

KIRKLINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Kirklington Parish Council held at Fir Ends School on Tuesday 11 July 2017.

PRESENT

M Jack (Chairperson), I Armstrong, Mrs M Story, D Allan, Mrs M White, A Smith and Mr T Wigham.

APOLOGIES

Mrs B Irving and Councillor D Shepherd

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests received.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting held on 9 May 2017 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairperson.

MATTERS ARISING

(a) Play area – monthly inspections

Weekly Inspection Report sheets were issued to the Councillors on the rota.

(b) Play area – maintenance

It was agreed that the Clerk should place an official order with Jenkinsons for 8 cu/mtrs of wood fibre to top up the play area surface.

(c) Highways Issues

(1) Condition of the A6071 between Halfway House and Longtown

The Clerk reported that he had written to the Highways Authority regarding the unsatisfactory nature of the road surface between Halfway House and Longtown. The response advised that the Highways Agency were putting together a programme of work for the Autumn.

Since that response was received some work had been undertaken on the section from the Sandesykes junction towards Longtown.

(2) Dead chestnut tree – Smithfield

The Clerk was asked to write again to the owner of the tree (M Uppard) pointing out the dangerous state of the dead chestnut tree opposite the entrance to Smithfield garage.

(d) Entrance to school field off A6071

Mr Jack confirmed that he had attended a meeting at the school. However, he was not hopeful that any work would be undertaken either to improve the entrance or to address the problem of parking in and around the school.

Mr Jack agreed to make another approach to the school with a view to obtaining the Governor's permission for the Parish Council to undertake some work to improve the entrance adjacent to the public footpath onto the A6071.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2016/17

The Income and Expenditure position as at 11 July 2017 compared with the approved Budget was noted.

PAYMENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND RECEIPTS

(1) The following receipt was noted:

(a) **£33.17** VAT Refund for 2016/17.

(3) A letter of thanks from Kirklington with Hethersgill PCC was noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) Application No. 17/0314 (Mr and Mrs Irving)

Two storey side extension and single storey rear extensions to provide additional living accommodation, garage, utility and family gym on ground floor with extended bedroom and dressing room above at 2 Alstonby Court, Westlinton, Carlisle.

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

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

A letter from Carlisle City Council reminding Parish Councillors 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 was noted.

PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT – SLIDE

A letter from a local resident regarding the steps attached to the slide was noted.

FOOTPATHS IN AND AROUND SMITHFIELD VILLAGE

It was reported that a number of complaints had been received regarding the footpaths in the village, particularly the one from the noticeboard towards the school. The clerk was asked to draw the Highways Authority's attention to the problem and request some work to remove the encroaching dyke breast and restore to paths to their original width.

BROADBAND AVAILABILITY TO PROPERTIES ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF SMITHFIELD

The Clerk was asked to obtain information on when Superfast broadband would be available to properties on the outskirts of the village.

CAMPAIGN BY BORDERS RAIL TO EXTEND THE BORDERS RAILWAY

A letter from Langholm & District Rail Group campaigning for the Borders Railway to be extended southwards from Tweedbank to Hawick and Carlisle was noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 19 September 2017

CORRESPONDENCE received since the last meeting

1. CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

County Circulars – June 2017

Training Opportunities

Parish Council & Village Hall Grant Schemes 2017/18

2. CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Agendas and Minutes of City Council Meetings

Improvements to kerbside recycling services

Keep Carlisle Clean promotional material

3. CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

Houghton & Irthington Electoral Division Email Grants Panels 2017/18

4. OTHER

Merchant Navy Day – 3 September 2017 from Seafarers UK

Household Emergency Plan and leaflet from ACTION with Communities in Cumbria

Summer Health Campaign from NHS England