



KILPIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes / Summary Notes of the **JANUARY 2024** EXTRA -ORDINARY Meeting of Kilpin Parish Council

Date of Meeting 11th January 2024
Location of Meeting Scholfield Village Hall, Skelton.
In attendance: Cllr Stephen Brett (Chair): Cllr Liz Vollans: Cllr Liz Sykes: Cllr Lynn Todhunter
Clerk Andrew Crabbe.

Part 1 Procedural Matters

1 To record Cllrs present at the meeting

Resolved Chair welcomed Cllrs to the meeting and noted it was an extra-ordinary meeting specifically to discuss matters pertaining to the parish precept demand.

2 To receive any Cllr apologies received for absence at the meeting

Resolved Chair acknowledged an apology from Cllr Kirkham and confirmed the meeting was quorate to make any decisions.

3 To record declarations of interest by any Cllrs in respect of the agenda items listed

Resolved None were raised by Cllrs in attendance

4 Public participation session (15 minutes)

Resolved No members of the public were in attendance.

Part 2 Business to be Transacted

1 Cllrs to consider, discuss and agree matters concerning the Parish Precept Demand for the Financial Year of 2024-25

1.1 Projects to be agreed and costs considered which will need funding via the precept demand

Resolved Cllrs discussed projects which might improve and enhance the parish community and agreed to the following to be actioned from the new financial year and rolled out as agreed by Cllrs:

1.1.1 A new website - acknowledging the current site was difficult to navigate and manage and was not user friendly.

1.1.2 Parish Signs – added to the existing village signs these would be decorative and welcoming and could feature speed signs – actual designs and colours to be decided later.

1.1.3 Groundwork & work to the front of the hall – improvements to the carpark and the façade of Scholfield Hall to improve the look of both - there were also security issues which needed looking at as part of this.

1.1.4 Unknown Soldier Statues – seen in many villages, these would be appropriately placed through the Parish and personalised with the Parish Council logo and wording to remember and honour the fallen.

1.2 To agree a second bank account (a reserve to finance emergency situations) and likely impact on the precept demand

Resolved Cllrs unanimously agreed to create a reserve account which would be held in the event of the need for emergency spending. Cllrs agreed to transfer £5,000 from the main account to form the basis of the reserve account. Clerk to action once the issues with the bank were resolved and it was identified if the Parish Council would move its accounts to another bank.

1.3 If to retain the current demand or increase or decrease the demand

Resolved After due discussion and preliminary costing, Cllrs unanimously agreed to increase the precept by £6,000 to finance the projects identified above. Although this was a considerable increase in the precept, it was noted that the actual cost to individual households would be a few pounds a month on their tax base and it was hoped that residents would appreciate the improvements to the Parish.

Resolved Clerk would prepare a statement which would explain to residents why the Parish Council was increasing the precept and how this decision would benefit the community and finally breaking down the costs showing this was minimal.

1.4 To discuss and agree if the Parish Council should change banks following final efforts to resolve ongoing issue of high bank charges due to HSBC unilaterally changing the account to a business account

Cllrs noted that the Clerk had now received an acknowledgement from HSBC confirming receipt of the letter he had sent and that the matter was being looked into. Clerk asked Cllrs to note that the bank had responded positively to the other issues the Parish Council had raised and if they would deal with this remaining issue, then it would make more sense to stay with them and avoid all the work involved in setting up a new account and mandate

Ongoing Cllrs agreed to wait to see if a response was received by the next meeting and a final decision would be made at this point.

Closure of Meeting There being no other business, the Chair closed the meeting at 2015
Date of Next Meeting 1st February 2024

Signed as a true document ... *Stephen Brett*
Stephen Brett - Chair

Date of Signing ... *February 2024*