



MINUTES OF KIRKLAND AGM followed by ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**20th April 2026, 7:00pm
held at Kirkland Village Hall
The Avenue, Churchtown.**

*Present;
Kirkland Parish Council:*

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

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

1639.Election of Chairman

Resolved: Under the Local Government Act 1972 (83(4)) the Chairman signed the Declaration of Office. Cllr. Mrs. Karen Davies was elected as Chairman of Kirkland Parish Council for one year

1640.Election of Vice Chairman

Resolved; Cllr. G. Williams was elected as Vice-Chairman of Kirkland Parish Council for one year. This was discussed prior to the meeting as he was unable to attend due to illness.

1641.APOLOGIES Cllr. G Williams

1573. Declaration of Interests

Councillors are asked to declare any interests on agenda matters and reminded that any change in interests must be notified to the clerk within 28 days.

1574. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting 31st March 2025 being previously circulated, was agreed and signed by the Chairman.

1575. Public Participation

PSCO's Denise Creighton and Lauren Fisher attended the meeting. They had no serious crime to report in Kirkland however it was noted neighbouring Catterall was experiencing anti-social behaviour.

The PSCO's are paying particular attention to irresponsible parking and speeding in Churchtown. They confirmed the data from the SpiDS would help target resources to stop speeding motorists.

The SpIDs have been purchased. The Parish Council has had a consultation with Highways about the location of the SpIDs and the report in now with the engineers. The neighbours near the SpID locations have been consulted and raised no objections. If everything progresses to plan it is hoped the SpIDs will be operational by July 2025.

County Councillor Wyre Rural East Mr James David Tomlinson attended the meeting to introduce himself and explain his aims in the role. He intends to push the road issues in the area and resident's concerns about house building. He is also aware of the under provision for special educational needs children.

1576. Dates of future Parish Council meetings

Councillors were asked to note and accepted the dates for future meetings which will take place at Kirkland Memorial Hall at 7.00 pm unless a change is agreed by the Parish Council.

14th July 2025, 8th September 2025, 10th November 2025, 5th January 2026

1577. Election Of Representatives

Responsible Financial Officer – Parish Clerk

Cheque Signatures – Cllr. Davies

Internal Auditor – To be confirmed

Representative on the Memorial Hall Committee Cllr. Anne Walmsley

Representative on the School House Trust Cllr. Karen Davies

Representative on the Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils Cllr. G Williams

Representative on Churchtown in Bloom Cllr. Karen Davies, Cllr. Anne Walmsley and Cllr. Jane Thompson

Representative on Churchtown Flood Action Group – Clerk via email

Defibrillator – Resident Phil Cutler

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1578. Declaration of Interests

Councillors were asked to disclose any interests on matters to be considered at this meeting and reminded to up-date changes in their interests within 28 days. Cllr. Davies, Walmsley and Thompson declared interest in Churchtown in Bloom.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING/ Followed by Parish Council Meeting

A G E N D A

1. Election of Chairman

2. Election of Vice Chairman

3. Apologies for Absence

To accept apologies for this meeting.

4. Declaration of Interests

Councillors are asked to declare any interests on agenda matters and reminded that any change in interests must be notified to the clerk within 28 days.

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Councillors are asked to accept the minutes of 26th January 2026 and the Extra Ordinary Meeting 16th March 2026 sent by email, for your approval.

6. Public Participation

Standing Orders will be adjourned to allow guests and residents to speak.

Residents requesting to speak

Standing Orders will be resumed.

7. Dates of future Parish Council meetings

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10. Churchtown Monument

To discuss the quote to inspect and place an insurance value on the Monument.

11. Appointment of Parish Clerk

A recruitment package needs putting in place to run adverts etc

(Clerk emailed SLCC suggested package to Members)

Councillors need to set an interview date and method?

12. SpID data analysis.

13. Update on path from Village Hall to School.

14. Blooms entry fees and costs for the RHS Britian in Bloom competition.

15. Parish councillor co-option (the process of appointing a new councillor to fill a vacancy without a by-election). Currently one candidate

16. Finance

Audit 2025 – 2026

To review and sign the Certificate of exemption for the AGAR 2023/24 Form 2

To sign the certificate of exemption for External Audit

Bank reconciliation to 31st March 2026

Accounts, bank reconciliation, internal scrutiny reports to 31st March 2026

Electronic copies delivered; Councillors are asked to scrutinise these documents?

Receipts since the last meeting:

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 administers these funds.

Receipts since the last meeting:

Jan	Bank Interest	£9.30
Feb	Bank Interest	£8.01
Mar	Bank Interest	£8.50
Jan	Lottery January	£18.00
Feb	Lottery February	£17.00
Mar	Lottery March	£17.50

Standing Orders and Direct Debits

Easy Web Sites January	£30.36
Easy Web Sites February	£30.36
Easy Web Sites March	£30.36

Staff Costs January	£274.02
Staff Costs February	£274.22
Staff Costs March	£274.22

14/01/2026	Towers & Gornall	Payroll 23283	£48.60
26/01/2026	Wyre Borough	Gambling licence for Bloom	£20.00
27/01/2026	A Nicholls	Expenses	£6.75

30/01/2026	Rob Ward	Lengthsman January 2026	£45.00
30/01/2026	A Nicholls	A Nicholls January 2026	£248.02
30/01/2026	A Nicholls	A Nicholls January 2026 working from home	£26.00
02/02/2026	Easy Web	Website	£30.36
28/02/2026	A Nicholls	A Nicholls February 2026	£248.22
28/02/2026	A Nicholls	A Nicholls February 2026 working from home	£26.00
02/03/2026	Easy Web	Website	£30.36
02/03/2026	Rob Ward	Lengthsman February 2026	£418.80
16/03/2026	A Nicholls	Defib Pads	£94.19
16/03/2026	A Nicholls	Stationery for new year	£8.00
18/03/2026	A Nicholls	Ink Cartridges	£44.90
29/03/2026	Rob Ward	Lengthsman March 2026	£630.30
29/03/2026	A Nicholls	A Nicholls March 2026	£248.22
29/03/2026	A Nicholls	A Nicholls March 2026 working from home	£26.00
29/03/2026	A Nicholls	Expenses	£4.50
29/03/2026	HMRC	Tax	£186.20

17. Verbal Reports for information

Report from the representative on Kirkland Memorial Hall

Report from the representative on The School House Trust

Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Churchtown in Bloom

Parish Lengthsman

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18. Agenda for next meeting

Any items that will need a resolution will be deferred to the next meeting and placed on the agenda to allow information on the subject to be gathered

19. Questions for other members