

KIRKBAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on
Monday 14th May 2018 in Kirkbampton Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.

AP 1/5/18 Apologies for absence

Cllr S Bertram, County Cllr Duncan Fairbairn

AP 2/5/18 Present

Cllr J Alexander (Chairwoman), Cllr M Cunliffe, Cllr J Heaney, Cllr E Newstead, Allerdale Borough Cllr V Hodgson and S. Hutchinson (Clerk). No members of the public attended the meeting.

AP 3/5/18 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 8th May 2017

The minutes of the meeting of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 8th May 2017 were approved and signed by Cllr J Alexander.

AP 4/5/18 Chairman's Review of the Year

The Chairwoman, J Alexander gave the following report:-

The Kirkbampton Parish Council has had some successes to a greater or lesser extent this year. Some issues started the year 2016/17 will hopefully come to fruition during this coming year :-

- **New Clerk** – Towards the end of 2017 our previous clerk resigned and panic set in. However, we were extremely fortunate to receive an application from Sonia who was interviewed by myself and Vice chairman. I personally feel that she has breathed new life into the Council and we already have a number of issues which we are taking up in order to improve the Parish of Kirkbampton.
- **Speeding Traffic** - There has been concern over speeding traffic through Kirkbampton – so we have started to look into ways of slowing the traffic down – Our Clerk Sonia has been instrumental in this process. Hopefully this time next year the speeding will be reduced.
- **Drains near Old School House** - This has been completed and the water which used to spread across the road is now no longer there. Our Borough Councillor Vaughan Hodgson has been very helpful in this matter –. Many, many thanks Vaughan. However, there is still standing water along the edge of the road at the bottom of Oughterby Hill – sometimes up to 2 inches deep – though in the recent dry weather it has disappeared (or has something been done?? – I have not seen or heard anything on this).
- **Roads in the Parish of Kirkbampton** – The roads around the Parish are a continuing concern – with numerous potholes getting larger and larger. The problems are reported by both our Borough Councillor and the councillors themselves. Unfortunately, Cumbria is well known for having more potholes than anywhere else in England. We must continue to keep pressing and to say that just filling potholes are not enough! – whole sections of roads need tarmacing.
- **Village Website** – The website for Kirkbampton Parish is almost complete – there is still some tinkering to be done – but the main body of work is now complete.
- **Planning for Emergencies** – This unfortunately fell by the wayside this year due to other issues taking priority - we will need to revisit this in the coming year and make it part of the Community Plan which we will be turning our eyes to in the near future.
- **Defibrillators** – Our clerk has sent off an application for funds for 3 defibrillators in the Parish – hopefully these will be installed during the coming year and the necessary training undertaken.
- **Easement for Track on Village Green at Oughterby** - This will be signed off in today's meeting as the document has been agreed to.

Sonia Alexander
9/07/18.

All of the above would not have been possible without the hard work of the Parish Councillors, our County Councillor Duncan Fairburn and Borough Councillor Vaughan Hodgson and our new clerk Sonia Hutchinson who I personally feel has breathed a strong sense of purpose and drive into this council. Many thanks to you all for your support throughout the year. Hopefully next year this report will be even longer and more positive as we strive to do more for the residents of the Parish of Kirkbampton.

AP 5/5/18 Any Items from members of the Electorate

Request to include on next Parish Council agenda and issue regarding the installation of new pipe work to be raised with the Highways Department/

AP 6/5/18 Date of Next Meeting

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be in Kirkbampton village hall on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7:15 p.m.

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