



MINUTES OF KIRKLAND EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**16th March 2026, 7:30pm
held at Kirkland and Catterall Memorial Hall
The Avenue, Churchtown.**

*Present;
Kirkland Parish Council:*

*Mrs. K Davies Chairman
Mrs. A Walmsley
Mrs. J Thompson*

Angela Nicholls: Clerk to the Parish Council (6 Members of the public)

1636. APOLOGIES Cllr. G Williams

1637. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Non declared

1638. TARNACRE PARK SPORTS HUB

A member of the public has contacted the Chair seeking the Parish Council's support for a proposed 3G multi-use, all-weather sports facility in Churchtown, on the outskirts of the village.

The proposal is a private venture led by local residents with strong links to community sports clubs. There is a recognised shortage of all-weather pitches in the area, resulting in frequent cancellations and the need for teams to travel further afield. The addition of a 3G pitch would provide significant benefits for local children, families, and sports organisations. Subject to planning approval, the project team aims to commence the development as soon as possible.

The project lead attended, with four members of the project team and their planning consultant to answer Members' questions.

The Parish Councillors asked how they had reached the decision to choose the land in Churchtown. The land belongs to two of the project team.

Members asked about parking the project team have fully considered the access to the site and allowed for sufficient parking.

Lighting was discussed and the project team have considered near neighbours when placing the flood light columns.

It was also noted that the sports pitches in Garstang are in the flood basin and particularly prone to flooding.

The Parish Council fully supported the application but may comeback to the project team with further questions once the Planning application has been submitted.

**Next meetings Monday 20th April 2026 and Monday 13th July 2026.
Meeting closed 8:00 pm.**