KIRKBAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kirkbampton Parish Council held on Monday 11th September 2017 in Kirkbampton Village Hall at 7:30 p.m.

KB 29/9/17 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr L Brown, J Heaney, E Newstead & County Cllr D Fairbairn.

KB 30/9/17 Present

The Chairwoman Cllr J Alexander, S Bertram & M Cunliffe.

KB 31/9/17 In Attendance

Borough Cllr V Hodgson (entered at 7:40 pm), PCSO H Donaughee & PCSO P Nichol. No members of the public were in attendance.

KB 32/9/17 Declarations of Interest or Requests for Dispensations

Cllr S Bertram declared an interest in Oughterby – Deed of Easement.

KB 33/9/17 Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 10th July 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th July 2017 were approved by members and duly signed by the Chairwoman.

KB 34/9/17 Public Participation

PCSO H Donaughee & PCSO P Nichol advised the council that they had been no crimes reported within the parish.

Chairwoman queried the legalities of the PC purchasing and erecting (on public land) a speed sign for Kirkbampton - similar to those currently deployed in Moorhouse & Thurstonfield. PCSO's advised that they were unaware of current guidelines on this item. Cllr J Alexander advised that she would contact the Chairman of Moorhouse PC to gain further information.

PCSO H Donaughee advised that she was to visit Kirkbampton school in the near future, to talk to children on bonfire safety and she would suggest that a joint initiative on speeding could be undertaken. This was welcomed and supported by the PC.

Cllr V Hodgson entered at 7:40 pm.

KB 35/9/17 Finance Matters

35.1 Resolved that the following payments are approved:-

A McCallum – Salary for Aug/Sept £180.71 (S/O 1st Sept & 1st Oct 2017)

A McCallum – reimbursements £48.00

HMRC – PAYE for Aug/Sept - £10.80

NEST – Employers contributions July & Aug - £3.92 (D/D)

St Cuthbert Without Parish Council - Annual IT contribution 2017/18 - £25.00

St Cuthbert Without Parish Council – printing re-charge March-Aug'17 - £38.95

Hospice at Home – Donation - £50.00

Envirocare Grounds Maintenance - half yearly grass cutting payment - £1,206.00

35.2 Receipts

Clerk reported that no income had been received.

35.3 Income and Expenditure to 31st August 2017

Opening balance 1 st April 2017	£ 5,270.54
Income to 31st August 2017	£ 6,056.67
Expenditure to 31 st August 2017	£ 2,426.70
Balance at 31st August 2017	£ 8,900.51

35.4 Quarterly Monitoring Report

Consideration was given to a report on income and expenditure for the period 1st April to 31st August 2017. The Clerk advised that no areas of concern existed.

Resolved: Approved.

35.5 External Audit 2016/17

The council were advised that the external audit had been completed, the annual return approved and the Notice of Conclusion of Audit displayed.

Resolved: Approved.

KB 36/9/17 Planning Matters

36.1 Applications

None received.

To consider permission notices received:-HOU/2017/0146 Holme Lea, Little Bampton, Wigon – replacement of existing flat roof garage with new self-contained granny flat/bedsit – approved.

KB 37/9/17 Clerks Report

Actions following the last meeting were reported as:-

Website Progress

Chairwoman advised that J Lightowler was currently uploading details onto the events page for the village hall and had advised that he was finding this easier to complete than on the previous web site. Work is still on-going on the church section of the site – with details to be possibly duplicated from the church web sites to the village one. Chairwoman to meet with Rocket sites on Thursday to complete any PC outstanding items.

Highways Items

Updates were given on:-

• Old School House, Kirkbampton - flooding of road

Cllrs advised that a new drainage pipe had been put in under the road and re-surfacing undertaken. Cllr advised that it appeared to be working well.

Oughterby – condition of road, pot-holes & road sweeping

Chairwoman advised that the section of road outside Oughterby Farm had been retarmacked. Further road repairs to be undertaken in the autumn included re-surfacing of the road between Kirkbampton to Oughterby Hill and alongside the village green in Oughterby.

• Rosebank Cottage, Wiggonby - erection of verge marker

Chairwoman agreed to progress with Cllr D Fairbairn.

Other highways items raised at the meeting included:-

West Lane – Road Sweeping Required

Cllrs requested that this road required sweeping. Cllr V Hodgson agreed to progress.

Oughterby Hill Road – Road Surface

Cllr reported that a resident had requested that this road is re-tarmacked due to it having a 'bumpy' surface. Councillors felt that there was no problem with this section of road, however. Chairwoman to discuss re-surfacing with highways.

• Bampton to Little Bampton Road – condition of road surface

Cllrs advised that this road required re-surfacing. Chairwoman, S Bertram & V Hodgson to report to highways.

Midtown Farm – Faulty Streetlight

Chairwoman advised that she had reported a faulty streetlight, but this had not been repaired as yet.

Oughterby – Deed of Easement

Chairwoman advised that she is in the process of re-drafting the easement and that this is to be submitted to the Solicitor in the near future.

Syke Farm, Kirkbampton

Allerdale Borough Council's Enforcement Officer had confirmed that an agricultural contracting business was operating from the address and that submission of a planning application was expected in the near future.

Kirkbampton Village Hall

Clerk advised on the retirement of Maureen Fawcett from the village hall committee.

Agreed: letter of thanks to be sent to Maureen Fawcett on behalf of the PC.

KB 38/9/17 Village Matters

38.1 Grass Cutting Contract

Chairwoman advised that the current contractor had been asked to continue by Envirocare until the end of the 2017 season - with one more cut expected to be undertaken. Discussion was undertaken on if the contract with Envirocare should be continued for 2018/19 but further clarification was required on if Envirocare will be providing a new contractor for the 2018/19 season.

KB 39/9/17 Schedule of Correspondence, Notices & Publications

No items that required the council's attention had been received.

KB 40/9/17 Councillor Matters

Borough Clir V Hodgson reported the following:-

Cumbria County Council - Highways

Advised that he had attended an Allerdale Borough Council meeting that had discussed planned road improvements scheduled for the west of the county and the M6 corridor. Cllrs also expressed disappointment on the length of time it had taken to rebuild some bridges at Sebergham & Abbeytown - nearly 2 years after the flooding experienced in 2015.

S Bertram advised that residents had enquired if defibrillators could be installed at Oughterby & Little Bampton. Issues discussed included if funding was available to purchase them; if phonelines were still installed in the telephone boxes at Oughterby & Little Bampton; if the telephone boxes could be purchased by the PC and if training was available in the use of defibrillators.

Agreed: Cllr S Bertram & V Hodgson to forward contact details of defibrillator suppliers to the Clerk, who will undertake further research as to the estimated costs and what is required to provide these.

KB 41/9/17 Date of Next Meeting – the next meeting is to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday 13th November 2017 in Kirkbampton village hall.

The meeting closed at 8:28 p.m.