

## **KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14th June, 2016 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 S Quinn	Mrs J Tea	Mr J Little	Mr A Jackson
Mr R Cranston	Mrs I Henderson	Mr J Haugh	Mr N Jackson
Mr R Pickthall	Mr S Harvey	Mr R Raine	Mr B Smythe
Mr J R Raine	Mrs R Lytollis	County & District Cllr Robinson	

- Parking in the Square (particularly the area between the War Memorial and The Crown)- It was noted that the problem is becoming bad, making it very difficult for those who live in the area. The parishioner said that they had no issue with parking in the Square but with cars that block the entrance and exit. Councillors considered what could be done and agreed that they had sympathy for local residents who should be entitled to park near their home. It was noted that a 'No Parking' sign had been added and councillors wondered if the white lined area could be extended?

## **MINUTES**

### **ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING**

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None
2. **To receive apologies**: Mr R Blenkharn
3. **Minutes**: It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Little, 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 said that he had attended a meeting last week between Jonathan Harris and Connecting Cumbria. He said that it had been quite open and helpful. They had looked at the area outside Kirkoswald parish. BT are now mapping the Low Plains area where you join the A6. When this has been carried out it goes to BDUK, who sanction the spending.
  - Phase 2 funding- Eden area have been caught quite badly in the phase 1 spending. It must be done on value for money and there is no priority being given to rural areas in phase 2. It was noted that more will be known by the end of quarter 1 of 2017, when analysis of the data has been carried out

to assess how many will benefit. In the Low Plains area a resident is working with Lonsdale Network Services to install a repeater. 10 new users or a payment from a number of households will allow the installation. Mrs J Tea said that Lonsdale Network Services had been brilliant in Renwick.

- Other technology- satellite users are now trying to get a repeater mast as the satellite system isn't working sufficiently well. There is also a one second delay which means that conversations are not possible.
- Councillors thanked Mr B Smythe for his work. They agreed that fundamentally it requires a public commitment to the project. One councillor asked what was happening in rural areas of Scotland for example- Mr Smythe promised to look into this.

6. **To discuss parking in Kirkoswald** (brought forward to agenda point 5)

- Parking on the narrowed section- It was reported that the cones were put out recently and a villager drove over a cone and dragged it up through the village. Councillors agreed that perhaps they should consider that it could be an ambulance getting to him or his family.
- Councillors discussed the possibility of installing bollards or putting cones in the Square but agreed that they wanted to avoid them as it is parish land. Cllr Robinson suggested double yellow lines. It was agreed that the Clerk take advice from CALC and the parish council insurers on bollards and signage etc.
- Mrs S Quinn reported that she had put an article in the Raven on the subject. It was underlined that it was on behalf of Mrs S Quinn and not the parish council.
- Cllr Robinson agreed to speak to Mr Jonathan Smith (Highways Dept.) and also to take advice on what is lawful.
- It was agreed to bring this to the next meeting. Councillors thanked the parishioner for coming to the meeting.

7. **To receive any update on street lighting**

Mrs S Quinn read out the Footway Lighting update. She reported that she had sent a letter to Chris Slater reporting that some parts of the village have been left in darkness with uneven pavements. She has now been informed however that Chris Slater has moved on and so she will now send letter to Amanda Ward instead. It was noted that the light at High Bankhill is still on.

8. **To receive an update on the use of the phone boxes**

- Defibrillators- Councillors received an update from Mrs S Quinn. She said that she had been in touch with John Sherlock and received an email from Morag Miles. It was noted that some defibrillators are available from the British Heart Foundation. They require a cabinet (which cost about £850), a trickle feed of electricity and replacement pads, razors and gloves.

9. **To receive an update on the upkeep of Kirkoswald Church Institute**- Mr J Haugh reported that there was nothing much to report at present. The subcommittee is looking into the possibility of accessing grants. Mr Brian Smythe has come on board to help. County & District Cllr Robinson suggested applying for a Police and Crime Commissioners grant, and to the Eden Fund, the Community funds and the 0-19 Years Fund. She also suggested speaking to the Church Commissioners to discuss a possible assets transfer.

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

- Footpath towards Eden Bridge- Councillors were pleased to see that the work has been completed. A recent downpour had tested the scheme and the water ran away properly. It was agreed that Mrs S Quinn approach the land owner again to see how he felt it had coped.

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

- County & District Cllr Robinson reported that Highways Dept. have been busy fixing roads and bridges following damage caused by the December floods.
- She said that she was not aware of any Police issues at present.
- Cllr Robinson said that she is now a member of the CRASH group which looks at speed enforcement in the areas. She said that there had been no complaints from Kirkoswald but the group can organise for speed checks to be carried out if desired.
- Councillors reported that there are weeds on the Eden Bridge and as the summer progresses they will become more unsightly. Cllr Robinson agreed to chase up their removal.
- Demesnes Corner/ Parkhead Road- white lines are being added.

**12. To consider any Police issues arising- nothing**

**13. To discuss issues relating to Cumbria in Bloom** – Mrs S Quinn reported that the judging will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> July. She has put the information booklet together. A Boon Night will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> July in readiness. It was noted that the judging date is earlier than in previous years. An article is being put in the Raven to make parishioners aware of it and also a note about dog fouling.

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

Mr J R Raine reported that the:

- Work has now been completed at the College Flats and they have made a good job.
- Potholes around the parish have been repaired.
- Sides of the roads in some parts need to be topped up.

Others reported that the:

- Cobbles at the top of the village seem to have been put in properly. Some have been put in concrete previously and other in sand (proper way). Councillors agreed that they were happy to draw a line under the concrete ones for now.
- Grit bins- It was agreed to send an email reminding Highways Dept. that we have been promised some bins and ask that they be installed by the autumn.

**15. To receive the Financial Report**

- The Clerk ensured that all councillors had a copy of the cash flow spreadsheet. Mrs J Tea checked this to the monthly bank statements.
- To make payments of bills (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr R Pickthall, unanimous vote):

AON UK Limited	£765.50	(Chq No: 100936)
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£297.36	(Chq No: 100937)
Mr N Jackson (Paint)	£ 38.70	(Chq No: 100938)

(Councillors expressed their thanks for painting the benches and to Bob Parker who is to clean down the railings. Councillors were also grateful to the parishioners in Staffield who have done a good job with the painting. It was agreed to send a letter of thanks).
- To approve the Annual Return 2015/16  
Councillors reviewed the Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 and resolved to approve the Annual Return 2015/16 (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr R Pickthall, unanimous vote).

**16. To consider any planning applications made and related matters**

- 16/0401 Mr J Stobart, Croglin High Hall Farm, Armathwaite, Carlisle CA4 9SG- Erection of 2 Log Cabins for holiday accommodation- No comments
- Work at Acacia Cottage- no planning documents sent to parish council

**17. To receive decisions on planning applications made- None**

**18. To consider correspondence received**

- Email about Staffield phone box
- Noticeboard- Email regarding the position of the board in the centre of the village. It has been suggested there could perhaps be a second noticeboard next to the map by the pubs. Councillors agreed that this was a good idea. It was suggested that KEG might contribute to the cost. It was agreed to ask permission from the pub for a noticeboard, of the same design as others, to be installed.
- Seat at Demesnes (strimming of the verges)- Mr N Jackson offered to strim the area around the bin at Vial Moor Ends if the contractor has not done so.

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

- Usual agenda points
- Parking
- Grit bins

**20. Date of the next meeting: 7.30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 in Kirkoswald Church Institute**

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 14/06/2016

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm