

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8th December, 2020. The 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 were asked to submit questions to the Clerk (by telephone or email) by 12 pm on Tuesday 8th December, 2020.*

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

A parishioner addressed the meeting saying that he was grateful that hedges are being cut by land owners in the parish, but would like to see them cut in late October/ early November, to help wildlife/ preserve the fruit in the hedgerows. It was noted that under Defra guidelines cutting cannot start until 1st September. It was suggested that the parish council speak to Defra and Natural England, but the parishioner said that perhaps this approach would be too extreme, and it would be much better for it to be done at a local level. The Chair suggested a piece in the Raven appealing to landowners might be useful. District Cllr Robinson said that she would take the point to a meeting on Wednesday, where she could speak to the wider farming community and try to get it taken up on a countywide scale.

DRAFT MINUTES

ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING

1. **To receive any declarations of interest:** Mr J Little (Police Panel) & Mrs S Quinn (Financial)
2. **To receive apologies:** None
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 10th November, 2020 as a true record (proposed by Mrs S Quinn, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote) with the following amendment:

Payments Made: Rocket Website £714

4. **To discuss matters arising from the last meeting:** Nothing
5. **To discuss broadband provision:** It was noted that Mr B Smythe's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Mrs S Quinn said that a Zoom meeting is taking place tomorrow and asked if anyone else from the parish council wished to attend? Mr B Smythe asked County Cllr Driver and District Cllr Robinson about future funding rounds and potential lobbying which could ensure that new funds are focused on 'not spots'.

6. **To discuss the cutting of hedges and verges:** Covered above. Mrs S Quinn suggested that verges be considered as well as hedges. District Cllr Robinson said that verges are on a different schedule as they are cut for safety reasons. It was agreed that the Chair speak to Linda Robinson from Melmerby who would be able to give advise based on the experience of their parish. It was suggested that a list of verges to preserve for wildlife should be drawn up so that it can be passed on to Highways Dept.
7. **To discuss the parish Christmas tree:** Mrs S Quinn said that there is a fun Facebook video of the tree going up. Mrs S Quinn said that she had paid for the new lights and strap which were damaged last year (invoice included under finance).
8. **To discuss the proposed running track:** Nothing has been received from the committee. Councillors agreed that the committee/ Fellside Ladies need to be more proactive and take the initiative forwards.
9. **To discuss the parish field:** Mr N Jackson and Mr J Haugh reported that they have cut the bushes back and the cutting are to be collected by Mr A Jackson. Mr J Haugh said that some work will be needed next year to look at water in the field. Councillors were pleased that the mole problem is in hand.
10. **To receive the Financial Report**
- The Clerk had sent copies of the monthly cashflow spreadsheet to councillors prior to the meeting and Mrs J Tea reported that she had checked it to the figures given on the online account statement.
 - To make payments of bills due (proposed by Mr J Haugh, seconded by Mrs J Tea, unanimous vote):

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£329.83	(To be paid by bank transfer)
Clerk's Salary (January)	£276.90	(To be paid by bank transfer in Jan 21)
 - Mrs S Quinn (Tree lights and strap) £ 51.00 (To be paid by bank transfer)
 - Mrs S Quinn (Thank You Voucher £60 & Gardening Prize £30)

£ 90.00	(To be paid by bank transfer)
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11. **To receive the Highwayman's Report and discuss matters related to Highway**
- Noticeboards- Mr R Raine reported that two boards are now ready. Mrs S Quinn said that she had put some notices up recently and found that the board at Parkhead is rotten, with work needed on most others. Mr A Jackson agreed to help Mr R Raine put the boards up. It was noted that the cost is £150 per board (the previous wooden boards cost £250). It was resolved to go ahead and get some more noticeboards (proposed by Mr J Haugh, seconded by Mr N Jackson, unanimous vote).
 - Winter roads: It was reported that
 - Surface of Sickergill bridge is rough
 - Water is coming out of verge at High Bankhill (near the parish field)
 - Pothole on the road leaving Kirkoswald towards Little Salkeld
 - Number of potholes on the road from Croglin (after the Scarrowmannick turning) all the way over to Kirkoswald (particularly near Black Wood) and an inspection is needed
 - There are several potholes past Fog Close.
 - Kirkoswald: From school down to the corner the pavement is narrow and in a poor state.
 - Stop tap outside 4 Sandhill
12. **To receive a report from County Cllr Driver:** County Cllr Driver had sent out a report prior to the meeting. She said that the small gritter has arrived, and will arrange how to get it to Mr A Jackson. It was noted that the Covid figures are moving in the right direction, but the decline is now slowing. She said that she will make another video report before Christmas.
13. **To receive a report from District Cllr Robinson:** District Cllr Robinson said that the council has been busy with Covid, business support and grants and the local government reorganisation, bids for which

have now been submitted and will be considered by central government. She said that there are grants available for private houses to carry out work such as insulation (up to £10k depending upon income).

14. **To discuss Police matters arising:** None

15. **To consider any planning applications made and related matters:** None

16. **To receive decisions on planning applications made:** None

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

- White lines in Kirkoswald: Clerk to chase again
- Lights in village: A number of lights have gone out
- Thanks to all local NHS for their work this year.

18. **To decide the date and venue of the next meeting:** 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th February, 2020 by Zoom

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 08/12/2020