

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12th February, 2019 in Kirkoswald Church Institute. The meeting was preceded by a public meeting to discuss the provision of footway lights in Kirkoswald, beginning at 6.45 pm.

Footway Lights Meeting (Considering Lights in Kirkoswald)

Present: Mrs J Tea (Vice Chair), Mrs I Henderson, Mr J Haugh, Mr N Jackson, Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk), Mrs S Quinn (Chair), Mr A Jackson, Mr J Little, County Cllr Driver and four members of the public. Mr J R Raine sent his apologies for the Footway Lighting meeting, but was present for the ordinary monthly meeting.

Mrs S Quinn introduced councillors to the members of the public. She gave a brief outline of the issues relating to footway lights, and how the matter has developed, leaving parishes in the current position where the District Council won't run any lights at all. The Chair said that the parish has tried to establish the running, maintenance and replacement costs. She said that that parish councillors did not feel that they could pass these costs on to parishioners or leave these ongoing costs as a legacy for future parish councils. Mrs Quinn said that this matter has been going on for 5 years and was considered as part of the recent parish plan survey. She said that Renwick residents are now considering where they would want strategic footway lights to be positioned (bearing in mind that there is a likely initial cost of £1000 per light). It was noted that the footway lights go out in 2022 and there are a number of lights that have already gone out.

Mrs S Quinn said that Kirkoswald residents need to decide whether they want to pursue a dark skies or strategic lights policy. The three residents present agreed that there are some dangerous areas particularly by the beck and outside the pubs. The Chair explained that the Parish Council does not want to take on the existing lights as councillors don't have a costing for their repairs or running expenses.

It was noted that the County Council would take on the maintenance of the existing lights if asked, but no costings are available yet (the work would be carried out at cost price).

It was explained that the lights on the newer estates in the village will stay (which tend to be in cul-de-sacs), but not on the main highways. One resident said that that the 'B' road through is busy and it is disappointing that the District Council could consider getting rid of them. Councillors explained that health and safety grounds unfortunately has no impact on their decision and there is no legal responsibility for them to provide lighting.

Another resident mentioned those living in the pensioners' housing, as well as the impact on the large number of pensioners living elsewhere in the village. Another felt it was too spooky in some areas of the village without lights, and many pavements are very narrow.

It was agreed that many people won't take notice of the warnings until the lights go out, despite the issue appearing in the Raven regularly, as well as in the Parish Council minutes and recent parish survey.

The Chair asked where Kirkoswald village goes from here. (Renwick residents are taking a look at the footway lights themselves to decide which they want to keep and are then going to back to the April Parish Council meeting in Renwick).

The Kirkoswald residents who were present asked, why aren't residents bothered about something that will massively affect them? There were also concern for those who visit the village in the evening.

It was reported that out of the 74 parish councils in Eden, 32 parishes have adopted them without knowing the cost. The Parish Council is also having to take on the playground. Mrs Quinn said that if the Parish Council can establish what footway lights are needed, with the full costings, then they can plan for the future.

The residents present said that they wanted some lighting at the bottom of the village. (Another parish resident arrived). It was also suggested that some lights are needed up the main street.

The four parishioners were thanked for coming along and it was agreed that they would consider where strategic lights could be positioned and then feedback at March Parish Council meeting.

PUBLIC OPEN MEETING (15 Mins): Members of the public can address the Council on any issues that they wish to draw to their attention. Afterwards, they cannot interject in the meeting.

DRAFT MINUTES

ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None
2. **To receive apologies**- Mr R W Raine, Mr R Pickthall & Mr R Cranston
3. **Minutes**- It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 11th December, 2018 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr A Jackson, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of previous meetings**- Nothing
5. **To receive updates on the Community Led Plan and councillor led areas**- Nothing
6. **To receive a report from District Cllr Robinson**
 - External review of Scrutiny Function review- Findings include- scrutiny needs to be far more thorough but we can scrutinise anything we like.
 - Purdah comes into force on 25th March, for the May elections.
 - Nomination papers- The Clerk will print forms out and bring them to the March meeting. Other residents who would like to put their names forward can ask the Clerk for a form.
 - The consecration of the Bishop of Penrith is being held in York Minster at the weekend.
 - AONB- The Fellfoot Forward project is still being developed and is considering what village halls still need.
 - A full council meeting is being held on Thursday, where councillors will consider taking £1m from the £12m+ reserves currently being held by the District Council.
 - A review of the management structure at Eden District Council has just been completed.
 - The Penrith Master Plan has now been put on the 'back burner'.
7. **To receive a report from County Cllr Driver**
 - Emergency Planning- County Cllr Driver said that a lot of support is available if parish councillors want to do some more work on an Emergency Plan. She said that Glassonby Parish are following a nice, simple approach which might be of interest.
 - Fell Bottom- Mr J R Raine reported that he had mentioned to George that he would be interested in getting heaps of grit and gritter for Renwick. It was noted that there is a small spreader which is

now in use in Unthank. County Cllr Driver said that another small gritter is available for Renwick (for next winter), as long as a clear schedule for its use is drawn up.

- Winter Review- Mr J R Raine, County Cllr Driver and another representative (either Mr A Jackson or Mr J Little) agreed to take part in the review. She said that there is some really positive stuff coming from the review and it is making progress.
- Budgeting Meeting: Cumbria County Council increase of 3.99%- made up of a 2% increase in the social care precept and 1.99% on council tax. It was noted that the increases are to cover cuts coming from central government.
- Health scrutiny (children and young people)- Research has been carried out to consider what it is like to be a child in Cumbria. County Cllr Driver said that the number of results has been wonderful, with 1 in 3 children in Cumbria feeding into it. Positive discussions have also taken place between Barnardo's and various portfolio holders. In Eden area, what worried children most is that they are just allowed to be children (8 to 12 year olds). County Cllr Driver said that it was powerful stuff and the results will influence future policy massively. County Cllr Driver promised to send further results to councillors.

8. **To receive an update on the upkeep of Kirkoswald Church Institute**: Nothing to report.

9. **To discuss footway lights**: Covered above.

10. **To discuss recording trees on parish land**: It was agreed to wait until after the E.A.L.C. training workshop in April.

11. **To discuss the proposed transfer of the playground**: Mrs S Quinn reported that she had not heard anything further and they have not produced the paperwork for the transfer yet. She reported that she had been asked to move the grant application to another fund, but has not heard anything yet. District Cllr Robinson recommended that Mrs S Quinn speak to Tracey Moran about the 0- 19 Fund.

12. **To consider any Police issues arising**: Not aware of any crimes in the parish.

13. **To receive the Highwayman's Report and discuss matters related to Highway**:

- There are a large number of potholes along the Renwick to Croglin road.
- Water on the Huddlesceugh road.
- Howscills- It was reported that two manholes were dug up and were found to be dry as the water wasn't getting through from the field.
- Corner at the top of Scales- It was agreed that Mr John Banks (Highways Dept.) needs to come out and look at the problem and organise for white lines to be painted. It was noted that Mr Banks has promised to visit the parish and look at hot spots.
- Potholes up to Busk and Scales Lonning.
- 30mph sign- It was reported that it has been approved but has not been installed yet. It was agreed to chase it up.

14. **To receive the Financial Report**:

- The Clerk ensured that all councillors had got a copy of the monthly cash flow spreadsheet. Mrs J Tea checked that the spreadsheet correlated with the most recent bank statements.

- **To make payments of bills**

It was resolved to make the following payment (proposed by Mr J Little, seconded by Mr J R Raine, unanimous vote):

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£299.31	(Chq No: 101124)
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- **To discuss the HSBC mandate and resolve to make changes as necessary**

Mrs J Tea reported that she is still working on it and will report back at the March meeting.

15. **To consider any planning applications made and related matters:**

- 19/0030 Barn Adjacent to Busk Rigg Farm, Busk- Listed Building Consent (attached to 17/0959)
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16. **To receive decisions on planning applications made:** Circulated by email.

17. **To consider correspondence received:** Covered under other agenda points.

18. **To receive Councillors' reports and items for future agendas:**

- Highway problems
- Potholes
- Tenders for spraying
- Tenders for tenancy of the parish field
- Proposed adoption of the playground
- Cumbria in Bloom
- Parish Council elections

19. **To decide the date and venue of the next meeting:** 7.00pm on Tuesday 12th March, 2019 in Kirkoswald Church Institute- There will be a period of 30 minutes at the start of the meeting to receive feedback on suggested positions for strategic footway lights in Kirkoswald. The ordinary monthly meeting will begin at 7.30pm.

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 12/02/2019