

Kilpin Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting for 2024 – Record of points raised by residents and Response of Parish Council

Item raised by residents	Response and actions taken by the Parish Council with update dates
<p>2.1 It was advised that the Parish Council should focus on obtaining grant funding instead of increasing the precept. Grant providers such as the Wind farm “were desperate to give money away”</p>	<p>The Financial Officer who has responsibility for financial matters of the Parish Council has noted grant applications cannot be relied on and are not proper way of managing finances or financial planning.</p> <p>That is not to say the Parish Council will not take advantage of any grants which are available and as of May,24 the Parish Council has successfully applied for a £500 grant from ERYC to fund D-Day commemoration activities. We have also made contact with PD Ports for financial support for proposed new noticeboards and also the Wind Farm (which has advised a larger amount grant is available in August and Cllrs have agreed to wait until then before applying)</p>
<p>2.2 It was advised that residents felt that the Parish Council did not communicate the precept increase of 2024/25 properly and that in future Cllrs needed to look at how such matters were communicated to residents and that there was a need for more consultation with the residents</p>	<p>The matter is closed, however Cllrs are entirely satisfied that all reasonable efforts were made to consult and communicate commencing in September 2023.</p> <p>Going forward the Parish Council hopes residents will attend future meetings where the precept is discussed – these discussions will start in September 2024.</p>
<p>2.3 It was advised that not everyone in the parish had access to social media or the website and could the Parish Council look at how to engage with such people</p>	<p>The Parish Council is looking to increase the number of noticeboards in the Parish.</p> <p>Residents are most welcome to attend meetings where they will obtain a full understanding of matters which affect them</p>
<p>2.4 The Parish Council was asked to review how they might be more open with regard to how Cllrs arrive at their decisions – at the moment residents only found out about decisions when they were recorded in the minutes of the meeting, which were not seen until the following month.... “why do we have to wait a month before we find out what is happening”</p>	<p>It is the law that minutes cannot be put in the public domain until they are signed off at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk is looking into if a draft can be issued as long as residents appreciate this may change if Cllrs request amendments when submitted to them for review</p> <p>However, the best way for residents to be informed of decisions reached is to attend meetings</p>
<p>2.5 A number of residents advised that they felt a Parish Council newsletter was a good idea in communicating key decisions and important matters and that people would help the Parish Council in organising this and distributing</p>	<p>The possibility of a newsletter was discussed at the May meeting and Cllrs feel this is not a realistic proposal at this point.</p> <p>The Council notes that neighbouring Parishes have done away with this form of communication due to costs, lack of content and finally logistical issues</p>
<p>2.6 It was advised that “just because Woodmansey and Camblesforth Parish Council were doing something, that Kilpin has to do this”.</p>	<p>Cllrs feel this is a disappointing comment – the Clerk has used his experience from other Councils to table suggestions for improving the community / Parish.</p> <p>Such ideas have been very successful in other Parishes however, it is for Cllrs to decide if they wish to progress such suggestions.</p>

<p>2.7 A resident noted that the website was difficult to navigate and the links did not work. Also, that there was no financial information on the website prior to 2021</p>	<p>The Parish Clerk has already advised Cllrs that the website and web emails are difficult to navigate and manage – a new website is proposed under the projects for 2024-25</p>
<p>2.8 It was asked when was the last time a County Cllr attended a Parish Meeting – it was felt that County Cllrs needed to attend more often and to be more involved with ERYC in order to progress matters more quickly and to assist on behalf of the parish council</p>	<p>Cllrs agree that this is an issue and would like to see Ward Cllrs at Parish Meetings.</p> <p>Ward Cllrs were sent the meeting dates at the beginning of the new year and the Clerk has been instructed to send the agenda and notice to them in the future which has been actioned</p>
<p>2.9 It was advised that more had to be done with regard to the state of the roads with both pot holes and road edges (Skelton) – more communication was needed to update residents on progress of repairs – it was further advised that the repairs that had happened were completely useless and broke up within a short time</p>	<p>Cllrs agree pot holes are an issue and the Parish Council does contact ERYC Highways to report them when made aware of the problem.</p> <p>The Parish Council reported particularly bad pot holes at the entrance to Skelton near the port offices and these were repaired only to break up within a few weeks. This has been reported again and Ward Cllrs have been copied in</p>
<p>2.10 It was advised that a lot of the road signs in the Parish were bent and twisted, and “that this was the type of thing the parish council should be dealing with and not vanity projects”</p>	<p>The Parish Council has contacted Highways with regard to this issue on 27th April and is currently awaiting a response</p>
<p>2.11 Noting that the Parish Council had an annual walkabout with ERYC to identify issues of concern in the Parish, could residents be involved in these walkabouts</p>	<p>The next walkabout is not until 2026, however it is the understanding of the Parish Council this is only for Parish Cllrs.</p> <p>Residents were asked prior to the most recent walkabout if there were any issues they want the walkabout to look at.</p>
<p>2.12 It was advised that a footpath across the village was still closed and could the Parish Council look into this – it was understood that badger sets had been found there, but no real explanation had been provided.</p>	<p>An update had been provided to residents and the Parish Council will continue to monitor this item and update residents where possible</p>
<p>2.13 Concerns were raised with regard to the state of the river banks and houses facing onto the river suffered at times of big tides – could the parish council lobby for improvements and repairs</p>	<p>Still to be actioned as of 30th May</p>
<p>2.14 Parish Council was asked to look into who was responsible for the trees on the riverbank – it was noted that some of the ash trees are showing early signs of die back and could these be replaced with indigenous trees</p>	<p>Still to be actioned as of 30th May</p>

Updated as of 30th May 2024