



MINUTES OF KIRKLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held virtually on
15th September, 2020,
At 7.30pm

Present;

*Kirkland Parish Council: Mrs. M. McLeod, Chairman,
Mrs. K. Davies,
C. Lambert,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Parish Council
Lancashire County Councillor S. Turner
Wyre Councillor P. Cartridge*

1202. APOLOGIES

Wyre Councillor Catterall sent apologies for this meeting.

1203. VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Resolved: To distribute presented flyer and include in local social media.

1204. 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.

Cllr. Mrs. K. Davies declared an interest to receiving payment on behalf of Churchtown in Bloom expenses.

1205. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 21st July, 2020, being previously circulated, was agreed and signed by the Chairman.

1206. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Standing Orders were suspended.

There were no public requests to join the meeting

Lancashire County Councillor S. Turner

Cllr. Turner reported during Lockdown County has reconfigured services and deployed staff which particularly impacted on highways works; they are now working to catch up. The position with Covid is deteriorating again with Wyre at 35:100,000, although this is still low in Lancashire it is necessary for everyone's health to maintain the rules and keep safe.

Lancashire County Council is developing a Lancashire wide track and trace system with an App to be released shortly; this Local Strategy will be presented to the Government as there are issues with local testing capacity. The Lancashire strategy will tier areas; Tier 1 includes East Lancashire and Preston as they have a higher reproduction rate and have access to extra Government funding. Lancashire County Council has asked for an

increased funding from the Government, but there is none to date. Unfortunately in order to carry out this system; other services may suffer for example; Claughton re-use centre may be traded off for the test and trace.

The alternative would be a return of lock down!

Wyre Councillor P. Cartridge

Cllr. Cartridge reported during lockdown Wyre Council staff is working from home and this continues. There have been few meetings; carried out virtually as necessary.

Standing Orders were resumed.

1207. State of The Avenue

The Parish Council has received an appeal from Churchtown residents about the roughness of the road surface of The Avenue. Early morning passing heavy goods vehicles are shaking the houses as they pass. Resident also raised vehicles speeding. The Chairman has discussed the problems with residents and noted the surface has derogated in places. Cllr. Turner added highway patching work was done some years ago and he would ask about 30 roundels at the west entrance on the A586. There was discussion around alternative speed reduction possibilities; including rumble strips and Speed Indicator Devise. It was raised the Police are locating the camera van more frequent on the A586.

Resolved: County Cllr. Turner to raise the problems in County.

1208. Christmas Tree

Resolved: The Parish Council will have a Christmas Tree this year, but no ceremony.

The Parish Council owns 6 crowd barriers used for the tree; which need storing in the Parish.

Resolved: Enquiries will be made for suitable storage in the parish.

1209. Planning consultation by the Government

Cllr. Turner referred to the abolition of section 106/CIL payments replaced with a national tariff; giving greater scope to spending the tariff. Allocated land, set by the local planning authority will automatically have outline planning permission, but there will be no building allowed on non-allocated land. There is to be a change in supplying affordable homes for smaller sites.

Code of Conduct

Resolved: For Councillors information.

1210. Village Defibrillator

Cllr. Lambert is unable to continue to be responsible for the defibrillator.

Resolved: Cllr. Mrs. M. McLeod will be responsible for the defibrillator.

1211. Website Accessibility Statement

Councillors reviewed the draft statement; as it will be used on the website legally by 23rd September, 2020.

The website has been redesigned, Covid 19 is included on the home page and Easy Web has taken the agreed payment for the redesigning.

Resolved: Parish Council agree to the accessibility statement to be used on the Parish Council's website.

1212. Christmas Tree Licence

Wyre Council wrote reminding the Parish Council a licence is needed for seasonal decorations on the highway; as the tree is near the road. The present licence runs out in November.

Resolved: Clerk to send relevant completed forms and maps to Lancashire County Council for licence.

1213. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**Planning Application granted:**

20/00312/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a domestic garage with drive and change of use of land from agriculture to residential curtilage

Location: Butlers Arms Farm Garstang by Pass Road Churchtown

Planning application for comment:

20/00835/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 3 detached dwellings (following demolition of former light industrial buildings)

Location: Former Kirkland Smithy Garstang by Pass Road Churchtown

Prior approval was granted for the conversion of the existing buildings

Resolved: The Parish Council has strong objections to this application and requested Wyre Councillor Cartridge to call it in for committee decision.

1214. FINANCE**Bank reconciliation to 31st July, 2020****Accounts, bank reconciliation, internal scrutiny reports to 30th August, 2020**

Resolved: Parish Councillors accepted and the Chairman signed the accounts the accounts to 31st August, 2020

Receipts since the last meeting:

1. Lancs. C. C – PRow	£500.00	
2. Wyre Lottery - July	£ 32.50	Churchtown in Bloom
3. Wyre Lottery - August	£ 22.00	Churchtown in Bloom
4. Bank Interest for July	£ 0.18	
5. Bank interest for August	£ 0.16	
6. Catterall Parish Council	£102.00	S L C C Subscriptions
7. Pilling Parish Council	£102.00	S L C C Subscriptions

Councillors considered and agreed to paying following payments;
Please note payments for Churchtown in Bloom are from funding and not Kirkland Parish Council, who administers these funds.

<i>Councillors resolved to pay the following invoices:</i>			
Cheque	Payable to	Amount	Reference
840	Catterall Parish Council*	£ 4.45	10% of Broadband and Phone Costs
840	Catterall Parish Council	£ 55.00	Electrics for Christmas tree 2018 £59.45
841	Mrs. K. Davies	£155.63	Churchtown in Bloom
842	Society of Local Council Clerks	£227.00	Subscription; <i>split with Pilling and Catterall Parish Councils</i>
843	Defibshop	£198.00	Battery
	Total	£640.08	

* Please note broadband and telephone access was part of the Parish Lengthsman contract.

Parish Lengthsman

Unfortunately JRob's have not been able to send an invoice for the work completed by the Parish Lengthsman. It will arrive between meetings and permission is requested to pay when it arrives – invoice will be circulated for information?

Resolved: Permission given; to circulate invoice and pay between meetings.

Parish Council Staff

The NJC has agreed the new pay scales for 2020 – 2021 to be implemented from 1st April, 2020. Under employment contract these will apply to the clerk.

Standing Orders and Direct Debits

Staff costs (July and August)	£484.99	
Easy Web Sites	£ 27.60	August
Easy Web Sites	£ 27.60	September
ICO – Data Protection License	£ 35.00	paid 14th July

1215. VERBAL REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Kirkland Memorial Hall

Cllr. Mrs. M. McLeod reported on groups beginning to meeting in the hall; those with Covid systems in place. The Memorial Hall has carried out their own Coronavirus risk assessments to protect staff and users.

Churchtown in Bloom

Cllr. Mrs. K. Davies reported as with all groups, and our wider community it's been a very difficult few months, trying to work around social distancing and protecting our vulnerable members whilst continuing our planting and planning has been a challenge, we have all missed being out and about as a group. Fortunately, we still managed to provide the village with some lovely displays, enjoyed by so many residents and visitors on their daily walks and hopefully we have brought a little pleasure.

Despite the cancellation of North West in Bloom Wyre Council granted the £600; the planting and developments would not have been achieved without this financial assistance. Previous approaches to local businesses were not pursued but signed up for

Wyre Council Lottery. So many of our social, community and fundraising activities have sadly had to be cancelled, but we have achieved a stronger and closer community through social media and virtual meetings. Support was given to a new local business using the Church field that provided outside activities for families, by opening our outdoor pop up café with donated bakes.

Positive feedback has been expressed for our new Parish Lengthsman, Peter and we acknowledge his and thank him for his contribution to improvements in the village and surrounding area.

Through Autumn and Winter virtual meetings will continue as Bloomers plan displays for Spring and Summer and we intend to enter North West in Bloom again in 2021.

Parish Lengthsman

He has repaired the mesh on the swing bridge floor, but it was noted the stiles on the access to the bridge are in a bad state; the Parish Council will enquire as to replacing these with an accessible access; offering partnership working.

1216. QUESTIONS FOR COUNCILLORS

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Date

Chairman