

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12th July, 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.

Public: Two Kirkoswald residents attended the meeting to speak about problems that their dog is having each year. They said that their dog had suffered from severe diarrhoea on a number of occasions over the summer. They said that there is another dog with identical and another with similar symptoms. They were concerned that these incidents might coincide with the spraying of the weeds in the village. The residents' vet has asked for details of the chemicals used. They asked if it would be possible to have the dates of when spraying is to be carried out. Mrs S Quinn reported that the person who carries out the spraying is highly qualified and only uses the correct chemicals. Councillors said that it is not possible to give future spraying dates as it is weather-dependent.

Planning Application in Renwick- Two Renwick residents spoke to the meeting, saying that they were concerned about the proposed property. It was noted that the entrance was of particular concern with anticipated problems with deliveries and vehicles entering and exiting. The residents said that they were concerned that it could be hazardous for C2C tourists coming through. They said that they felt the development would be out of character.

It was resolved to bring points forward to 6 and 7.

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

MINUTES

ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING

1. **To receive any declarations of interest-** None
2. **To receive apologies:** Mr J R Raine, Mr R Pickthall, Mr R Blenkharn, Mr A Jackson & Mr J Little
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 14th June, 2016 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr R Cranston, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of previous meetings:** Covered under other agenda points

5. **To receive an update on high speed broadband in the county**

Mr B Smythe reported that there has been no change from last time regarding Connecting Cumbria. Lonsdale Network Services are trying to move forward. After a councillor raised it at the meeting Mr Smythe had looked at how Scotland is progressing compared to Cumbria. He said that in the Highlands and Islands the targets are very similar (they want to achieve 95% area coverage by the end of 2016). This will result in something similar to Eden area. In Scotland, aerials and undersea cables are being used. It was noted that the Scottish parliament is match funding with European money. Mr Smythe said that it will be the end of this year before Phase 2 detail will be known. Councillors thanked Mr Smythe and he promised to come to the December meeting to update them on progress.

6. **To discuss parking in Kirkoswald**- County & District Cllr Robinson promised to speak to Mr J Smith of Cumbria Highways. It was noted that the Parish Council own the Square and Cumbria County Council own the cobbles to the wall and one metre along the highway. There were various suggestions to restrict access to the centre but councillors agreed that it would be better to extend the tarmac and 'Keep Clear' area to two car widths. It was reported that the problem with the cones hasn't appeared again. Mr R W Raine proposed (seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous votes) that quotes be obtained for the tarmacking area. Councillors agreed that there will be concerns from villagers regarding the covering of the cobbles but they agreed that the very limited extra area will considerably help the parking problem in the Square.

7. **To receive any update on street lighting**- No update at present.

8. **To discuss the spraying of weeds in Kirkoswald**

Councillors continued to discuss the matter raised in the public section of the meeting. It was noted that the weed spraying has been carried out for year. Mr Campbell Logue has the necessary accreditation and spraying is carried out three times per year in Kirkoswald and twice in Renwick. Councillors agreed to pass a copy of the letter received to Campbell Logue so that he is aware of the problem raised. Mrs S Quinn gave details of the strength of the chemicals used. It was noted that the Parish Council had chosen to accept Mr Logue's tender partly because he is considered an expert in the field. It was noted that it is difficult to give notice of exactly when spraying will take place as it is weather dependent. It was suggested that signs could be put up when spraying is taking place. The parishioners present said that notification would be helpful. It was noted that the second spray will be limited as most weeds have now gone.

9. **To discuss seasonal celebrations**

- Mrs S Quinn said that it has been suggested that a Christmas tree could be put up in the Square which could be lit with LED battery lights. After the meeting, councillors looked at potential positions. It was agreed that near the War Memorial (perhaps inside the railings) would be a good option.

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

- Defibrillators- Mrs S Quinn reported that she had contacted BT to establish the up-to-date position regarding the boxes. She had said that all three boxes within the parish area are earmarked for defibrillators. Fundraising for defibrillators is underway and it is understood that a defibrillator is earmarked for Kirkoswald. Councillors agreed to look at one for Renwick.

11. **To receive an update on the upkeep of Kirkoswald Church Institute**- Mr J Haugh reported that there was no change at present but there will be a meeting on Thursday night.

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

- Footpath towards Eden Bridge- Mrs S Quinn read through the email exchange she had had with the land owner. He is waiting for weather to fully test the new drains. Councillors suggested that perhaps a site meeting might be in order after that.

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

- The Tour of Britain cycle race is coming through Kirkoswald on Monday 5th September. It was noted that Cumbria County Council grants are available to help toward the costs of organising the event. It was suggested that the bunting be put up in the village again. It was agreed that Mr J Haugh liaise with the village hall committee.
- The next Local Committee meeting will be held next week.

14. To consider any Police issues arising- None

15. To discuss issues relating to Cumbria in Bloom

Mrs S Quinn reported that the judging took place last Thursday. The presentation board and booklet used are available to look at in the shop. Judges were impressed to see a wide bodied chaser dragonfly which has not been reported in this area before. Their attention was also drawn to the flood clearance work that was carried out by volunteers when 65 bags of Appleby sewerage treatment plant bricks were removed. Councillors thanked all volunteers and Sue and Howard Quinn.

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

- Grit bins- The new bins were requested at the end of last winter. It was agreed that the Clerk ask Highways Dept. to install them as quickly as possible.

17. To receive the Financial Report

- It was resolved to make the following payments of bills (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote):

Clerk's Salary & Expenses (July 2016)	£ 295.72	(Chq No: 100939)
Clerk's Salary (August 2016)	£ 253.32	(Chq No: 100940)
Mrs J Dawes (Internal Audit Fee)	£ 65.00	(Chq No: 101041)

- Clerk's annual salary pay scale review- It was agreed to increase the hourly rate paid in line with the national recommendation (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote).

18. To consider any planning applications made and related matters

16/0575 Mr & Mrs Bousfield, Land Adjacent to Harberry, Renwick, Penrith CA10 1JL- Outline application for proposed residential development (three dwellings)- Two local residents spoke to councillors in the open section of the meeting, highlighting their concerns. The Clerk reported that she had also received a letter from another resident who was unable to attend. Residents said that they were concerned about access to the site, that there are a number of properties for sale in the village and there are other developments in the village still being completed. Councillors considered the application. They felt that the site had a better entrance than some in the village as it is laid out to council requirements but agreed that there are still some market-led houses for sale in the village. Five councillors voted in favour of sending a reply of 'no comment', one voted against it and one abstained.

16/0281 Mrs P Livesey, White Cottage, Alston CA9 3BW- No comment (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote)

19. To receive decisions on planning applications made- None

20. To consider correspondence received

- Letters of thanks have been received after grant cheques were sent out.
- Fellside Ladies have asked to put up signs to suggest routes for light exercise. Councillors said that many common areas are owned by individuals but they had no particular objections if the landowners were in agreement.

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

- Remove broadband point from the agenda
- Grit bins
- Gravel at the Eden Bridge (Cllr Robinson agreed to ask Highways Dept. as it is changing the route of the river and has taken a wall out on the Lazonby side).
- Signposts- grant money

22. Date of the next meeting- 7.30 pm on Tuesday 13th September, 2016 in Renwick Reading Room

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 12/07/2016