

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th October, 2015 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.

Present:	Mrs I Henderson	Mr A Jackson	Mrs J Tea (Vice Chair)	Mr R Pickthall
	Mr J Little	Mr R Blenkharn	Mrs S Quinn (Chair)	Mr J Haugh
	Mr N Jackson	Mr R Cranston	Mr R W Raine	Mr B Smythe (Broadband)
	Mr J R Raine	County & District Cllr Robinson		Mrs R Lytollis

MINUTES

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None
2. **To receive apologies**- None
3. **Minutes**: It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 8th September, 2015 as a true record (proposed Mr R Pickthall, seconded by Mr R W Raine, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of previous meetings**- None
5. **To receive an update on high speed broadband in the county**
Mr B Smythe reported that there had been some progress:
 - Cumbria County Council have now fixed the intervention areas for Phase 2. They have accepted the proposals for altnets (e.g. Lonsdale Network Services and Solway Communications) and Lonsdale Network Services will work over the next few years to provide the service to all households in rural areas.
 - The cabinet on the bridge in Kirkoswald is to be live by early to mid November. This will benefit those properties within a mile of the cabinet and will cover the village itself. There was some confusion as to whether the road to Eden Bridge will need to be closed as BT have said that they can work with traffic management and don't need to close the road. However, confirmation from TLENT have stated that the road must be closed for health and safety reasons, to look after their workforce. It is expected that the road will be closed for up to 7 days to do the work, but it might be less. It was agreed that Mr Smythe will notify the Clerk to let her know the situation.

- A meeting is to be held with the Head of BDUK, along with other sub-coordinators and Rory Stewart MP, to lobby them about the change of approach for Phase 3 funding and push for a better use of public funding to ensure that rural locations get help during this phase. Councillors passed on the thanks to Mr Smythe for all his work.

6. **To discuss signposts in the Parish**- Mrs S Quinn reported that she had spoken to Mr Terry Moor but unfortunately he doesn't carry out work on War Buoys signs. He explained how Mr David Gosling and he work together on many projects. Mrs S Quinn asked him if there are any other companies that carry out this type of work in order to get a comparative quote. He said that there is one other individual in Cumbria but his work has been so poor the work had to be redone. Mrs S Quinn explained that we need to get an additional quote and Mr David Gosling gave her the name of a firm in Brampton. They do this type of work in West Cumbria but it is actually he that does the repair work on their behalf. They have provided us with quote, but as expected it is higher than that from Mr David Gosling. It was agreed to apply for grant funding from Friends of the Lake District (request £4000). It was agreed to approach the school to ask if they would like to do a project on the signs work as their support can benefit such an application. Councillors were delighted to hear that the work on the Old Cumberland signs has now started and is being carried out by Cumbria County Council (by Mr David Gosling and Mr Terry Moore). It was also agreed apply to the Community Fund for £2000. It is hoped that most of the costs can be covered from the grants, but County & District Cllr Robinson suggested that some match funding might be needed. It was agreed to ask Mr Terry Moore to report progress to the Clerk who will forward it to councillors. It was agreed to also look into the possibility of National Lottery Funding (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr R Blenkarn, unanimous vote).

7. **To discuss footway lights**- Councillors considered the reports received from Mr Chris Slater. Mrs S Quinn reported that in Renwick, two of the three lights that were pending on the last report have now been approved. The final one was not approved. In Renwick as a whole, six lights are remaining and five are being removed. It was noted that if more than 50% of the lights are removed the parish council could submit an objection.

In Kirkoswald, of the seven lights that had been pending, two are still so. Mrs S Quinn agreed to speak to Mr Chris Slater over concerns that the light near the school will be lost in time, making the footpath from the top to the bottom of the village very dark. A councillor asked whether the parish council could precept the pay for the street lights. It was noted that they can however the cost of changing bulbs etc. must be remembered as they can be very substantial. There is also the possibility of installing solar or LED lights. It was agreed to determine the position of the lights still classed as pending.

8. **To discuss the painting of benches and railings**

Mr N Jackson reported that since the September meeting he has painted two of the benches and has removed the undergrowth around them. He plans to paint the bench in the Square in Kirkoswald next and the railings will be completed by Mr Bob Parker shortly. It was noted that the benches at High Bankhill and Roods Place look okay. A parishioner in Staffield has asked if some planters can be added. Councillors said that they had no objections to them, thanking the parishioner for their work and also Mr N Jackson for painting the benches.

9. **To discuss uses of phone boxes**- It has now been confirmed that the phone box in Kirkoswald is to be fitted with a defibrillator. Mrs S Quinn agreed to speak to Elaine Thompson from Lazonby & District First Responders to ascertain how they are involved in the scheme.

10. **To receive any updates on the Community Led Plan and councillor led areas**

- Footpath towards Eden Bridge- Mrs S Quinn reported that she had emailed the land owner explaining that the work to the road wouldn't be done until TELNET have first completed their work. The land owner was pleased that she had contacted him and said that he will comment when he has ascertained how successful the drainage work has been. The land agent Charles Baker hasn't been in touch recently. There is no date as yet for the drainage work but it will be within this financial year. It was noted that there have been some changes to schedules due to the Tour of Britain. It was agreed that it is an ongoing matter which is being closely monitored.

11. To receive a report from County & District Cllr Robinson

County and District Cllr Robinson said that there are cuts being made in many areas. There will be no extra gritting for the Renwick area, with no changes to gritting routes. Within the parish as a whole it was agreed that Kirkoswald village is quite fortunate as there is more than one route to Penrith.

- #### **12. To consider any Police issues arising-** It was reported that there is a new P.C.S.O. for the area. There have been a number of crimes in the parish, including a bike taken from a local farm. Parishioners are asked to ensure that they lock windows and doors and report anything suspicious. Also please hide key and don't keep car keys near the front door.

13. To discuss issues relating to Cumbria in Bloom & Britain in Bloom

Mrs S Quinn reported that the BIB results will be announced on Friday. Mrs Quinn said that she will let everyone to know the results. The calendars are now available showing the photo competition entries. The calendars cost £6.50 and will be on sale at the farmers market. They will also be advertised in the pub.

14. To receive the Highwayman's Report and discuss matters related to Highway

- Parking in Kirkoswald village (including outside the Church Institute)- The Clerk showed councillors a diagram with the 'Keep Clear' marking and they were happy with it. It was agreed to speak to Mr John Banks and ask him to refer the parking issue to the Traffic Dept.. Councillors agreed that they wouldn't like to see yellow lines put down through the village. It was agreed to mention this in the Raven. Mr J Little brought up his concern for dog walkers/ pedestrians out in the dark as they can be very difficult to see. Councillors agreed that those walking after dark and early in the morning should be wearing high visibility jackets for their own safety.
- Winter Planning- already covered.
- Footpaths- at the top of the village (one flag and two kerbstones)- Mrs S Quinn said that she had emailed Mr John Banks to say that councillors were concerned about the standard of the work. He said that the planned work has not been done yet and the work to date was a temporary measure to cover the Tour of Britain.
- Mrs S Quinn also reported to Mr John Banks that the parish council didn't feel it was our place to ask for private parking signs to be removed. He said that he can request that residents don't park on it and ask that signs be removed. He can send a letter stating that this is County Council land and that they shouldn't be parked on it and as such there should be no signs suggesting that it is private parking. One councillor asked whether the signs are actually deterring other parking. Mr J Little proposed that the letter be sent (9 councillors voted in favour).
- Highways- Moss on the footpaths in Renwick. It was reported that the paths have been cleared but the moss is now growing back and needs spraying. The County Council haven't come around this year and it was resolved that the Clerk email them to ask that it be done.
- High Bankhill- Councillors were concerned that the stones on the verge need to be removed as they can damage to vehicles. Although the verges generally belong to Cumbria County Council those putting them the verges can be liable for damaged caused to vehicles. It was reported that the Reay school bus (in the morning) is chewing up the verge at High Bankhill. It was agreed

that the parishioner reporting the problem would be best to contact Reays directly. It was agreed to put a notice in the Raven regarding stones and fences on road verges.

- Water on the road at the Mains- Mr R Pickthall said that he felt that it was linked to a spring. The water has dried up at the moment. It was agreed that the Clerk report the problem to United Utilities.

15. To receive the Financial Report

- The Clerk ensured that all councillors had a copy of the monthly cash flow spreadsheet. Mrs J Tea checked the bank statement balances to the spreadsheet.
- To make payments of bills
It was resolved to make the following payments
Clerk's Salary & Expenses £266.76 (Chq No: 100914)
(Proposed by Mr N Jackson, seconded by Mr A Jackson, unanimous vote)
Mrs J Tea (Paint Thinners) £ 14.99 (Chq No: 100915)
Proposed by Mr N Jackson, seconded by Mr J Little, unanimous vote)
- To give out information on grants and cash flow prior to the November budgeting meeting
The Clerk gave out details of grants made in the previous three years and applications received to do. It was agreed that the Clerk chase up the application for Renwick Church.

16. To consider any planning applications made and related matters

- 15/0855 Mr J Farish, Land at Springfield, Kirkoswald CA10 1EX- Fully support application (proposed by Mr R W Raine, Mr R Pickthall, unanimous vote).
- 15/0904 Dr M John, Wells House, Renwick, Penrith CA10 1JY- Fully support application (proposed by Mrs J Tea, Mr R Blenkharn, unanimous vote).

17. To receive decisions on planning applications made- None

18. To consider correspondence received- covered elsewhere.

19. To receive Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

- Budgeting meeting

20. Date of the next meeting- 7.00pm on Tuesday 10th November, 2015 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 13/10/2015

Meeting closed at 9.05pm