

**Minutes for the
Rockcliffe Annual Parish Meeting
Held 20th May 2019 at the Rockcliffe Centre 7.00pm**

Apologies for Absence

Cllr G Mounsey-Heysham & Cllr R Park

Present

Cllr G Percival, Cllr J Twentyman, Cllr S Edwards, Cllr S Barbour, Cllr S Sidgwick, Cllr G Moss, Cllr H Graham, Mrs L Faulder clerk, Cllr V Tarbitt & Cllr J Mallinson

Minutes of the meeting held 21st May 2018

The minutes of the meeting held 21st May 2018 were approved by council and signed by the chairman.

Chairman's Report

The following report from J Twentyman, Chairman of the Parish Council were distributed to attendees.

I have been chairman of Rockcliffe Parish Council for 12 months, although it has been a learning curve, I have enjoyed the challenge.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors, City and County Councillors for their help and support.

I would especially like to mention John Harper and Maurice Irving who have stood down after many years of hard and dedicated work to the Parish Council. We would like to welcome two new councillors Stephen Barbour and Sue Edwards and look forward to working with them in the future.

PLANNING

There has been a small number of planning applications which have been approved by Carlisle City Council. The Vice Chairman and I travelled to County Hall in Kendal to object to Hespian Woods planning application to build a Refuse Derived Fuel Recycling Facility to be situated between the site and the relief road; we provided a strong case but unfortunately it was passed.

BLENCARN PARK GREEN SPACE (BUNNY HILL)

The council applied to the County Council to take over the green space as a village green, although we provided testimonials and photographs of the its recreational use by residents it was refused. We will now pursue the possibility of a leasehold scheme.

TRAFFIC

Again, this has been a contentious area of village life along with speeding and parking. We are

discussing with police and highways the possibility of new speed signs and clearer signage as you enter the village, this is ongoing. Parking is problematic especially around the school, we hope the signs will now remind car drivers the dangers of inconsiderate parking to children.

BECK BURN WINDFARM TRUST

Rockcliffe Parish Council receives £5000 per annum to provide grants up to £1000 for community projects. Any group can apply to the Parish Council.

We have provided financial support to:-

Local scout group

Heathlands Community Gardens

Rockcliffe Cricket Club

St Marys Church

Tommy Silhouette

Education grants are also available via **Cumbria Community Foundation - Beck Burn Fund**. This provides grants towards university and college placements; further information is available from the Parish Council.

Finally, I would like to thank our clerk Lesley Faulder for her knowledge, help and support.

Open Forum

No concerns were raised

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be 18th May 2020 at 7pm in the Rockcliffe Community Centre