

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Extraordinary meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 30th April, 2014 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.

<u>Present:</u>	Mr J Little	Mrs I Henderson	Mrs P Bowman (Chair)	Mr J Haugh
	Mr N Jackson	Mrs J Tea	Mr A Jackson	Mr R Cranston
	Mr G Brown	Mr J R Raine	County & District Cllr Robinson	
	Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)			

MINUTES

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- The Chair began by welcoming Mr A Jackson as a new councillor.
1. **To receive any declarations of interest-** Mrs P Bowman (14/0281- Wind turbine application- family member but no financial interest)
 2. **To receive any apologies-** Mr R W Raine (away)
 3. **To discuss the repair of fingerposts in the parish and possible grant application**
Jane, Neville, unanimous.
Light in the cobbled area- to be installed shortly (Cllr Robinson). Well done Mary.
 4. **To discuss the following planning applications:**
 - **14/0281 - Mr R Bowman- R & C Bowman, Land to the South East of Ainstable, Ainstable, Carlisle-** Erection of a wind turbine measuring 50m to hub and 77m to blade tip and associated infrastructure including an access track, hard standing and a transformer

Councillors looked at details of the application. Mrs Tea recalled that the parish council had been against the proposed wind turbine application Lazonby parish several years ago. Two other councillors agreed. A number of councillors said that they had spoken to members of the parish to taking soundings of opinion. County & District Cllr Robinson spoke to the council about the impact on residents, visual beauty and tourism. It was agreed that if this application is successful then it would set a precedent for others along the Eden Valley.

Mrs J Tea proposed that the council object to the application. Mrs I Henderson seconded this. Seven councillors voted in favour of doing so (with two abstentions) for the following reasons:

1. Councillors believe that there will be a detrimental effect on the local community (including noise pollution and flickering light levels). A number of councillors have taken soundings from local residents in various villages within the parish and the vast majority of people are strongly opposed to the plan.

2. There will be a considerable, negative visual impact on a large surrounding area.

3. The Eden Valley relies on tourism for a considerable proportion of its income. Councillors believe that wind turbines will result in a loss of grant funding and tourist revenue, impacting considerably on the large numbers of small businesses which rely on these income streams to operate. This will obviously affect local employment.

4. Councillors are aware of the inefficiencies of wind turbines in terms of energy production.

5. Councillors are very concerned about the long term impact on the area as redundant turbines have been left unused in other areas of the country. Their large concrete imprint makes it difficult to turn fields back to agriculture even if the turbine itself is removed.

- **14/0344 Mr & Mrs Bousfield- The Ramblings, Renwick, Penrith CA10 1JT** Listed Building Consent- In favour (proposed by Mr J R Raine, seconded by Mr N Jackson, unanimous vote).
- **14/ 0292 Mr & Mrs N Edmondson, 7 Ravenghyll, Kirkoswald, Penrith CA10 1DQ** - In favour (proposed by Mrs I Henderson, Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote).
- **14/0339 Mr D Noble, 10A Roods Drive, Kirkoswald, Penrith CA10 1EH** - In favour (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Little, unanimous vote).

5. **Date of the next meeting**- A.G.M. at 7.00pm on Tuesday 13th May, 2014 in Kirkoswald Church Institute followed immediately by the ordinary monthly meeting.

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 30/04/14