

KIRKLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

HELD ON 9th MAY, 2017 AT 7.30 PM

ST. HELEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, CHURCHTOWN

Present;

*Councillors: Miss S. Gilling, Chairman,
Mrs. S. Hogg, Vice-Chairman,
C. Lambert,
Mrs. M. McLeod,
Gillian Benson, Clerk to the Council
County Councillor Shaun Turner
3 residents*

1. **APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received for this meeting.

2. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was resolved that the minutes of the last meeting, held on 10th May, 2016, having been previously circulated were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Parish Council began the year with funds of £7,606.46 a slight increase due to frugal spending on the Councillors part and as a result the precept was maintained without loss of services to residents.

Income

Payment for the amenity grass cutting contract with Lancashire County Council decreased and this continues to be done by the Parish Lengthsman. VAT is now reclaimed annually and is therefore down on last years. The subscriptions for Society of Local Council Clerks remain the same and were collected from the other Councils in the partnership to pay a combined amount. The public appeal for a defibrillator in the village was overtaken by the actions of Cllr. Mrs. S. Hogg who successfully appealed to the Rotary. The defibrillator has been in the old telephone box for the past three months and she must be thanked for all her hard work

Kirkland Parish Council being a smaller Parish Council, having an income of less than £25,000, dictates we can apply for funding and this was used to replace the computer used by the partnership.

Kirkland Parish Council holds funding for the Flood Conference organised by Cllr. Mrs. S. Hogg in January this year to inform residents and interested parties about the threat of flooding in this area and measures which can be taken.

Expenditure

The parish grounds maintenance contract continues and offers a constant service, well received by residents, who can see where their precept is spent. Staff costs remain level with previous years.

There was an increase in the cost of insurance, but subscriptions remain the same. Kirkland Parish Council has now replaced all the barrels used for floral displays following the devastation of Storm Desmond in December, 2015.

Donations include Churchtown and District Children's Whitsun Festival, the Royal British Legion and St. Helen's Church Parochial Church Council. Kirkland Memorial Hall towards grass cutting, the purchase of the Queen's 90th birthday commemorative coins and Kirkland and Catterall St. Helen's Church of England Primary School celebrations of the Queen's birthday.

Kirkland Parish Lengthsman, with the assistance of Pilling's Parish Lengthsman installed two benches at Kirkland Memorial Hall, which the Memorial Hall provided.

Balance to date to carry forward

£9,571.06, but £2,552.96 is held as flood grant.

Therefore **£7,018.10 is carried forward.**

5. ANNUAL REPORTS

Representative on Kirkland and Catterall Memorial Hall

Cllr. C. Lambert reported on the recent completed fire risk assessment which is waiting for approval before being sent to the fire officer. 'Kirkstock' had been a great success and raised £615 for the Children's Whitsun Festival.

School House Trust

Cllr. Mrs. S. Hogg explained the background to the trust created following the sale of the school house and investing the resulting capital. The trust grants funds to Kirkland and Catterall St. Helen's Church of England Primary School from the interest each year to be used to improve the school. The capital is invested in a St. James Trust Portfolio and saw an interest level of 7.2% last year. At present the school is oversubscribed and they are desperate for classrooms. One classroom doubles up for the provision of lunch due to its location. Grants have been secured for a new classroom and the relocation of the present kitchen, but this is insufficient, so the trust has granted £18,000 towards the costs.

Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Cllr. M. McLeod reported on the recent meeting where Neil Stevens from Lancashire County Council highways gave a presentation on the modelling process for highway issues in planning applications. Access must be provided not just for domestic and commercial traffic, but public transport and cyclists. She had raised how Lancashire County Council views congestion and the issues around queuing, but to them there is no difference whether it is urban or rural, despite rural roads not carrying the same volume of traffic.

Garry Payne, Wyre Council also spoke on residential developments and creating access to health services and schools for the potential inhabitants. Wyre Council is working with local GP's to deliver services integrating to offer care in local settings rather than attending the surgeries. Rosie Green, Wyre Council, spoke about

'Together we can make a Difference' a scheme to work with local organisations to source funding and complete funding submissions.

6. MATTERS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

Speed signs on The Avenue

Residents are concerned that the 30MPH on the Avenue when entering from the A6 is not predominate enough and drivers continue to speed past the school and the village. It was hoped by now that the promised 30 roundel would have been painted on the road and County Cllr. Turner will pursue this. There was call for a speed camera, although when the Police speed van attends drivers obey the limit.

Road markings at the Garage

Great concern was raised that the redeveloped garage on the A6 still had road markings pertaining to the previous arrangement of egressing.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.15pm.

Date

Chairman.....