

Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council

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Minutes of the Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council Meeting held at Tirril Reading Rooms, on Monday 4 January 2016 at 5.30pm

Present: Cllr David Owens initially chaired the meeting, with Cllr Richard Relph and Cllr Haydn Morris. Cllr Haydn Morris was elected as Chairperson and Chaired the meeting after his election.

In Attendance:

District Councillor Ian Chambers and approximately 14 members of the public

Cllr David Owens thanked Ian Chambers and Sarah Lockerbie for their input during the time they were on the Parish Council, and thanked Ian for the time and effort that was put into the village referendum regarding the Key Hub.

1. To elect a Chairperson

- Cllr David Owens proposed Cllr Haydn Morris be elected to the position of Chairperson to Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Richard Relph.

Cllr Haydn Morris Chaired the meeting from this point.

2. To elect a Vice Chairperson

- Cllr Haydn Morris proposed Cllr David Owens be elected to the position of Vice Chairperson to Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Richard Relph.

3. Apologies

- None

4. Declarations of Interest

- None

5. Minutes

- The minutes of the Council meetings held on 2 November 2015 were agreed for signing and initialling as a true record (Circulated prior to meeting).

6. Notice of Vacancies

- The Clerk informed the Parish Council that there were 2 vacancies within the Parish Council.
 1. Due to the resignation of Sarah Lockerbie, the Notice of Vacancy was displayed. This resulted in an election being called for this vacancy.
 2. Ian Chambers has also resigned from Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council. Eden District Council have been informed of the resignation, but due to the timings of his resignation and Christmas breaks, the Clerk is waiting for Eden District Council to acknowledge this resignation, and for instruction and clarification on the next step in the process.
- Cllr Haydn Morris proposed that as soon as possible the relevant Notice of Vacancy is advertised, this was seconded by Cllr Richard Relph and agreed by all.

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7. Public Participation

- A question had been submitted to the Parish Council regarding the process and timescale of the second vacancy, the majority had been clarified when the Clerk updated the Parish Council about the Notice of Vacancies. The Clerk was asked to clarify whether a second letter was required to initiate a second election. The Clerk advised she would seek clarification on this.
- It was asked that as Sockbridge and Tirril seem to be now classed as 2 separate villages for the boundary to be clarified, this should also have ramifications on where the village signs are situated in villages. To be placed on a future agenda.

8. Budget

- The budget for Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council was discussed, and it was agreed to set the precept at £4000.00 for year ending 31.03.2017. This was proposed by Cllr David Owens, seconded by Cllr Richard Relph, and agreed by all. The budget is attached to the minutes.

9. Bridge Closures

- The bridges Eamont Bridge and Pooley Bridge were discussed. The Parish Council are concerned about the lack of information that has been made available.
- The Clerk to correspond with the relevant parties about the repair of Eamont Bridge and replacement of Pooley Bridge.
- There is concern that if there were to be an accident on the A66 or M6 then the traffic diverted on to the A6 and the current one way diversion would cause gridlock and many problems.
- There was a suggestion that the slip roads at Yanwath on to the M6 could be temporarily be re-opened.
- The urgent positioning of a temporary bridge at Pooley Bridge was discussed, and a temporary footbridge as soon as possible.
- The bus service which started today was discussed, and it was asked about the school bus service, and whether members of the parish would be able to use it as well.
- The Clerk to make the relevant communications regarding the above points.
- There was a meeting this morning chaired by Rory Stewart, about the repair stages. The Clerk to contact Rory Stewart to ask for information.
- The Clerk to contact Barton Parish Council to liaise about the bridge at Pooley Bridge.

10. Audit Procurement Changes

- The changes to the audit procurement system were discussed, and it was agreed to accept an auditor appointed for us by the new sector-led body which will be set up shortly; this was proposed by Cllr Richard Relph, seconded by Cllr David Owens and agreed by all.

11. Parish Plan

- The Parish Council submission (attached to the minutes) regarding the Key Hub Status in the Local Plan was ratified by a majority vote.
- The Parish Plan was discussed, and it was agreed to ask Hellen Aitken from ACTION with Communities in Cumbria to attend the Parish Council meeting in March to discuss a

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Parish Plan further. This was proposed by Cllr Richard Relph, seconded by Cllr David Owens and agreed by all

12. Good Neighbours Scheme

- The Good Neighbours Scheme was discussed, and it was decided to speak to Hellen Aitken about the scheme, to see if it would be possible to link it to the Parish Plan.

13. Bus Shelter

- Cllr David Owens gave the Parish Council an update on the Bus Shelter roof, and that he had a third quote for the replacement of the roof:
 - Felt & Bitumen Roof = £784 + VAT – as the previous meeting
 - Fibreglass Roof = £980 (not VAT registered) – as the previous meeting
 - Slate Roof = £700.00 (not VAT registered)
- The three quotes were discussed, and it was agreed to proceed with the slate roof, this was proposed by Cllr David Owens, seconded by Cllr Richard Relph and agreed by all. Cllr David Owens to instruct the contractor to proceed with the works.

14. Highways Update

- The nomination of a Parish Councillor to the position of Highways Spokesperson was discussed, Cllr Richard Relph volunteered to take this role within the Parish Council, this was proposed by Cllr David Owens and seconded by Cllr Haydn Morris.
- Cllr David Owens informed the Parish Council that he had reported the burst drain near to Tirril Farm Cottages to Eden District Council, who informed him it was United Utilities responsibility. This is in process.

15. Clerk's Update

- **Correspondence** – It was agreed to re-introduce the system of distributing the correspondence received by post prior to the meeting. The Clerk to arrange.
 - The following correspondence was noted:
 - Eden District Council – Eden Local Plan 2014 – 2032 – Submission to Government
 - Eden District Council – Council Plan 2015 – 2019
 - CPRE – Winter 2015 publication
 - Countryside Voice – Winter 2015 publication
 - Great North Air Ambulance
- **Bank Signatories** – The Clerk informed the Parish Council of the need to arrange for the completion of the relevant paperwork to change the signatories on the Parish Council Bank Accounts. It was agreed to wait until the vacancies on the Parish Council are filled.
- **Publication of Minutes** – The Clerk informed the Parish Council that there had been a request to publicise the minutes on the village notice boards, it was agreed for this to happen, as well as the minutes being circulated on the village email system.

16. Planning

- The Parish Council ratified the following decisions made on planning applications since the last meeting:
 - 15/1039 – Greenacres – No objections

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- 15/1100 – Yanwath School – Concerns that there are no plans to provide extra parking, and also that the materials to be used do not match those used on the existing buildings

17. Finance

- The Cash Book for December 2015 & January 2016 was approved for signing by the Chairman

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
04/12/2015	EDC – Grant		£ 38.80
06/01/2016	R Kelly - December / January	£ 179.14	
06/01/2016	HMRC	£ 44.80	
04/01/2016	R Kelly Expenses	£ 23.53	
04/01/2016	Tirril & Sockbridge Village Hall	£ 25.00	
04/01/2016	Eden District Council	£ 70.00	

18. Date of the next meeting

- The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 7 March 2016, at Tirril Reading Rooms at 5.30pm.

The meeting was closed at 18.22