.

**MINUTES OF KIRKLAND**



**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**15th July 2024, 7:00pm**

**Held at**

**Kirkland and Catterall Memorial Hall**

**The Avenue, Churchtown.**

*Present;*

*Kirkland Parish Council:*

*Mrs. I Cutler Vice Chairman*

*Mrs. A Walmsley*

*Mrs. J Thompson*

*Mr. G Williams*

*Angela Nicholls: Clerk to the Parish Council*

1510. APOLOGIES

Mrs. K Davies Chairman

1511. 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. Cutler, Walmsley and Thompson declared interest in Churchtown in Bloom.

1512. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

***Resolved****: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May, 2024, being previously circulated, was*

*agreed and signed by the Vice Chairman*

**1513*.* PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public who was unavailable to attend the meeting asked Cllr. Walmsley to raise the issue of the cobbles being sprayed with weedkiller outside his property. He was concerned about the risk the weed killer may cause glyphosate poisoning.

The Clerk will write to Environment Health Wyre Borough Council for clarification on the current rules and regulations re the use of weedkiller in public spaces and the possibility of using alternative natural methods.

Weedkiller will be raised on the next agenda

***Standing Orders resumed.***

**1514. To discuss an update on Public Rights of Way**

Cllr. Williams has made progress in reviewing the potential disabled friendly path around the Parish. The public rights of way team are currently speaking to landowners where the path crosses their property about installing accessible gates. The Bridges team are looking at access to the bridge crossing the river, which could be more challenging to make it fully accessible.

The £500 grant is being saved to focus on the potential new disabled pathway

**1515. ECO Grant**

The Eco Grant of £300 is being used by the primary school to teach the pupils Bee keeping

**1516. Overhanging hedges**

Section 154 of The Highways Act 1980 stipulates that where overhanging hedges, trees or shrubs endangers or obstructs the passage of vehicles or pedestrians or interfere with a street lamp, a competent authority or Parish Council may issue a notice to the hedge owner to remove the cause of the danger, obstruction or interference.

Lancashire County Council are responsible for the maintenance of vegetation and trees on the highway. They are unable to carry out work on private land and it is the residents responsibility to keep hedges, trees and shrubs on your property trimmed and maintained.

There is a row of laurels overhanging the pavement in the Churchtown. On this occasion only it was agreed the Lengthsman would trim them as ownership has been difficult to clarify. If the Parish Council need to instruct the Lengthsman to trim any hedges on private property the resident will be charged for his time.

**1517. Slow sign**

Cllr. Williams will follow up the reinstatement of the SLOW road marking, that was very feint just before the school due to the new road surface.

**1518. Blocked drains**

The Love Clean Streets app should be used to report issues to Lancashire Country Council.

These issues include but are not limited to; potholes, flooding/blocked drains, Public Rights of Way issues, damage to bus shelters, obstructions, signs, streetlights, traffic lights, vegetation and trees.

Please don't assume that an issue has been reported by someone else. We can all help to get Kirklands highway issues sorted by reporting problems when we see them. The more reports Lancashire County Council received on issues the more likely they are to receive attention.

The app is easy to use and it is quick to file a report that gives the precise location of the problem and to upload supporting photographs.

 Download the 'Love Clean Streets' mobile app to report issues on the go.

More details can be found here https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/.../report-it-on-the-go/

The Clerk will ask the Vicar to attend to the drains in the churchyard carpark

**1519. Finance**

**Bank reconciliation to 30th June 2024**

**Accounts, bank reconciliation, internal scrutiny reports to 30th June 2024**

Hard 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:

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| May | Bank Interest | £25.40 |
| June | Bank Interest | £22.97 |
| May | Lottery | £14.00 |
| June | Lottery | £14.00 |

**Standing Orders and Direct Debits**

Easy Web Sites May £30.36

Easy Web Sites June £30.36

Staff Costs May £303.68

Staff Costs June £303.68

**Payment made by Bank Transfer**

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| 02 May 2024 | A Nicholls April 2024 | £277.68 |
| 02 May 2024 | A Nicholls April 2024 working from home | £18.00 |
| 13 May 2024 | A Nicholls expenses | £4.50 |
| 13 May 2024 | Lorna Murdoch Internal Auditor | £95.00 |
| 15 May 2024 | Donation Children's Festival | £200.00 |
| 16 May 2024 | Membership LALC | £35.00 |
| 20 May 2024 | Towers and Gornall payroll | £70.80 |
| 28 May 2024 | Clear Insurance | £369.65 |
| 30 May 2024 | A Nicholls May 2024 | £277.68 |
| 30 May 2024 | A Nicholls May 2024 working from home | £18.00 |
| 03 June 2024 | Easy Web | £30.36 |
| 11 June 2024 | St Helens Church donation grass cutting | £150.00 |
| 28 June 2024 | J ROBS GROUND MAIN, INVOICE 432 | £720.00 |
| 28 June 2024 | J ROBS GROUND MAIN, INVOICE 458 | £720.00 |
| 30 June 2024 | A Nicholls May 2024 | £277.68 |
| 30 June 2024 | A Nicholls May 2024 working from home | £26.00 |

**Payments to be made by Bank Transfer 16th July 2024**

Parish Clerks expenses £4.50

**Working from Home Allowance** the national rate has increased to £26 per month from the 1st of April adding £96 to the Annual cost

***Councillors scrutinised and agreed to the accounts***

**1520. Verbal Reports for information**

**Kirkland Memorial Hall**

The main concern for the hall is raising the £30,000 needed to repair the roof.

**The School House Trust**

No meeting to report on

**Wyre Area Lancashire Association of Local Councils**

Cllr. Williams will attend the next meeting in July

**Churchtown in Bloom**

The judging went well despite the rain. The judges were impressed by how may people attended the reception at the Parish rooms.

The Community Payback group have assisted with projects in the village.

**Parish Lengthsman**

**1521. Agenda for next meeting/ date and time of next meeting**

The use of weedkiller on the cobbles

A detailed work schedule for the Lengthman

**Meeting closed 7:55pm The next meeting will be held on Monday 23rd September 2024 at 7pm**