

## **KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Ordinary Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. This meeting took place virtually due to Covid 19 restrictions**

**PUBLIC OPEN MEETING (Maximum time 15 mins total, with 5 mins per individual):** *Members of the public are asked to submit questions to the Clerk (by telephone or email) by 12 pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. Parishioners can join the session electronically or by telephone, and should contact the Clerk for instructions. If they are unable to do so, the Clerk will contact them with a response after the meeting.*

Mr Brian Smythe addressed the Parish Council about broadband provision: Mr Smythe had sent a report to councillors prior to the meeting and gave a brief explanation of the project to date. He explained the costing from the quotes received so far, as part of the voucher scheme.

Mr Smythe said:

- Need to bring everything together into a project: He said that there is a £500k voucher cap on the community as a whole. He said that by bringing the community together as a whole it will benefit the more rural communities, which cost more to connect than those in villages.
- Mr Smythe suggested going with B4RN as they offer the best package for all properties, but to be successful project co-ordinators will need to go to residents and landowners to explain the process.
- Mr Smythe said that the timescale is tight and there will be much work for the community to get involved in. Mr Smythe said that he is prepared to co-ordinate the project, backed by an enthusiastic committee of others. He said that he will report back to the parish council.

Mrs S Quinn asked councillors for any comments/ or questions: None

Mrs S Quinn said that she had sent an email to councillors prior to the meeting, giving details of possible schemes. She suggested that Lonsdale should have until the end of the week to respond and if they don't do so, then ask B4RN to go ahead and carry out the survey work (proposed by Mrs S Quinn, seconded by Mrs W Smith, unanimous vote).

A councillor suggested that they didn't think it would be fair if households in the village had to pay £150 while those in the countryside pay nothing. They suggested that it should be a level playing field and other councillors agreed.

Mrs W Smith said that there are some other possible ways of funding the connections, possibly by buying shares.

Mr Smythe explained that the reduced rural community costs was due to the government Borderland voucher scheme. He has asked that the scheme be equalised across the parish, to encourage those in the village to join the scheme, thereby giving the numbers for it to go ahead. Mr Smythe said he hoped that after the full survey, then B4RN would agree.

**Present:** Mrs S Quinn (Chair), Mrs J Tea (Vice Chair), Mr J Haugh, Mr N Jackson, Mrs W Smith, Mrs I Henderson, Mr A Jackson, Mr J Little, Mr R Cranston, Mr N Edmundson, Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk), District Cllr Robinson & Mr B Smythe (Broadband)

## MINUTES

### ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING

1. **To receive any declarations of interest:** Mrs S Quinn (Financial Payments)
2. **To receive apologies:** Mr J R Raine, District Cllr Driver & Mrs J Faulkner
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 as a true record, with the following amendment:

Isa Henderson: Not present

#### **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting:**

Village Shop: Money is being gathered and it is understood that there is a buyer for the flat

Viol Moor: Clerk to chase the Planning Department

4. **To discuss broadband provision:** Discussed above
5. **To discuss the proposed running track:** Mrs J Faulkner was unable to attend the meeting. Councillors agreed that they were happy to support the project, and want it to go ahead, but felt that the running group would need to pay for the cost of the insurance (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mrs I Henderson, unanimous vote).
6. **To discuss the parish field:** Mr J Haugh reported that some spike posts needed to be replaced and the bushes need to be trimmed back. After checking the tenancy contract it was agreed that it was the Parish Council's responsibility and Mr A Jackson agreed to carry out the work.
7. **To receive the Financial Report**
  - It was resolved to make the following payments of bills due (proposed by Mr J Little, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote):

Mrs S Quinn (Voucher £60 & competition prize £30)	£ 90.00	(Bank transfer)
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£319.51	(Bank transfer)
Clerk's Backdated Salary Increase	£ 50.96	(Bank transfer)
Mr Campbell Logue (Spraying)	£460.00	(Bank transfer)
8. **To receive the Highwayman's Report and discuss matters related to Highway**
  - Noticeboards: No update
  - Winter roads: No update
  - Water on the road at High Bankhill (next to Valley View Houses): Clerk has reported the fault to United Utilities who are going to visit the site.
9. **To receive a report from County Cllr Driver:** Unable to attend due to another meeting
10. **To receive a report from District Cllr Robinson:** District Cllr Robinson had sent a report to councillors prior to the meeting. She gave a brief summary of the funding and environmental schemes that are currently available.

11. **To discuss Police matters arising:** Not aware of any crimes

12. **To consider any planning applications made and related matters**

20/0692 College Garden, Kirkoswald, Penrith CA10 1DQ: No objections (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote)

13. **To receive decisions on planning applications made:** Circulated prior to the meeting by email

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

- Fibre broadband
- Budgeting (to award grants and set the annual precept for 2021/22)  
(Grant applications must state what the monies are to be used for, with the funds ring fenced, and detail what the previous grant was spent on).
- Tree inspection on the parish ground: not interested as not in the conservation area (look for the email)
- Cutting of the verges: A parishioner has suggested that they are being cut too soon in the autumn

15. **To decide the date and venue of the next meeting:** 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. The meeting will take place on Zoom.

The meeting closed at 20.08

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 13/10/2020