

KIRKLAND NEWS

Summer, 2017

Flooding and the Myerscough Conference

'Current flood risk management structures are fragmented, inefficient and ineffective, and although there are many examples of successful local partnerships, current arrangements do not encourage widespread use of catchment scale approaches. The Government's National Flood Resilience Review's limited solutions will not rectify fundamental structural problems: we propose a new governance model which the Government must consider as part of a root and branch review of how it manages England's flood risk.'

The above extract is from EFRA's report into Storm Desmond which the government is more or less still pondering about. Words like 'considering' 'advising' etc. mean very little.

Over a year later from December 2015, nothing much has physically changed in Churchtown. There is a lot of talk from the Environment Agency about modelling and applying for grants etc., but no actual physical changes have been made.



One of the main reasons why Churchtown Flood Action Group, assisted by the support of the Parish Council organised the recent Conference at Myerscough College, was to educate the villagers regarding the complexity and dangers of flooding. It was extremely well attended and extra seating had to be provided at one point. Details of what took place can be found on Churchtown Flood Action Groups Face Book site. You don't have to join FB to log on.

Thanks go to everyone who helped organise and / or supported it.

Flooding risk needs to be an issue for everyone in Churchtown as it affects house prices, building permission, and insurance. Unfortunately the potential for us to flood is still as great as ever. It is particularly important to receive support from those villagers who were lucky enough not to flood this time.

The daffodils are all out and the new crocuses have come up beautifully on the Avenue, what a gorgeous display! I saw lambs gambolling in the field on my drive home from work and even managed to get my washing out on the line the other day. What a lovely feeling. The sun felt quite warm on a few days last week which left me with a really positive feeling. Let's just hope that this milder weather continues!

So much has been going on recently within the Parish Council. We have been working toward some answers for Kirkland's flood defence. Our vice-chairman headed up this work and put so much into it. The flood conference was held recently to uncover more answers and help us all to become more informed about this important topic. Other counsellors are working to help those affected by the introduction of the new garage building and also in assisting with the design of some aspects of the newly refurbished Kirkland Memorial Hall. I would like to thank them for all of their hard work.

Thanks also go out to our parish clerk who is dedicated to ensuring the smooth running of the Parish Council and to our Parish Lengthsman who keeps Kirkland Parish looking its best. I hope you enjoy Summer and I look forward to hearing from any residents who would like to talk to the council. We have public participation at each of our bi-monthly meetings, so please come to meet us at Kirkland Memorial Hall to raise any parish concerns you have.

Sam Gilling,

Chairman, Kirkland Parish Council

Vacancy in the office of Parish Councillor

Can you make a difference to your community? Kirkland Parish Council is seeking a resident to become a councillor. Councillors are not employees; they are elected or co-opted representatives who volunteer their time for free to work on behalf of their communities. As a Councillor you will engage with the local community and keep up to date with issues of local concern, provide a voice for all section of the community, mediate between individuals and organisations, campaigning on behalf of the Parish Council and residents and manage public funds, whilst seeking best value.

There is a legal requirement to attend Parish Council meeting and abide by the Code of Conduct.

If this is you please contact a Parish Councillor or the clerk.

BP Garage

The new BP Garage is now open and no doubt everyone has been finding out what it has to offer. The garage is now open 24 hours which is a matter of concern to residents living close by. BP had applied to operate a 24 hour alcohol licence but following objections by the Police, Parish Council and residents, it agreed to withdraw this application. It also applied for a licence to serve hot food and drinks 24 hours a day. Again concerns were raised and following negotiations with the Police; an eight month trial was agreed at the Wyre Licensing Meeting in November which will be monitored for any adverse impacts in terms of nuisance. Residents are asked to note any nuisance or litter problems linked especially to late night usage of the garage.

There are still ongoing issues with the road markings on the A6 indicating the old entrance to the garage which is now exit only. This is causing confusion and Lancashire County Council Highways are being pursued to get the road markings updated as a matter of urgency.

Kirkland Parish Council



The Parish Council meets bi-monthly and residents are more than welcome to attend.

Public participation is encouraged.

Meetings are held in Kirkland Memorial Hall, The Avenue, at 7.30pm.

The next meetings are: 9th May and 11th July, 2017

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Kirkland Parish Precept

Each year a sum of money called the parish precept is collected through your council tax to fund the work of Kirkland Parish Council. A budget is calculated showing the amount needed to spend in the Parish and this is subtracting from what the Parish Council will receive in income. The precept is invested back into your neighbourhood by the Parish Council to improve facilities and services for you and your neighbours. The Parish Council also applies for grants and devolved services from the principal authorities.

The itemised precept for the year 2017 - 2018 is;

| Estimated Income | 2017 - 2018 | | Estimated Payments |
|------------------|-------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Income | £643.00 | £7,152.18 | Staff Costs |
| | | £700.00 | Insurance / Subscriptions/Audit |
| | | £1,530.00 | Administration |
| | | £80.00 | Kirkland News |
| | | £200.00 | Training |
| | | £1,000.00 | Parish Repairs |
| | | £1,350.00 | Donations/Section 137 |
| | | £60.00 | Christmas Tree |
| | | £300.00 | Environmental Projects |
| | | £618.60 | Contingencies@ 5% |
| | £643.00 | £12,990.78 | |

The precept is the amount needed to carry out the specified work above.

Estimated Income £ 643.00

Estimated Payments £12,990.78

Precept -£12,347.78 (Rounded down to £12,000)

A household in band D will pay about £87.86 this year or £1.69per week, Kirkland Parish Council has needed to increase the precept, after a three year freeze.

KIRKSTOCK

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