KIRKBAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Kirkbampton Parish Council held on Monday 11th January 2021 at 7:30p.m.

Present: S Ekins-Parnell (Chair), Cllrs S Bertram, P S Heggie and M Cunliffe

In Attendance: County Cllr M Johnson, Borough Cllr V Hodgson. Acting Clerk S Kyle.

ACTION

141/01/21 Apologies for Absence
No apologies for absence were received.

142/01/21 Requests for Dispensations & Declarations of Interest
No requests for dispensations were received and no declarations of interest were made.

143/01/21 Public Participation
No members of the public were in attendance.

County Cllr Johnson informed members that the main focus of work remains COVID related and winter/highways maintenance based. Cllr Ekins-Parnell thanked Cllr Johnson for his assistance in ensuring the grid works in Kirkbampton had been completed.

County Cllr Johnson left the meeting at 7.31pm.

Borough Cllr Hodgson and Cllr Bertram entered the meeting at 7.32pm.

Borough Cllr Hodgson reported that he had requested replenishment of the parish grit bins, as requested by Cllr Cunliffe. He also reported information regarding the charging of electrical vehicles in Keswick and Wigton as well as census information. Members were informed that many members of Allerdale Borough Council continue to work remotely and that contacting members of staff at home may require more patience; this to be shared on the parish Facebook page. The sports stadium continues to be worked on and the regeneration of Maryport has been a hugely successful project. The Allerdale website continues to hold a lot of COVID information including updated bin collection times.

Borough Cllr Hodgson left the meeting at 7.38pm.

144/01/21 Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th November 2020
Resolved to authorise the Chair to sign, as a true and accurate record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.

It was noted that an update regarding the derelict building in Kirkbampton is to be requested from the ward members to see if action can be taken. **SE-P**

145/01/21 Administrative and Village Matters
145.1 Defibrillators
A query was raised regarding whether it was necessary to report weekly checks to both NWAS and the new WebNos system; the Clerk to investigate and report to the defibrillator guardians to facilitate discussions between them regarding usability. It was also noted that arrangements for holiday cover will need considered. **SK** **SE-P** **PH**

Resolved that hi-viz signage for the three defibrillator boxes to be purchased through Cumbria County Council at a cost of £385; to be installed following the installation of replacement Perspex sheeting. **SB**

145.2 Grass Cutting Contract
Areas of grass cutting to be amended for 2021 were agreed as follows:

- Remove Finlandrigg from the contract following its successful transfer to English Nature
- Upgrade all areas at Oughterby to twice monthly cuts

Resolved that a new contract price to be obtained to include the above. **SK**

145.3 Appointment of Clerk
It was agreed that the Acting Clerk's position needed to be filled on a permanent basis.
Resolved to advertise the vacancy on the parish Facebook page. **SK**

145.4 Three Tier Meeting
It was noted that the above meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th January 2021.
Resolved that Cllr Ekins-Parnell will attend on behalf of the Council. **SE-P**

145.5 Allerdale Borough Council Budget Consultation 2021/22
Resolved that no response be submitted regarding the above.

146/01/21 Highways Matters
146.1 Updates
It was noted that there had been no development with the request to install a second illuminated speed indicator in Kirkbampton; the Clerk to chase this up. **SK**

146.2 Noticeboards
Quotations for new noticeboards had been obtained, however concerns were raised regarding their excessive cost.
Resolved that cheaper options be considered at the March meeting. **SK**

147/11/21 Finance Matters
147.1 Expenditure
Resolved to approve payments detailed in the schedule as follows:

- Sarah Kyle, November Salary, £237.78
- HMRC, November PAYE, £60.00
- Sarah Kyle, December Salary, £239.78
- HMRC, December PAYE, £60.00
- CALC, Training Course, £40.00
- ICO, Data Protection, £35.00
- Unity Bank, quarterly charge, £18.00

Opening Balance on 1st April 2020	£7,077.98
Total Receipts to 31st December 2020	£8,847.71
Total Expenditure to 31st December 2020	£7,435.88
Balance 31st December 2020	£8,489.81

Cllr Ekins-Parnell noted that she had attended training provided from CALC and had found the sessions to be extremely useful.

147.2 Donations Request
Resolved to donate £300 towards the Great North Air Ambulance (LGA 1972 s137).

148/01/21 Councillor Matters
Cllr Ekins-Parnell requested consideration be given to the updating of the community plan in March; the matter will be placed on the agenda.

149/01/21 Date of Next Meeting
Resolved that the next online meeting will be held on Monday 8th March 2021 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.11pm.