village hall requested a change in the way that the payments are made for the hire of the hall. The request is awkward for the Council and the Clerk is to contact the hall treasurer and try to agree a mutual solution. A suggestion was made that a payment of £85, an average over the last couple of years, be made either in advance or arrears.

- ii Letter received from Westwood Nurseries.

Resolved: - A letter has been received from Westwood Nurseries stating they wish to be considered for next years grass cutting tender.

- iii Decision required on new Grass cutting tender specification

Resolved: - Clerk to contact Alasdair Brock to ascertain which parts of the grass area he wants left. It was decided that the Clerk is to split up the tender areas and request that the contractors tender for each individual parts and also the whole contract. It was also agreed to extend the cutting area in Kirkbampton to include the area from the end of the school section to the gate on the main road.

- iv Parish Precept Application incl Claim Estimate for 2011

Resolved: - An application for £ 5000 is to be made for the Precept for the year 2010 / 2011 and the claim figure of £1350 excluding VAT to cover the grass cutting.

- v Cumberland Building Society statement

Resolved: - Received and agrees with Clerks figures.

- vi 6 month Budget control

Resolved: - We are still within budget.

- vii Revised Salary Scales received.

Resolved: - Revised salary scales have been received. The pay increase equates to approx. 1.3% over the full scale. The Clerk left the meeting at this point for a discussion to be had over a pay increase for the Clerk. It was decided that the Clerk receives an increase of £20 with effect from April 2010

- viii Revised Car allowances scale received

Resolved: - Revised Car allowance rates received.

- xi PCC Treasurer

Resolved: - It was noted that the treasurer of the PCC be changed to Hazel Rudd,

- Duniker, Kirkbampton
9. **CALC Correspondence**
- a. CALC Circular
Resolved: - Circular for October circulated to Councillors.
10. **Forthcoming Meetings / Training**
- a. CALC AGM – 14th November Hundith Hill Cockermouth
Resolved: - Clr. M. Cunliffe and Clr. M. Cartner to attend. Clerk to book 2 places.
- b. Freedom of Information training session – 24th Feb. 2010 Newton Rigg - £39
Resolved: - Clerk is interested in this session but is unable to attend due to work commitments. He has contacted CALC who has indicated that there may be an evening course created subject to the popularity of the day course.
- c. Clustering - Community Centre in Wigton for 7pm on Monday 23rd November
Resolved: - There was no interest from the majority in the idea of clustering. The Council was concerned that finance would not be forthcoming.
- d. Neighbourhood Forum – Rosley Village Hall Wednesday 25 November 2009
Resolved: - No one was available to attend. The Chair indicated he had heard the report at the CALC meeting in Cockermouth on Monday 29th June 2009
11. **General Correspondence:-**
- a. Cumbria Rider Magazine
- b. Cumbria Highways Magazine
- c. Statement of Community Involvement
- d. Minerals & Waste Development Framework
- e. Police monthly newsletter received.
Resolved: - The above publications were all received and noted.
- f. War Memorial Fields
Resolved: - We have no War Memorial Fields in our Parish
- g. Dates of Parish Council Meetings.
Resolved: - The dates of the Parish Council Meetings were omitted from May 2009 minutes. These are now minuted as 11th January, 8th March, and 10th May 2010 to complete this financial year.
- h. Cumbria in Control
Resolved: - This was passed to Clr. M. Cartner to pass to Thelma Cartner of the Thursday Club.
- i. Buildings schools for the future.
Resolved: - The Clerk is to forward the web site link to Councillors
12. Items from County Councillor (Clr D Fairbairn)
- The Following was noted:-
1. The scheme to extract coal bed methane gas at Fishergill in Aikton PC will go ahead.
 2. The start to works to connect Little Bampton to Aikton treatment works has been delayed till January. At some point the road will be blocked off to enable the works to be carried out
 3. BTC Forum at Rosley – The Government have agreed to the erection of 3 new Nuclear Power Stations. There will be an exhibition prior to the meeting at Rosley
 4. There will be no new work to roads in our area in 2011 – 12 although work will be done to Wigton to Kirkbride, Whitrigg to Bowness and Fingland to Little Bampton
 5. Studholm – Gutter has been cleaned. See Minute 6c as regards the flooding and pothole in this area.

6. The County Council have estimated they will need to lose £45 million in the next 5 years.
7. As regards clustering Clr. Fairbairn indicated that all the surrounding Parish Councils are in favour of this.
13. Items from Borough Councillor (Clr V Hodgson)
 1. Clr. Hodgson passed over information on Britain in Bloom
 2. Clr. Hodgson indicated that Free advice on housing benefits and jobs was available from the Cumbria Law Centre but only if unemployed.
 3. He also indicated that £432,000 had been by Cumbria Waste Management to various good causes including Watchtree Nature Reserve.
 4. Health Profile of county received.
14. Items from Local Councillors
 1. John Graham reported gutters at Oughterby Hill to Highways Steward.