

## BLAWITH & SUBBERTHWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

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In the 2017-18 year there were a number of key developments.

An attempt by Innogy (formerly RWE) to extend the life of the Kirkby Moor Wind Farm for a further 8 years was defeated in November. Your council was one of many local councils which opposed the continued operation of the site. With no appeal in sight the turbines, which have spoilt many fine views of the landscape since 1993, will be coming down this year.

As reported last year your council continues to press for the undersea route option for the proposed new electricity transmission line between the proposed nuclear plant at Moorside and Heysham. After a break, when the government rejected National Grid's consultation as being inadequate and Nu Gen's ownership moved from Japan to South Korea, the £2.6bn project is coming to life again. Your council will continue to participate actively in the fight for an environmentally acceptable solution for the National Park and surrounding areas.

Closer to home a constructive dialogue has been held with the owners of the Crake Valley Holiday Park. We continue to seek to ensure that the owners address the issues arising from the refurbishment of the park in recent years in particular pollution and encroachment onto common land within Blawith Common. We also continue to lobby for better broadband coverage and have hopes that the latest phase of development will have some impact on the Blawith and Water Yeat areas at the very least.

One of the most important developments this year is that we have made good progress in the development of our Parish Plan. This is an important project as, amongst other things, it will set out the key priorities and points of reference of local people, for the Parish Council and provide insight and input for local planners at SLDC and LDNP as to what is considered acceptable forms of housing and development in the Parish. I would like to thank Councillor Rutherford for her hard work in giving momentum to the project, and to the many enthusiastic people who have come forward to discuss the prioritisation of issues and join the various working parties who are looking at them. As a result of these discussions we are already taking forward our views on priority highways issues to the County Council.

This parish has also supported and encouraged the work of the Coniston and Crake Catchment Partnership and the supporters of the X12 bus service as well as keeping an eye on the developments at Burlington Slate and Kirkby Moor.

Following the recent elections, we look forward to working with our new representatives, (although like many, we opposed the move to larger, multi member wards). In particular this year I am looking forward to the continuing development of the Parish Plan and would like to thank all those involved with the council and the many members of the public who have attended our meetings for their continued interest and support.

### PLANNING

The Council considered and responded to 8 planning applications in the year. Of these, they submitted a response of support to 5, and objections to 3 (one of which was the Kirkby Moor Wind Farm). All 3 of the applications objected to were subsequently refused by LDNP planning.

<b><u>EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN</u></b>	<b><u>2017/18</u></b>	<b><u>2017/18</u></b>	<b><u>2018/19</u></b>
	<b><u>BUDGETED</u></b>	<b><u>ACTUAL</u></b>	<b><u>FORECAST</u></b>
VILLAGE HALL HIRE	200	244	245
CLERK SALARY	1700	1690	1818
CLERKS EXPENSES	160	136	160
CALC SUBSCRIPTION	120	108	120
INSURANCE	280	279	280
OTHER ADMIN (COURSES ETC)	20	75	50
AUDIT	50	30	50
DATA PROTECTION	0	0	200
PAYE	60	73	73
EGTON PCC (FOR PARISH NEWS)	30	30	30
BUS DONATION			0
REMEMBRANCE WREATH	20	17	20
CHAPEL	120	120	120
MISC	50	7	50
LENGTHSMAN	100	0	100
PARISH PLAN			150
NOTICEBOARD	0	190	0
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>2910</u></b>	<b><u>£3,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>£3,466.00</u></b>

**PRECEPT REQUEST FOR 2018/19 - £3300**