



**MINUTES OF KIRKLAND
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held virtually on
12th January, 2021,
At 7.30pm**

Present;

*Kirkland Parish Council: Mrs. M. McLeod, Chairman,
Mrs. K. Davies,
Mr. C. Lambert,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council*

1229. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs. I. Cutler. Lancashire County Councillor Turner sent apologies for this meeting

1230. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors were asked to disclose any interests on matters to be considered at this meeting and reminded to update changes in their interests within 28 days.

1231. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November, 2020, being previously circulated, was agreed and signed by the Chairman.

1232. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The clerk had received no public requests to join the meeting

1233. PARISH CLERK

Councillors met to discuss information presented by the clerk and recommend:

1. The parish council to approve the payment of outstanding hours worked.
2. The parish council to approve the addition of one hour to the clerk's working hours, making a total of 4 hours a week for Kirkland Parish Council.
3. The parish council to formulate the recruitment of a new parish clerk.

Resolved: The Parish Council agrees to pay the clerk for outstanding hours, increase the working hours to 4 per week and begin forming a recruitment process.

1234. BOLLARDS FOR CORNER OF THE GREEN

Councillors are to work with Lancashire County Council and Kirkland and Catterall St. Helen's Church of England Primary School; to consider the safety of those using The Green during term time. Councillors agreed to install bollards on the pavement at the mosaic. This is dependent on what Lancashire County Council decided when they visited the village in December.

Resolved: Purchase of bollards from this year's reserves.

1235. TREES ALONG THE AVENUE

The Parish Council has received no positive response from Lancashire County Council in replacing the lost trees on The Avenue. Replacement trees will be sourced and planted on the field, with permission of the landowner, during the dormant season.

Resolved: To purchase 9 trees and plant on the field funded from this year's reserves.

1236. PRIORITISING OF PROJECTS FOR 2021/22

- a. Speed Limiter Sign to be located on The Avenue; costs £2,000+
- b. Additional Christmas tree lights for tree outside the Horns Inn; costs £100

These projects are to be included in the budget.

Resolved: to include £2,000 in the budget and precept.

1237. PARISH LENGTHSMAN CONTRACT

The Parish Lengthsman contract was set for six months and ends this month. Councillors are pleased to continue with the contractor and increase the terms.

Resolved: To renew the Parish Lengthsman contract for 12 months.

1238. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**Planning Applications commented between meetings:****20/01146/LBC**

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for part replacement of roof

Location: Manor House Cottage 4 Church Street Churchtown

20/01147/LBC

Proposal: Listed building consent for part replacement of roof

Location: Manor House 2 Church Street Churchtown

Resolved: Taken together; application information is incorrect including mention of Kirkland Parish Councillors personal opinions. Being Churchtown Conservation Area consent should be sought prior to work starting

20/01209/FUL

Proposal: Erection of three detached dwellings (following demolition of existing light industrial buildings) (resubmission of 20/00835/FUL)

Location: Former Kirkland Smithy Garstang by Pass Road Churchtown

Resolved: Kirkland Parish Council strongly objects and Wyre's Planning Committee consideration requested. Problems with highway access on site, area floods, out of character for site and close proximity to working farm with impact of noise and smells.

1239. FINANCE**Bank reconciliation to 30th November, 2020**

Resolved; Councillors agreed the bank reconciliation.

Bank reconciliation to 31st December, 2020**Accounts, bank reconciliation, internal scrutiny reports to 31st December, 2020**

Resolved: Parish Councillors accepted and the Chairman signed the accounts.

Budget Monitoring to 31st December, 2020

Resolved: Parish Councillors accepted the accounts against the budget set in January, 2019, includes a stationery order and the Grounds Maintenance Contract is less than expected with the change-over of Parish Lengthsman

Budget/Precept for 2021 – 2022

Kirkland Parish Council will be submitting the precept to Wyre Council this month; Councillors received the draft budget to 31st December with the inclusion of two future projects, which increases the precept.

Resolved: Kirkland Parish Council precept for 2021 – 2022 is £11,500

Receipts since the last meeting:

1. Wyre Council Lottery	£ 41.00	Churchtown in Bloom
2. Bank Interest – November	£ 0.15	

Councillors are asked to consider the following payments;

Please note payments for the Churchtown Flood Group and Churchtown in Bloom are from funding and not Kirkland Parish Council, who is administering these funds.

Councillors resolved to pay the following invoices:

Cheque	Payable to	Amount	Reference
858	JRobs	£720.00	Parish Lengthsman
859	Catterall Parish Council	£ 6.90	Broadband and Phone Costs
860	G. Benson	£105.95	Clerks salary and expenses
861	void		
862	Jon Cuff Electrical	£ 43.44	Telephone light
863	Staff costs	£ 99.60	
864	Mrs. M. McLeod	£ 14.39	Zoom licence for meeting
865	Mr. Towers	£ 60.00	Christmas Tree
866	Catterall Parish Council	£ 50.00	Christmas Tree electrics
867	JRobs	£468.00	Parish Lengthsman
		£1,568.28	

Standing Orders and Direct Debits

Staff costs	£263.68	November
Staff Costs	£161.48	December
Easy Web Sites	£ 27.60	December
Easy Web Sites	£ 27.60	January

Out of Date Cheque

Cheque number 0818; written and sent in March was not cashed and is now out of date; will be brought back to the bank.

Thanks

Garstang Christmas Lights Committee thanks the Parish Council for the donation to the town's festive lights.

1240. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**Kirkland Memorial Hall**

Cllr. Mrs. M. McLeod reported during this further lockdown no one is using the Memorial Hall.

Churchtown in Bloom

Cllr. Mrs. K. Davies reported on 30 saplings recently planted in the village from the Woodland Trust. The Parish Lengthsman was very helpful with planting in Owd Wills.

Parish Lengthsman

Detailed reports are being received assisting where the Parish Lengthsman is working. Councillors have noticed a visible difference and he is proactive in his work. A number of public footpath stiles are in need of repairs; this can be funded through the County Rights of Way payment and will be made safe shortly.

1230. FOR INFORMATION

Proposed Telecom Poles in Village

The noticeboard was damaged by Openreach contractors attempting to erect poles proposed for the village; despite BT revoking that decision. Clerk to submit a claim to Openreach including photos and repair quote.

Churchtown Whit Festival

The Parish Council was informed - The committee have reluctantly agreed that they have no choice but to cancel this year's Churchtown Children's Whit Festival in May. Our aim now is to look forward to a more settled year in 2022 whereby hopefully it will be safe to arrange our annual gathering on Saturday 28th May.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in previous years; your contribution is very much appreciated.

I will no doubt be in touch again early next year.

Until then may I wish you a Happy New year, stay safe.

Amanda Hall, treasurer.

Christmas Tree

The tree was removed to be used to build up river banking by Wyre Rivers Trust. New collar needed; it was damaged when the tree was straightened, due really to the height of this tree.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

Date

Chairman