



## 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 but 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

##### **Accounts, bank reconciliation, internal scrutiny reports to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 7pm Kirkland Village Hall**

**To set the initial budget to agree the precept  
 Accessible path around Kirkland**