

Annual Meeting of the Parish of Kilpin

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2024 for Kilpin Parish

Date of Meeting 11th April 2024
Location Scholfield Village Hall

1 Points of Procedure

The Clerk for Kilpin Parish Council addressed attendees prior to the opening of the meeting:

1.1 It was confirmed that the meeting was **NOT A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** and any resident of the Parish could put themselves forward for the role of Chair for the Meeting – Clerk noted that no resident had put themselves forwards to-date however there was now an opportunity to do so.

Resolved No resident put themselves forwards and the Chair of the Parish Council, Stephen Brett assumed the office

1.2 It was confirmed that the purpose of the meeting was for residents to put forward what matters / priorities they wish the Parish Council to focus on over the forthcoming year. These would be noted and put forwards to Cllrs to consider at a future Parish Council meeting.

1.3 It was confirmed that attendees at this meeting and wishing to speak had to be resident of Kilpin Parish. The notice had requested anyone proposing to attend to inform the Clerk at least three days prior to the actual meeting, however, no one had carried this out. In light of this, attendees were asked to confirm they were all residents of the Parish and this was confirmed in the circumstances presented.

Chair, Mr Stephen Brett opened the meeting 6.00pm

2 Summary points raised by residents

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”

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

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

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”

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

2.6 It was advised that “just because Woodmansey and Camblesforth Parish Council were doing something, that Kilpin has to do this”.

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

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

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

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”

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

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.

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

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

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.10pm and thanked residents for attending. He noted that this was the first ever Parish meeting he had known where residents had actually attended – he further noted that this was also the case with the ordinary meetings, and hoped that residents would attend future meetings going forwards.

These minutes are recorded by the Clerk as the key summary points of the Parish Meeting which took place as detailed above. These minutes are not intended to be verbatim and are recorded in the absence of any resident advising they will scribe the minutes, however any resident may submit an alternative (factual) version of the minutes to the Parish Council if they so wish and residents are reminded they can still submit a written request for matters they wish the Parish Council to focus on over the forthcoming year.