

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th March, 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- No members of the public present

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Mrs P Bowman (Chair)	Mrs J Tea	Mr R Cranston
	Mr J Haugh	Mr N Jackson	Mr J Little
	Mr J R Raine	Mrs I Henderson	Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)
	Mr R Brockington (VCHG)	Mr B Smythe (Broadband Representative)	

MINUTES

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None
2. **To receive any apologies**- Mr R W Raine, Mrs K Raine (Vice Chair), Mr G Brown & County & District Cllr Robinson
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 11th February, 2014 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of the last meeting**
 - School warning lights are now working.
5. **To discuss the election of a new Parish Councillor:** The Clerk reported that she had put the Notice of Vacancy sign up in Renwick.
6. **To discuss the project being carried out by Mr Brockington for the Victoria County History Group (VCHG) on Kirkoswald village**

Mr Brockington began by thanking councillors for the interest of the Parish Council in the project. He said that in order to take the project forward he needed a small group of people informally as a support team and a number of volunteers have already come forward to help. Mr Brockington asked

for suggestions of others who might be interested in contributing. It was agreed to hold a meeting in June to launch the project to the community and Mrs P Bowman agreed to chair the initial meeting.

Mrs P Bowman suggested that the Parish Council could perhaps help by introducing Kirkoswald parishioners to Mr Brockington.

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

Mr B Smythe said that he would give a brief update, which had both good and bad news. The positive news is that Lonsdale Network Services now have mains power in place on their mast. This will give long term reliability for their service. It was also noted that negotiations are currently taking place to site a mast on Lazonby Fell. Hopefully once agreed they could install a repeater mast within weeks. This would give the majority of people in Kirkoswald the option to use their service.

The bad news however is that Cumbria County Council are not planning to carry out any more work to the cabinets at present. It was noted that how regional commitments will be met will not be known until end of 2015. It was reported that District Cllr Gordon Nicolson feels that only approximately 80% of households in Eden will be able to access high speed service. He is now taking this concern forward. It was noted that a further tranche of money is to become available soon to help properties that are outside the main programme. Mr Smythe said that some parish and town councils are looking at direct action (if the situation to properties outside the main area doesn't improve). The only way that they could do this is by generating funding through the precept.

It was noted that the cost of the Lonsdale service is just under £20 per month for broadband only, with a set up cost fee of approximately £120. *Terms and conditions from Brian.*

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

- Footpath towards Eden Bridge- It was agreed that the Clerk arrange the meeting. Mrs P Bowman said that she was not available on either a Monday morning or a Thursday afternoon. It was resolved that the Clerk contact the land agent, Mr Charles Baker (who will liaise with the land owner), Highways Dept. and County & District Cllr Robinson to agree a date for the site meeting.

9. **To receive a report from County & District Cllr Robinson** – County & District Cllr Robinson sent her apologies and asked that councillors be reminded of the meeting about the proposed wind turbine planning application in Ainstable Church Institute at 7.30pm on Thursday 13th March .

10. **To consider any Police issues arising**

Nothing recorded.

11. **To discuss repair work to the War Memorial and tenders received**

The Clerk reported that she had not received any tenders for the work. It was resolved that Mr J Haugh approach Mr Bob Parker for a quotation.

12. **To discuss the land at Quebec**

Mr J Haugh and Mr N Jackson reported that they had gone to look at the area and said that some work had been done there. They reported that the flower bed at The Sparrows has been tended as well as the grass. The wall damaged by flood waters has now been rebuilt (with block and facing), the only slight difference from the original being that a flagstone has been placed at the bottom of the steps. It was noted that area is owned by the Parish Council and the maintenance work had been vounteered by

parishioners. It was noted that another area has been reinforced and now just needs to be finished off. Mr N Jackson and Mr J Haugh agreed to look at it.

Critically it was reported that a drain pipe has been undermined by flood waters which have ripped away the gravel bed. It was agreed that this matter be chased again.

13. To discuss the land at Scalehouses

Mr J Haugh and Mr N Jackson agreed to look at the area to decide if any work is needed and the extent of any problems.

14. To discuss the Parish Field

- Repair work to walls- The Clerk reported that no tenders have been received. Mr J R Raine agreed to speak to Mr Kenny Dixon to obtain a quotation.

15. To discuss issues relating to Cumbria in Bloom & Britain in Bloom

The Chair reported that she had received a report about the poor condition of the sign at the bottom of Sandhill. It was agreed that the Clerk forward the email to councillors for them to look at along with the sign. It was agreed to place the item on the next agenda and Mr J R Raine agreed to speak to Highways Dept. to establish where the job is positioned on the work list.

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

- Mr J R Raine and Mrs P Bowman reported that they went around the parish recently to look at problem areas.
- Trees on Longmoor Road- It was noted that these have been cut back, although untidily.
- Street light near noticeboard in Kirkoswald
- Mr J R Raine said that the road through Parkhead is a disgrace, covered in thick soil. Councillors said that they fully back the many parishioners who have voiced their complaints about it. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Highways Dept. and ask them to visit the site (the Quarry) to look at the extent of the mud being brought onto the road by the tractor visiting the site (proposed by Mrs I Henderson, seconded by Mr J R Raine, unanimous vote). It was noted that the drain has been cleaned out at Potterbank but there is still water running through the hedge.
- Massive puddle at the top of Scalerigg.
- Mr R Cranston also noted that the problem at Demense corner is no better. Mr J R Raine confirmed that it is on the works list to be done.
- Mr J Little reported that the Scales and Nether Haresceugh linnings are really bad for affected with potholes.

17. To receive the Financial Report

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

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£323.85	(Chq No: 100857)
Cumbria in Bloom	£ 25.00	(Chq No: 100856)

18. To consider any planning applications made and related matters

- Vehicle access to properties/ planning applications on The Back Lane, Kirkoswald- The Clerk reported that planning permission is not needed to create vehicular access onto a non A or B road.

19. To receive decisions on planning applications made- None

20. To consider correspondence received- Already covered

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

- Beer Festival- The Square, Kirkoswald- It was asked if councillors would consider having no parking for the weekend to allow the festival to overrun. It was agreed to place the point at the beginning of agenda for the April meeting. It was suggested that additional parking over the weekend would be available at the football car park and field.

22. **Date of the next meeting**- 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th April, 2014 in Renwick Reading Room

Signed: R. E. Lytollis

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 11/03/14