

KIRKLINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Kirklington Parish Council held at Fir Ends School on Tuesday 26 February 2019.

PRESENT

M Jack (Chairman), I Armstrong, T Wigham, Mrs M Story, D Allan and A Smith. Councillor J Mallinson was also in attendance.

APOLOGIES

Mrs M White, Mrs B Irving and Councillor D Shepherd.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 27 November 2018 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

(a) Play area - Monthly Inspections.

It was agreed that these inspections should be suspended whilst the re-furbishment of the play area was ongoing.

(b) Play area – re-development project

(1) Progress report from Mike Jack (Chairman)

It was reported that work had commenced but had not got off to a good start due to the soft conditions as a result of recent heavy rainfall. The suspension of the removal of soil was discussed with the contractors but they were reluctant to do so as the digger was only available to them for 2 days. As a consequence the play area entrance became a quagmire and a great deal of mud was deposited on the estate road resulting in a number of complaints. Mike Jack was present and contacted as many residents as possible to apologise and to advise them of the actions taken to sweep the estate road.

Mr Jack explained that he had discussed with HAGS a number of options in relation to the re-instatement of the damaged area for which HAGS had included a sum of money in their quotation. As the amount of re-instatement was likely to be much greater than originally envisaged it was unlikely that the financial provision within HAGS quotation would be sufficient to cover the cost.

One of the options discussed was an arrangement whereby the Parish Council assumed responsibility for undertaking the re-instatement work and HAGS would 'hand back' the financial provision for this work in their quotation (£450). As the work involved would be greater than originally planned the final cost would be greater than the amount to be recoverable from the grant awarded by Grantscape.

It was agreed that this was the preferred option and authority was given for a local contractor who was familiar with the play area, to be approached with a view to obtaining quotations for the work required.

(2) Progress report on the Parish Council's request for a short-term overdraft facility from Barclays Bank

The Clerk reported that the Bank was sympathetic to the Parish Council's request and that confirmation would be forthcoming once the time frame for payment of invoices had been established.

(3) Letter from Mr & Mrs Sewell

The Clerk reported that Mr and Mrs Sewell still had concerns about the provision of goalposts and requested that some form of demarcation between the football area and the other play equipment be provided along with some appropriate signage.

Whilst the Parish Council were sympathetic to Mr and Mrs Sewell's concerns they would prefer to make a final decision on this matter after a period of actual usage. In the meantime the play area and the football activity in particular would be closely monitored and the issue given further consideration at a future meeting.

The Clerk was asked to respond to Mr and Mrs Sewell's letter along these lines.

(c) Dead tree on Skitby Road

The Clerk reported that he had alerted the Highways Authority to this tree and that they had agreed to inspect it and take whatever action they considered appropriate.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2018/19

The Income and Expenditure position as at 26 February 2019 compared with the approved Budget was noted.

PAYMENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND RECEIPTS

(1) To approve the following payments:

(a) Hire of School Hall for Parish Council meetings 2018/19 - **£60.00**

(b) Grant application from Kirklington with Hethersgill PCC

It was agreed that this application should be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council in May 2019.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Application No: 19/0024 (Mr S Graham)

Erection of single storey rear extension to provide sun room at Mission House, Smithfield, Kirklington, Carlisle.

The observations of the Planning Sub-Committee and the decision of the Planning Authority to approve the application were noted.

(b) Application No: 19/0036 (Mr James Wigham)

Erection of 1no. dwelling for occupation by an agricultural engineer on land adjacent to Mill Green, Kirklington, Carlisle **(OUTLINE)**

The observations of the Planning Sub-Committee were noted.

RISK ASSESSMENTS – ANNUAL REVIEW

The Parish Council's Risk Assessments (General and Play Area) were reviewed and agreed.

UPDATE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY ON ACCESS AT FIR ENDS SCHOOL

A letter from the Governing Body setting out the current position regarding the use of the school playing field outside school hours was noted with regret.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

A GDP Awareness checklist for Councillors was distributed and noted.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

It was noted that an election would take place on the 2 May 2019.

CORRESPONDENCE

A schedule of the correspondence received since the last meeting was noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 14 May 2019 (Annual Parish Meeting and AGM)

CORRESPONDENCE received since the last meeting

1. CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

- County Circulars – December/January 2019, February 2019 (**Copies attached**)

2. CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

- Minutes of Carlisle City Council
- Village Hall Capital Grant Scheme 2019/20

3. CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

- Houghton and Irthington Community Grants Panel
- Cumbria Coastal Strategy
- Resourceful Communities Project

4. OTHER

- Dutch Military Exercise at Carlisle Airport – 18 February to 11 March
- Dancing Recall
- Falls Prevention Advice sessions