

## **Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council**

**Clerk:** Mrs R E Kelly, 5 Lark Field, Penrith, CA11 7NY – sockbridgeandtirril@outlook.com; 01768 863900

**Chair:** Mr I Chambers,

### **Minutes of the Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council Meeting held at Yanwath School, on Monday 2 November 2015 at 5.30pm**

Present: Cllr Ian Chambers chaired the meeting, with Cllr David Owens, Cllr Richard Relph and Cllr Sarah Lockerbie (up to agenda item 6). Cllr Haydn Morris joined the Parish Council upon Co-option.

#### Members of Public

Approximately 30 members of the public

Cllr Ian Chambers & Cllr Sarah Lockerbie were appointed by Eden District Council as Parish Councillors for Sockbridge & Tirril. As part of this appointment Cllr Ian Chambers was appointed as Chairperson.

#### **1. Apologies**

- None

#### **2. Declarations of Interest**

- None

#### **3. Minutes**

- The minutes of the Council meetings held on 7 September 2015 were agreed for signing and initialling as a true record (Circulated prior to meeting).

#### **4. Co-option of Councillor(s)**

- The applicants for the position(s) were discussed, and it was decided to Co-opt Haydn Morris as Councillor to Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council. This was agreed by all.

#### **5. Vice Chairperson**

- The Parish Council discussed the position of Vice Chair and it was decided to appoint Cllr David Owens to the position. This was proposed by Cllr Ian Chambers and Seconded by Cllr Sarah Lockerbie and agreed by all. Cllr David Owens completed the Acceptance of Office.

#### **6. Democratic Half Hour / Public Question Time**

- Approximately 30 members of the public attended the Parish Council meeting, this was mainly to discuss the appointment and co-option of Parish Councillors. The processes and emails from various sources at Eden District Council were discussed, and the members of the public were informed that as far as the Parish Council were concerned the correct and legal procedures had been followed, as advised by EDC, although some of the information from EDC is conflicting. The members of public were unhappy with the appointment of Cllr Ian Chambers and Cllr Sarah Lockerbie. The public did not accept that the 2 Eden District Council appointments were permanent and they cited Section 91 of the Local Government Act in support of their view. The Clerk & Chair informed them that the correct procedures had been followed, and that the appointments stood.
- It was questioned, was the Parish Council happy with the current Council, this was voted on, with a Vote of 4:1.

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- Cllr Sarah Lockerbie stood down from the meeting, due to the comments from the members of public, and made it clear that she would not be resigning and would seek to be co-opted on a permanent basis. When Cllr Sarah Lockerbie stood down she was asked by Mr Cedric Bell whether she would be resigning. Cllr Sarah Lockerbie said she would not be resigning as a councillor and would seek to be co-opted to the Parish Council. Cllr Sarah Lockerbie left the meeting.

### **7. Eden Local Plan**

- The Eden Local Plan was discussed and the outcome of the referendum was discussed, and it was agreed for Cllr Haydn Morris to draw up a letter of response to the Local Plan from the Parish Council. Cllr Haydn Morris proposed that the Parish Council object in the strongest possible terms to Sockbridge & Tirril being designated as a key hub. This was seconded by Cllr Ian Chambers and voted on a majority vote 3:1.

### **8. Parish Plan**

- The Parish Plan was discussed, and it was decided to adjourn the item until the next Parish Council meeting.

### **9. Good Neighbours Scheme**

- The Good Neighbours Scheme was discussed, and it was decided to adjourn the item until the next Parish Council meeting.

### **10. Bus Shelter**

- Cllr David Owens gave the Parish Council an update on the Bus Shelter roof, and that he had 2 quotes for the replacement of the roof:
  - Felt & Bitumen Roof = £784 + VAT
  - Fibreglass Roof = £980 (not VAT registered)
- It was decided for Cllr David Owens to gain other quotes for the work, and to report back at the next Parish Council meeting

### **11. Highways Update**

- The nomination of a Parish Councillor to the position of Highways Spokesperson was discussed, and it was agreed to place the item on the next agenda.

### **12. Clerk's Update**

- **Correspondence** – The Letter from Irene Rumney was discussed regarding the street light at Quakers Lane, Martin Ratledge informed the Parish Council that he had contacted EDC regarding this, and that ENW were aware that the light needed to be connected and that it was pending. The letter also informed the Parish Council that the telephone has been taken out of the telephone box, but the light is still in the telephone box. The Clerk to contact BT.  
The letter from Alan Smailes regarding the grass cutting tender was discussed, and noted. The Clerk to respond and invite Alan to tender next year.
- **Audit** – The clerk updated the Parish Council that the Audit had now been completed with no issues.
- **Meeting Dates** – The meeting dates for the following year were discussed, and it was agreed that the meetings would be held on the first Monday, bi monthly, at 5.30pm, in

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Tirril Reading Rooms. The Clerk to confirm the dates with Tirril Reading Rooms, and inform the Parish Councillors of these dates.

- **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 place this item on the next agenda.

### **13. Planning**

- Due to the Parish Council being unable to make a comment on any applications there were no applications to discuss or decisions to ratify.

### **14. Finance**

- The Cash Book for October & November 2015 was approved for signing by the Chairman

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>INCOME</u>
07/09/2015	P Ruston (Bunting)	£ 239.95	
30/10/2015	NS&I Transfer		£ 1500.00
02/11/2015	R Kelly - October / November	£ 179.34	
02/11/2015	HMRC	£ 44.60	
02/11/2015	R Kelly Expenses	£ 30.09	
02/11/2015	Hey Presto (Duncan Watson)	£ 8.99	
02/11/2015	Alan Smailes	£ 1,120.00	

### **15. Date of the next meeting**

- The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 4 January 2016, at Tirril Reading Rooms.

The meeting was closed at 18.55