



MINUTES OF KIRKLAND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

8th September 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

County Councillor
PSCO's

Mr James Tomlinson
Denise Creighton & Anna Fishpool

Angela Nicholls: Clerk to the Parish Council

1599. APOLOGIES

None received

1600. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None received

1601. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting 14th July 2025 being previously circulated, was agreed and signed by the Chairman.

1602. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Residents observations of alleged recreational drug taking have been reported within the community. As a Parish Council this has been discussed with the PSCOs present at the meeting who will ensure our local police are aware and will be requested to visit the two areas in the village highlighted by residents as a deterrent.

The Parish Council discussed with Cllr Tomlinson our failed attempts to have the double yellow lines extended further down The Green which would help reduce the parking issues. He agreed to take this up with the appropriate departments in Wyre/LCC.

The Parish Council discussed with Cllr Tomlinson the possibility of creating a safe walkway from the Memorial Hall to the primary school, utilising the band of land (LCC owned) adjacent to the A586 which falls between the current footpath and private land which would make a perfect footpath

There are major concerns about The Horns Inn customers and school pick up double parking and parking on yellow lines. Double parking or irresponsible parking can prevent emergency vehicles, like fire engines and ambulances, from reaching incidents, causing dangerous delays that could cost lives. The centre of Churchtown would be inaccessible via the road in front of The Horns Inn in an emergency. The PSCO's agreed to alert officers to the concern and arrange routine visits.

1603. CHAMPIONS GRANT

The Parish Council thanked County Councillor James Tomlinson, the Champion for Rural Affairs, the Agricultural Community & Parishes for his support.

Kim Cartain has completed much research on behalf of the Community and obtained three quotes for a gazebo. It was agreed to purchase a high specification gazebo from Gala tents

It is proposed to purchase safety fencing from B and Q once the Chairman is able to visit a store to access the quality

The purchase of professional outdoor lights will be finalised by the end of the week.

1604. Invitation to Express Interest – Parish Maintenance Support from Garstang Town Council

It was discussed and confirmed Kirkland Parish Council would like to be included in Garstang Town Council possible parish maintenance service, offering support to neighbouring parishes and community groups through our established Lengthsman team. The Clerk will write to Garstang Council with the information requested. A decision will be made once the full details are known.

1605. SpIDs

The SpIDs have made a noticeable difference on the A586 Churchtown

1606. Accessible path around Kirkland

To be added to the next agenda. Cllr Williams has regularly followed it up it is however taking a long time.

1607. Newsletter

All the Parish Council agreed to contribute information for the Newsletter which will be collated by the Clerk for distribution by the end of November 2025

1608. The Horns Inn

It was agreed that the Parish Council was unable to decide if the Horns Inn could put the spare outdoor seating on the green while the Christmas Markets were being held. This is a decision for Lancashire County Council the Chairman inform the manager of The Horns Inn

1609. Finance

Bank reconciliation to 31st August 2025

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

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

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.

01/07/2025	Installation of SpIDs	£1,020.00
01/07/2025	Website	£30.36
02/07/2025	Lengthsman June 2025	£702.00
08/07/2025	PC Assets	£36.69
14/07/2025	Information Commission	£47.00
15/07/2025	Expenses	£4.50
15/07/2025	Bunting	£19.98
30/07/2025	A Nicholls July 2025 (includes back pay)	£273.61
30/07/2025	A Nicholls July 2025 working from home	£26.00
01/08/2025	Website	£30.36
01/08/2025	Lengthsman July 2025	£630.00
21/08/2025	Pension payment to LCC	£400.00

26/08/2025	Membership 2025-2026	£54.10
26/08/2025	Towers and Gornall	£48.60
29/08/2025	A Nicholls August 2025	£248.02
29/08/2025	A Nicholls August 2025 working from home	£26.00
31/08/2025	R Ward Lengthsman August	571.50

Receipts since the last meeting:

Bank Interest July	£17.27
Bank Interest August	£15.78
Lottery July	£24.00
Lottery August	£16.50

Standing Orders and Direct Debits

Easy Web Sites July	£30.36	
Easy Web Sites August	£30.36	
Staff Costs July	£299.61 (includes back pay from pay rise	Staff
Costs August	£274.02	
Payment made by Bank Transfer		

Payments to be made by Bank Transfer 9th September 2025

Parish Clerks expenses £6.75

Councillors scrutinised and agreed to the accounts

1610. Verbal Reports for information

Kirkland Memorial Hall

Barbecue cancelled due to lack of support.
Roof currently leaking onto the hall floor

The School House Trust

Nothing to report

Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils

Nothing to report.

Churchtown in Bloom

Planning for future Community events

1611. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING 10th November 2025 7pm Kirkland Village Hall

To set the initial budget to agree the precept

Accessible path around Kirkland