

KIRKLINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a **VIRTUAL** meeting of Kirklington Parish Council held on Tuesday 23 February 2021.

PRESENT

M Jack (Chairperson), I Armstrong, Mrs B Irving, Mrs M Story, D Allan, J Marston and Mrs N Spedding

APOLOGIES

Councillors J Mallinson, V Tarbitt and D Shepherd

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk reported the resignation of Mr A McCamish. Due to difficulties with the Internet he had been unable to join the virtual meetings and therefore felt it best to resign his position.

It was decided that filling the vacancy should be deferred until face to face meetings could resumed, when it was hoped that Mr McCamish could be asked to re-consider his decision.

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Tuesday 24 November 2020 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairperson.

MATTERS ARISING

(a) Play area - Monthly Inspections.

Weekly inspections report forms were circulated to those Councillors next on the rota.

(b) Play area – proposal to provide some additional items of equipment

At the previous meeting it was agreed that the preferred option was to replace the existing flat seat swings with a structure that provided a basket swing as well as two flat seat swings. However, M Jack and D Allan had since given further consideration to the space available, and to the amount of work involved in order to prepare the site to accommodate the proposed equipment. They concluded, and the Parish Council agreed, that the amount of work and costs were not commensurate with the intended benefits and therefore agreed not to pursue the proposal.

Consequently, it was agreed that the two existing flat seats should be replaced. Mr Armstrong agreed to approach the Trustees of the former Indoor Bowling Club with a request to fund the new seats.

(c) Play area – improvements to the main access

M Jack reported that the new removable gate post had been fitted and that D Allan had modified/repared the main gate accordingly.

It was agreed that the access road into the play area from the public footpath towards the main gate should be repaired/upgraded and to that end quotations for the work involved should be sought. M Jack and Mrs M Story agreed to contact suitable contractors.

(d) Play area – Annual Inspection Report 2020/21

The receipt of the Inspector's Report following the annual inspection was noted. M Jack and D Allan had considered the Inspector's recommendations and concluded that no immediate action was required.

(e) Traffic incident on the A6071

Mrs N Spedding reported that she had been approached by a local resident who had been involved in an incident at the crossroads which could have has serious implications. It involved a white van overtaking at or near the crossroads.

It was clear from recent news items and press coverage that the traffic conditions on the A6071 and further afield were known to the Highways Authority and to the Police. The Clerk agreed to pass on details of this particular incident to the Police.

(f) Play area - Minor Vandalism

It was reported that there was some evidence of minor vandalism within the play area and it was suggested that a CCTV camera should be installed. Mrs N Spedding suggested one similar to the one fitted in a cowshed and agreed to pass on details to the Clerk.

The Clerk was asked to look into the implications of fitting such cameras in a public area.

(g) Road Conditions – Hetherside Road and Sandysike Road

The Parish Council considered a number of complaints (some supported by photographs) about road conditions, particularly potholes, in and around Smithfield.

The Clerk was asked to relay the complaints onto the Highways Authority.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2020/21

The Income and Expenditure position as at 23 February 2021 compared with the approved Budget was noted

PAYMENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND RECEIPTS

(1) The following payment was approved:

- (a) Invoice from Carlisle City Council for the Annual Inspection of the play area 2020/21 - **£60.00**

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Application No: 20/0558 (Ms Julie Royle)

Change of use of land associated with former commercial premises to domestic garden serving Alstonby Grange, Westlinton, Carlisle.

The decision of the Planning Authority to grant permission was noted

(b) Application No: 20/0665 (Mr K Little)

Erection of 1No. dwelling in lieu of the consented conversion scheme (Application 19/0775) on land west of Fergus Hill Cottage (Farwood Lodge), Kirklington, Carlisle.

The decision of the Planning Authority to grant permission was noted.

(c) Application No: 20/0580 (Mr A Smith)

Erection of agricultural workers dwelling (Outline) at Low Meadow, Kirklington, Carlisle.

The observations of the Planning Sub Committee and the decision of the Planning Authority to grant permission were noted.

(d) Application No: 21/0002 (Mr K Graham)

Erection of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension to provide 1No. en-suite bedroom and living room on ground floor with 1No. en-suite bedroom above at Woodend Cottage, Kirklington, Carlisle.

The observations of the Parish Council and the decision of the Planning Authority to grant permission were noted.

RISK ASSESSMENTS – ANNUAL REVIEW

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

CODE OF CONDUCT (Notification by Member of Percuniary and other Registrable Interests)

Members were reminded of the need to complete a new form in respect of any change to their interests, including changes of employment, ownership or renting property etc within 28 days of any change taking place.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Tuesday 11 May 2021 (Annual Parish Meeting and AGM)

This next meeting may, or may not be, a virtual meeting. As it stands, at the moment, we have just been advised to prepare for a return to 'face to face' meetings after 6 May 2021, further guidance will be issued nearer the time.

CORRESPONDENCE received since the last meeting:

1. CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

- County Circulars – November/December 2020 *
- CALC Training Programme
- Ministry of Housing – Modal Design Code
- Online Arthritis Support*
- Police and Crime Commissioner – Public Consultation Survey*
- Cumbria Arts and Culture Network Newsletters*
 - Community Learning and Skills*
 - Climate Change – opportunity for Volunteers*
 - Action for Health and Mental Health Provider Forum Bulletins*
 - Update from the NHS in North Cumbria*
 - Press Release – Outpatient appointments suspended*
 - Letter from Robert Jenrick – Secretary of State*
 - Parish Council Carbon Footprint – online meeting
 - Carlisle Local Resilience Group*
 - Cumbria in Bloom Competition
 - Dalston PC installs Community chargepoints
 - Section 137 Expenditure limit for 2021/22

2. CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

- Minutes of Carlisle City Council
- Village Hall Capital Grant Scheme 2020/21
- Carlisle City Council Public Spaces Protection Order (No.1) 2021

3. CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

- Houghton and Irthington Community Grants Panel
- Cumbria Schools launch laptop appeal*

4. OTHER

- Coronavirus and partnership information and updates*

* signifies that the documents have already been circulated on-line.