

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 12th November, 2019 in Kirkoswald Church Institute.

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: None present

Present: Mrs S Quinn (Chair), Mrs J Tea (Vice Chair), Mrs I Henderson, Mr N Edmundson, Mr R Cranston, Mr J Haugh, Mr N Jackson, District Cllr Robinson, Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk), Mr A Jackson, Mr J R Raine & Mr J Little

MINUTES

ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING

1. **To receive any declarations of interest:** None
2. **To receive apologies:** County Cllr Driver & Mrs W Smith
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 8th October, 2019 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of previous meetings**
Mrs S Quinn thanked Mrs J Tea for laying the wreath on the War Memorial and attending playground meetings on her behalf, while she was away and to Mr N Jackson for opening the toilets and meeting with various people working on the playground.
5. **To receive updates on the Community Led Plan and councillor led areas:** Covered under other agenda points.
6. **To receive a report from District Cllr Robinson:**

“The Council Plan has been confirmed at last week’s Council so we are now starting to put the actions together to start delivery

The Councils commercial company Heart of Cumbria has been reviewed and governance strengthened.

The affordable homes purchased will have 3 further homes available for local families this side of Christmas.

More opportunities will be explored which will bring income into the Council with the aim to replace the government grants which are continuing to be reduced.

The black hole inherited from the previous administration continues to grow as more things are revealed.

The Virginia the Leader, Rose Chief Executive and myself met with representatives from CALC last week and we will be working much more closely with them going forward.

Under my Local Enterprise Partnership role I attended an event the University of Cumbria ran and was on a panel being questioned by young people about a variety of concerns over careers, transport and communication.

ANOB Fellfoot Forward Heritage Bid will be known on Thursday 28th Nov”.

7. **To receive a report from County Cllr Driver:** Unable to attend
8. **To receive an update on the upkeep of Kirkoswald Church Institute:** waiting to hear if they will get the grant. Being used very regularly.
9. **To discuss Christmas preparations:** The Clerk reported that she had emailed Mr Andrew Fox, who had kindly agreed to provide a tree for the square in Kirkoswald. Mr A Fox has the lights used last year and promised that it will be in place for 9th December. It was agreed to have carols in the square at 7 pm on Friday 13th December.
10. **To discuss the condition of parish notice boards:** Mr J R Raine said that he is still awaiting a quote for the boards.
11. **To discuss the seats in the parish:** It was reported that as an insurance claim it would cost in excess of £300 to repair the bench at High Bankhill, which was damaged by a car. A resident had kindly offered to do the work for free. It was agreed to chase the Police (reported online by the Clerk). District Cllr Robinson suggested that the Clerk send the photos through to Mr J Banks to ask for his help with it.
12. **To discuss any update on trees on parish land:**
 - Mr A Jackson reported that he has looked at the tree at Scalehouses and will work around the rest of the parish land.
 - It was noted that a branch has fallen into the beck, but the land owner needs to remove it, to prevent potential damage to the bridge. It was resolved to check if it has been moved and then contact the land owner.
13. **To discuss the playground:** Mrs S Quinn reported that the playground has now been finished. The surface mesh will lock together when the grass starts to grow (it follows the contours of the land). The surface under the roundabout still needs to be repaired (EDC are responsible for this). It was agreed that there have been good reports from a number of residents already.
14. **To consider any Police issues arising:** Some headlights taken from a car in Renwick.
15. **To receive the Highwayman's Report and discuss matters related to Highway:**

The Highwayman reported:

 - There is still water on the road at Huddlesceugh
 - The drain is blocked at the bottom of Windgates
 - There are potholes on the road between Renwick and Croglin
 - There are a number of areas of water throughout the parish.
 - Sickergill bridge is a disgrace, with vegetation and a deteriorated surface

- A councillor said that the pointing around the shop kerb is awful.
- Also a gully, half way down the hill in Kirkoswald is blocked.
- It was noted that the traffic lights are out of sequence sometimes, causing those on the Kirkoswald side to sit for up to 90 seconds.
- Mrs S Quinn said that she had received an email from Mr John Banks regarding the water on the road around the lights. After investigation it has been found that there is insufficient fall to install a gully to prevent the current ponding, but other measures are being considered.
- Mr J Banks will look at the road through Parkhead within the next 6 weeks.
- Mr J Banks has promised that the vegetation on the bridges will be dealt with shortly.
- Email re the junction highlighted by Mr J R Raine- Mrs S Quinn agreed to notify Mr J McLaine of the accidents which have happened at the junction.
- Winter roads: The Clerk confirmed that she has requested that two new grit bins be installed (at Roods Drive and Scalehouses).
- Four people went to the winter road meeting and they marked important sites within the parish that should be considered when planning future access routes. Mrs J Tea said that the Parish Council must decide on a hub for each village and it was agreed that these should be Kirkoswald Church Institute and Renwick Methodist Chapel (school room). All councillors agreed that they were happy with the sites noted.

16. **To receive the Financial Report**

- The Clerk ensured that all councillors had a copy of the monthly cash flow spreadsheet and Mrs J Tea checked that the balances shown correlated with the most recent bank statements.
- It was resolved to make the following payments of bills (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr A Jackson, unanimous vote):

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£334.57	(Chq No: 100962)
Playdales Playgrounds Limited	£7368.00	(Chq No: 100963)

- Mrs J Tea reported that the new HSBC mandate is now signed and in place.
- HSBC online banking facility: It was noted that Mrs J Tea can now carry out online banking for the parish council (maximum payment limit £10 000).

- To agree grant payments and set the budget and precept for 2020/21

It was resolved to pay the following grant payments in May 2020 (proposed by Mr N Jackson, seconded by Mr R Cranston, unanimous vote):

Kirkoswald Methodist Church	£1000.00
Kirkoswald Parochial Church Council	£1000.00
Renwick Reading Room	£ 500.00
Fellrunner Village Bus	£ 252.30
Kirkoswald Church Institute	£1500.00
Lazonby Swimming Pool	£ 250.00
(proposed by Mr J R Raine, seconded by Mr R Cranston, unanimous vote)	
Renwick Church	£ 900.00
Great North Air Ambulance	£ 250.00
Total	<u>£5652.30</u>

Councillors considered the projected cashflow drawn up by the Clerk. Due to spending on the new playground, renovated signposts and new pathway to Eden Bridge, it was resolved to increase the precept requested for 2020/21 by 3% to £14,710.46.

17. **To consider any planning applications made and related matters:** None received

18. **To receive decisions on planning applications made:** None received

19. **To consider correspondence received**: Covered under other points

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

- Usual agenda points

21. **Date and venue of the next meeting**: 7.30 pm on Tuesday 10th December, 2019 in Renwick Reading Room

The meeting closed at 20:01

Signed: R. E. Lytollis

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 05/11/2019