

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th February, 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.

- Potholes on the way to Parkhead and Fog Close road.

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Mrs S Quinn	Mr A Jackson	Mr J Little	Mr N Jackson
	Mrs J Tea	Mr J Haugh	Mr R Cranston	Mr R Raine
	Mr R Pickthall	Mr R Blenkarn	Mr J R Raine	
	County & District Cllr Robinson		Mr B Smythe (Broadband Rep)	Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)

MINUTES

1. **To receive any declarations of interest:** None
2. **To receive apologies:** Mrs I Henderson (attending another meeting)
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 9th December, 2015 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr N Jackson, unanimous)
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 the cabinet in Kirkoswald went live before Christmas. All households in Kirkoswald should now be able to upgrade to high speed broadband. It was agreed that it would be helpful to publicise this to the local parishioners as it will have wider advantages to the community. Those within 500 m of the cabinet on the bridge should be able to get between 30 -40 meg, subject the cables. Mr Smythe reported that he had attended a meeting in Watermillock where villagers want to have their village enabled, as it seems to have been bypassed. It was noted that there is also a project underway to help those properties that are not covered by the existing work- one case study in Oxfordshire appears to have cost approximately £200 per household. The Prime Minister has made a commitment to get a 10 meg service to all properties. It is hoped that the Community Fibre Partnership with BT (under the universal service obligation) might help Renwick households. It was also noted that those households getting less than 0.5 meg download speed will be able to get funding to install a satellite service by way of vouchers. It was agreed to publicise that the superfast connection is now in place and remind parishioners that they would need to contact their provider and change contracts. Councillors thanked Mr Smythe for all his work.

6. **To discuss the proposed closure of Lazonby Fire Station**: Councillors were delighted with the news of the reprieve. It was agreed that the Clerk send an email of thanks and congratulations to the fire station
7. **To discuss signposts and the grant applications**- The Clerk reported that she has been asked to complete a second form for the application and would submit this. The Friends of The Lake District have only limited funding available this year for traditional road sign repairs and therefore this project is unlikely to qualify. Councillors agreed that the repaired signs, installed by the County Council, are looking good.
8. **To discuss street lighting**: The Chair reported that she had received a complaint about the lack of lighting at the bottom of the village. Councillors noted that there are about 5 lights out in the village with the area around the Church being difficult. It was agreed that the footway lighting doesn't fit with the commitment to light village amenities. It was reported that the light in Staffield has now gone out and is being removed as it is unfit to use. Renwick village is now also in darkness. Councillors agreed that the savings made are not obvious with only notional savings on energy costs. It was agreed that the reduced lighting is having a detrimental effect and councillors were concerned about the effects on elderly people with sticks who would struggle to carry a torch and walk on uneven roads and surfaces. It was agreed that the Clerk write to Chris Slater highlighting these concerns.
9. **To discuss arrangements for the Queen's birthday**: Two councillors reported that they have been approached about the birthday. It was agreed that any celebrations should be a community event, rather than one organised by the parish council and it was agreed to organise a public open meeting (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr R Blenkarn, unanimous vote). It was agreed to hold the meeting on Thursday 10th March and the Clerk place a separate advert in Connect. It was agreed that the aim of the meeting is to pass the organisation of the celebrations to the community and ask them what they would like to do.
10. **To discuss the upkeep of Kirkoswald Church Institute**- It was reported that a lot of people had come to the quiz night recently to support the hall funds. It was noted that there are currently problems with the upkeep of the hall (including the heating system amongst others) and an open meeting is being held on Thursday 3rd March to look at the issues. Councillors agreed to support the work if possible. County & District Cllr Robinson said that there is funding available- Village Hall grants have merged into the Eden Community funds (£10 000) as well as Heritage Lottery Funding. Applications need to be submitted during April/ May. Money may also be available from the Community Foundation, Cumbria Waste and Cumbria County Council. Councillors agreed that it is the village hall and therefore an important asset. County & District Cllr Robinson said she would be happy to work with the institute committee to help put together applications. It was noted that the committee should contact Claire Stratford at Eden District Council and they must make contact immediately. Mr J Little agreed to pass the information to Mrs L Little. It was agreed that the parish council would consider helping match funding applications.
11. **To discuss tender specifications for spraying and the parish field**: It was agreed that the Clerk advertise in the Raven for tenders for both spraying and the rental of the parish field.
12. **To receive any updates on the Community Led Plan and councillor led areas**
 - Footpath towards Eden Bridge- flooding work being carried out next week.
 - Environment Agency- It was reported that there is a build up of gravel by the bridge. It was agreed to contact the Environment Agency to highlight the concerns that it will impact on the bridge (proposed by Mr R Pickthall, seconded by Mr R Raine, unanimous vote) as it is changing

the flow of the river. It was agreed to refer it to Mr Jonathan Smith at Cumbria County Council as well and also Lazonby Parish Clerk. It was noted that the bridge is a grade 2 listed building. The Chair agreed to mention the letter to the land owner.

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

County & District Cllr Robinson said that there was little to report at present. She has been working on getting potholes filled and sorting flooding issues out.

It was noted that there is currently funding available to reduce waste produced (information available for the Area Committee) and for projects which encourage weight loss/ healthy eating/ keep fit.

14. To consider any Police issues arising- Nothing

15. To discuss issues relating to Cumbria in Bloom – The application form for this year’s entry has not yet been received. The KEG group have been busy following the flood, collecting 61 bags of waste during a recent litter pick.

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

- Grit bins- The Clerk reported that she had requested that the bins be placed as decided at the last meeting. It was agreed that as Parkhead already have one there is no need for a second bin.
- Drainage work towards the Eden Bridge- the road will be closed for 5 days for the work to be carried out.
- Trees- work needed on the road from Renwick to Longmoor. Mr R W Raine agreed that Highways can contact him to establish exactly where they are. It was agreed that the work needs to be done properly, without leaving sharp branches.
- Bad pothole at Longmoor.
- Ray Garth field (Scarrowmannick)- It was agreed that the water running down the hill will damage the road surface (B6413). It was agreed that the Clerk and County & District Cllr Robinson contact Highways Dept. about it.
- Water on the road near Mains Farm- The Clerk agreed to speak to Highways Dept. to ask if a member of their team could arrange an appointment with Mr R Pickthall, so he could show them where the water is running.
- Prospect Hill- the pothole needs filling and the cone removing.
- Gullies are blocked on the road near Mains Farm.

17. To receive the Financial Report

The Clerk ensured that councillors all had a copy of the monthly spreadsheet. The information on this was cross checked to the bank statements.

- To make payments of bills (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr A Jackson, unanimous vote)

BDO LLP (Audit Fee)	£120.00	(Chq No: 100922)
Clerk’s Salary & Expenses	£308.90	(Chq No: 100923)

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

19. To receive decisions on planning applications made

15/0904 Dr M Johns, Wells House, Renwick, Penrith CA10 1JY	Granted
15/1076 Mr R Raines, Outhwaite Farm, Renwick, Penrith CA10 1JT	Granted

20. **To consider correspondence received**

J Fenwick Tree Fund (balance statement received from the Penrith Building Society). It was agreed that the tree needs some work as cables are passing through it. It was agreed to ask Mr Campbell Logue to have a look at it.

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

- Usual agenda points
- Field tenders
- Spraying tenders

22. **Date of the next meeting:** 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8th March, 2016 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

Signed: R. E. Lytollis

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 09/02/2016

The meeting closed at 8.47 pm