



**MINUTES OF
KIRKLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**6th January 2025, 7:00pm
held at Kirkland and Catterall Memorial Hall
The Avenue, Churchtown.**

*Present;
Kirkland Parish Council:*

*Mrs. K Davies Chairman
Mrs. A Walmsley
Mrs. J Thompson
Mr. G Williams*

Angela Nicholls: Clerk to the Parish Council

1549. APOLOGIES

None received

1550. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest nor any request for a dispensation for any item on the agenda.

1551. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting 25th November 2024 being previously circulated, was agreed and signed by the Chairman.

1552. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public attended

1553. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No current planning applications

1554. To update progress on the SpID and agree a Working Party to manage the purchase

The Parish Councillors will walk down the A586 on Sunday 12th Jan 2025 to agree the location of the SpID posts in Churchtown.

The Parish Clerk will ask three companies for quotes and options for a solar powered SpID

1555. Budget (precept) 2025-2026

The budget prepared by the Clerk was scrutinized and it was agreed to set the precept for 2025-2026 at £17,900 which includes a £3500 one off increase to purchase and install a SpID

1556. Lengthsman

The Parish Council formally appointed Robert Ward to the post of Lengthsman. He commences on the 1st February 2025.

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to Jack Robinson to thank him and his team for their hard work over the last four years. The Parish Council had to make a decision to change due to the price increase quoted for the new contract.

1557. Update of Village Circular path

Public Rights of Way Officer, Chris Gregson, is awaiting a site meeting with the landowner and he hopes he will be able to proceed fairly soon. He thinks something can be done here but there is a need to be mindful that livestock which are sometimes on the riverbank area.

1558. Finance

Bank reconciliation to 31st December 2024

Accounts, bank reconciliation, internal scrutiny reports to 31st December 2025

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:

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| November | Bank Interest | £15.84 |
| December | Bank Interest | £17.49 |
| November | Lottery | £16.00 |
| December | Lottery | £16.00 |

Standing Orders and Direct Debits

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| Easy Web Sites | Nov | £30.36 |
| Easy Web Sites | Dec | £30.36 |
| Staff Costs | Nov | £301.43 |
| Staff Costs | Dec | £320.21 |

Payment made by Bank Transfer

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| 01 November 2024 | Easy Web | £30.36 |
| 13 November 2024 | A Nicholls reimburse stamps SpID survey | £13.60 |
| 29 November 2024 | A Nicholls November 2024 salary and national pay award back pay | £301.43 |
| 29 November 2024 | A Nicholls November 2024 working from home | £26.00 |
| 02 December 2024 | Easy Web | £30.36 |
| 30 December 2024 | A Nicholls December 2024 salary with overtime | £320.21 |
| 30 December 2024 | A Nicholls December 2024 working from home | £26.00 |

Parish Clerks expenses £4.50

Councillors scrutinised and agreed to the accounts

1559. Verbal Reports for information

Kirkland Memorial Hall No recent meeting

The School House Trust No further information awaiting the next meeting

Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils No recent meeting

Churchtown in Bloom winter hibernation the hardwork begins again in February 2025

Any other business

The Parish Council sadly accepted the resignation of Ivy Culter after four years hardwork and dedication she will hard to replace. The chairman will take flowers and card to Ivy to thank her on behalf of the Parish Council.

The position will be advertised which we are hoping to fill in by the March meeting.

Cllr. Gareth Williams was unanimously voted in as the new Vice Chairman.

1560. Agenda for next meeting/ date and time of next meeting

Meeting closed 8:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 24th March 25 at 7pm
followed by Monday 9th May 25 at 7pm and Monday 14th July 25 at 7pm
