

KIRKLINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **VIRTUAL** meeting of Kirklington Parish Council held on Tuesday 22 September 2020.

PRESENT

M Jack (Chairperson), I Armstrong, Mrs B Irving, D Allan, J Marston and Mrs N Spedding. Councillor J Mallinson was also in attendance.

APOLOGIES

Mrs M Story, A McCamish , Councillors V Tarbitt and D Sheherd

REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None received.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

D Allan declared an interest in Item No. 7 (1) (a) – Invoice of grass cutting.

MINUTES of the Meeting held on 14 July 2020 were approved as a correct record and duly signed by the Chairperson.

MATTERS ARISING

(a) Play area – monthly inspections

Inspection Report Forms were issued to the next Councillors on the rota.

(b) Play area – re-development

It was reported that the final grant payment in respect of the re-development work had been received from the Hallburn Community fund.

(c) Play area – Improvements to the main access

Mike Jack outlined the proposals to improve the access to the play area site, particularly for larger vehicles, by installing a removable metal gate post to replace the existing wooden post. A quotation of £195.00 from Tudor Metal Craft to supply and fit a detachable metal post to the main gate was accepted and approval given for the work to proceed.

(d) Play area – repairs to the seats on the Gringo swing

It was reported that new seats had been received from HAGS and fitted by John Marston. It was also reported that the damaged paintwork required some attention and that some missing bolts from another item of equipment needed to be replaced. The Clerk was asked to obtain the necessary equipment (paint and bolts) from HAGS.

(e) Provision of an additional item of play equipment

Following a visit to the play area Natalie Spedding suggested that an additional item of equipment, namely a Nest Swing, would be appreciated. This suggestion received support provided it could be accommodated within the existing safety surface area. The Clerk was asked to obtain some advice and estimate of cost from HAGS.

(f) Kirklington with Hethersgill PCC

It was reported that the Treasurer of the PCC had written to the Parish Council to say how disappointed they were with the decision not to provide a grant towards the cost of grass cutting for 2021 and to express their thanks for support in previous years. The letter was accompanied by a number of documents offering advice and guidance on the subject of Parish Councils providing financial support to the Church. It was concluded that they offered no additional guidance to that which the Parish Council already had access to and agreed to stand by its original decision.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2020/21

Income and Expenditure position as at 22 September 2020 compared with the approved Budget was noted.

PAYMENTS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND RECEIPTS

(1) The following payments were approved:

- (a) Invoice from D Allan re grass cutting during 2020 - **£360.00**
- (b) Invoice from Hags-Smp Ltd for new seats - **£143.54**

(2) The following receipt was noted:

- (a) Grant from Hallburn Community Fund - **£990.00**

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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

The observations of the Planning Sub-Committee were noted.

(b) Application No. 20/0559 (Julie Royle)

Conversion of the offices to (A) Ancillary residential accommodation associated with Alstonby Grange; (B) Holiday lets or (C) a single dwelling; together with the conversion of the detached storage building to 1no. dwelling (**Outline**).

The observations of the Planning Sub-Committee were noted.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Members of the Parish Council 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.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES

(a) Speeding and volume of traffic on the A6071

The Parish Council was appraised of the number of complaints that Members had received in relation to the speed and volume of traffic using the A6071, particularly since the arrival of the Amazon Depot on the industrial estate near Longtown.

It was also reported that the stretch of the A6071 from Smithfield village to the crossroads at the Old School was becoming a popular walking route for families with children and their safety was a real concern. It was suggested that safety could be improved if the existing footpath along the A6071 could be both upgraded and extended.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Authority highlighting the Parish Council's concerns about safety and requesting some improvements to the footpath and signage in the area.

(b) Parking on or near the crossroads

The lack of clear visibility arising from vehicles parked inappropriately at the crossroads was raised by the Chairman who suggested that, as a first step, the occupants should be sent a letter from the Parish Council to make them aware of the concerns of residents. If the problem persisted it should be reported to other appropriate agencies.

CLIMATE CHANGE – CONSULTATION ON CARLISLE STRATEGY

The correspondence from Carlisle City Council was noted and any comments should be forwarded to the Clerk.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

The County Council's interim position and the potential implications for Parish Councils was noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 24 November 20210 (Budget and Precept meeting)

CORRESPONDENCE received since the last meeting

1. CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

CALC Circulars – September/October 2020

Training opportunities

CALC Annual General Meeting – 26 September 2020

2. CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Agendas and Minutes of City Council Meetings

3. CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

Highways Asset Management Strategy 2020-2025

Safer Spaces for cyclists and pedestrians in Carlisle City Centre