

# **KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 13th December, 2016 in Renwick Reading Room.**

**PUBLIC OPEN MEETING** (15 Mins): One present

**Present:** Mrs S Quinn (Chair), Mr J R Raine, Mr A Jackson, Mr R Cranston, Mr J Haugh, Mrs J Tea (Vice Chair), Mr R W Raine, Mr R Pickthall, Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk), Mr B Smythe (Broadband), Mr J Little & Mr N Jackson

### **MINUTES**

#### **ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING**

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None
2. **To receive apologies**- Mrs I Henderson & County & District Cllr Robinson
3. **Minutes:** To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 as a true record (proposed by Mr R Raine, seconded by Mr R Pickthall, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of previous meetings**  
It was noted that the new grit bins have not been place as requested.
5. **To discuss the co-option of a new councillor**- Councillors were sorry that Mr Roger Blenkharn had resigned and expressed their thanks for his hard work. It was resolved that the Clerk report his resignation to Eden District Council and ask them to draw up an advert for the vacancy.
6. **To discuss broadband services in the parish**
  - Mr Craig Brass from Lonsdale Network Services sent his apologies as he was going to attend. Mr B Smythe reported that Lonsdale Network Services have been having problems with their network. He said that Gamblesby village now have the service but a number of other villages are still struggling with phones and the internet (including Staffield and Renwick). The 'voiceover ip' drops out when there are problems with the internet/ electricity. Mr B Smythe said that Lonsdale have recently done a bulk purchase of land lines and they are now available from them for £5. It was noted that EE are also having network problems in this area too, which might be due to electrical supplies. Some councillors said that they had experienced problems with their service.

Mr Smythe said that Lonsdale have seen that their network has gone into overload. They are looking to fibre up Gamblesby (coming from a new mast in the village). This will be extended to Glassonby and Unthank. It is hoped that it will reach Renwick in the longer term. He said that it is a very positive move by Lonsdale and it will provide a much more resilient service for users (this is all subject to wayleaves being given). A public meeting will be held in time to discuss this.

- Connecting Cumbria- Phase 2- no significant changes.
7. **To receive any update on the parish land at Scalehouses**- It was reported that although there are nettles over the gully, they are not blocking it and as there is plenty of fall, the water is running away freely. Mrs S Quinn reported that KEG are to make a site visit. It was concluded that there is no danger to properties in the vicinity.
  8. **To receive any update on the Christmas tree**- Councillors were delighted that the tree was in place and asked the Clerk to send letters of thanks to those who had been involved. They were pleased at the good turnout for the switching on of the lights and expressed their thanks for the mince pies and drinks (especially to Tony, Becky and Bill Nicks) and to Jane, who had played the organ for the carols. Councillors agreed that it had been a great success this year and hoped to do it again in 2017, with perhaps a few more lights and a star. It was noted that there had been lots and lots of positive comments from villagers. About £97 was raised on the night (for the village hall).
  9. **To receive any update on defibrillators**- The new sign has been installed.
  10. **To receive an update on the upkeep of Kirkoswald Church Institute**- Nothing to report
  11. **To receive any updates on the Community Led Plan and councillor led areas**
    - Footpath towards Eden Bridge- The Chair read out a letter that she had received from Savills. Councillors agreed that there was a bit of progress. Councillors agreed that the need for stiles would prevent those with push chairs/ wheelchairs accessing the site. It was noted that signs would also be needed to state that it is permissible footpath. It was agreed that the Clerk look into the insurance side of the project. It was agreed that the Chair contact the land owner (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr R Pickthall, unanimous vote).
  12. **To receive a report from County & District Cllr Robinson**- Unable to attend.
  13. **To consider any Police issues arising**- It was reported that two policemen had recently stopped a car (a silver Vauxhall) and it was found to be carrying a gun. It was agreed to mention it to County & District Cllr Robinson.
  14. **To receive an update on the removal of gravel from the Eden at Eden Bridge**- Mrs S Quinn said that there had been two responses from Mr Rory Stewart MP. Cumbria County Council have responsibility for it and he has referred it to Doug Coyle. Mrs S Quinn said that she is awaiting a response from him. Councillors agreed that they will need to be seen as doing something as the matter has been flagged up. It was agreed the bridge has been engineered to take the flow of water in the correct direction and it was important to ensure that it isn't changed.
  15. **To receive the Highwayman's Report and discuss matters related to Highway**
    - Mr J R Raine reported that there is water on the road by Parkhead Road End.
    - There is water coming from a field at Low Huddlesceugh and then onto the road. It is suspected that it is a burst drain.
    - Grit bins- Three grit bins have been installed at Fog Close. The parish council had requested them at High Bankhill, Roods Place and at Demense corner. It was agreed that the Clerk send a letter to Highways Dept.
    - Back lane from 5 Roads End (public road)- vehicles are getting stuck and have damaged the walls. It was agreed to ask John Banks of Highways Dept. for a sign to show that it is not suitable for vehicles.

- It was noted that the gullies need to be cleared all over the parish.
- Roads at Parkhead- Councillors were asked to consider how to solve the problem. Mr B Smythe said that he had reported the matter to Highways Dept. It was agreed that there is now mud on the road and the gullies are full. It was noted that the matter has been brought up with the person who is believed to be responsible. It was reported that this individual had agreed to meet with Mr Smythe to look at the problem. It was agreed this problem is causing frustration to parishioners in the community.
- Staffield Back Lonning (at the top)- It was reported that there appears to be a burst water main.

**16. To receive the Financial Report**

- To make payments of bills

It was resolved to make the following payments (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr A Jackson, unanimous vote):

Clerk's Salary & Expenses (December 2016)	£301.00	(Chq No: 101048)
Clerk's Salary (January 2017)	£253.32	(Chq No: 101049)
Kirkoswald Church Institute (Hire)	£104.00	(Chq No: 101050)

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

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

**19. To consider correspondence received**

- Letter from G L Armstrong- parking spaces

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

- Tenders for rental of the field
- Planning- Community Led Plan

**21. Date of the next meeting- 7.30 pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 in Kirkoswald Church Institute**

Signed: R. E. Lytollis

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 13/12/2016