

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th June, 2021 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

PUBLIC OPEN MEETING (Maximum time 15 mins total, with 5 mins per individual question): None present

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

Mrs S Quinn welcomed everyone to the meeting after over a year of online meetings.

DRAFT MINUTES

ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING

1. **To receive any declarations of interest:** None
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 4th May, 2021 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, Mrs I Henderson, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss matters arising from the last meeting:** Nothing
5. **To discuss broadband provision:** Mrs S Quinn and District Cllr Robinson gave a brief update.
6. **To discuss the Parish Plan:** Mrs S Quinn apologised to Mrs J Tea and Mrs W Smith as she has been unable to help recently due to time constraints. It was agreed to begin the project in earnest in September.
7. **To receive any update on the Pilgrimage visiting the parish:** Mrs R Lytollis and Mrs S Quinn reported that they had both received emails from the organising group, who are delighted that the parish is happy to help. The group will make contact again nearer the time, to discuss the plans in detail.
8. **To receive the Financial Report**
 - To make payments of bills due: It was resolved to make the following payments (proposed by Mr J Little, seconded by Mrs W Smith, unanimous vote):

Noticeboards	£260.88	(Paid by transfer)
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£395.03	(Paid by transfer)
Mrs Jane Dawes (Internal Audit Fee)	£ 70.00	(Paid by transfer)

- To review the Annual Governance Statement: Mrs J Tea read out the Annual Governance Statement in full. Councillors agreed with each point (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Little, unanimous vote).
- To approve the Annual Return 2020/21: Councillors resolved to approve the Annual Return 2020/21 (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Little, unanimous vote).

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

- Noticeboards 30 x 36 inches (position and size at Scale Houses). A councillor said they were concerned about the suggested position of the board at Scale Houses. Councillors discussed what would be best and it was decided that as it is a public board, it should be on the side of the road, so it is visible for those passing. It was agreed to assess if it could be positioned on the other side of the road to allow better access.
It was agreed put up the boards at High Bankhill and Parkhead.
It was agreed to order three more boards.
- Potholes:
Potholes on the Renwick to Hartside road
College corner: it was reported that it has now been filled
Four Lane Ends: the surface is rough
There are a number on the Scales road
One at the top of the village on 40mph signs
One near Jack's Barn (in the dip)
- Mrs J Tea said that there is a new system for reporting problems being tested at present

10. **To receive a report from County Cllr Driver:** Report sent to councillors prior to the meeting

11. **To receive a report from District Cllr Robinson**

- Boundary review and local government restructuring: It was noted that the elections will take place in May 2022 and the following year the re-organisation will go ahead. She said that there will be a lot of changes for Eden over the coming couple of years.
- E.D.C. Local Plan review
- Reviewing transfer of assets (e.g. streetlights): Work is underway to ensure that the district is in the best possible situation for when the restructuring is carried out.

12. **To receive a report from the Church Institute:** Mr J Little said that there will be a report at the next meeting. Councillors agreed that it was lovely to be back in the hall.

13. **To discuss Police matters arising:** Mr J Little said that he was not aware of anything. Parishioners are reminded about opportunist garden tool thefts. It was reported that residents have been used to being in their properties constantly through the lockdown and are now going out and forgetting to lock up. It was noted that there will be a focus on drink driving in the next few months. Mr Little said that the recent increase in council tax is very much needed to help with the work needed in the area.

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

21/0399 Land adjacent to Ravenbridge, Renwick CA10 1JZ- Proposed 10 eco glamping style accommodation pods, new access point, 30 ground mounted solar panels and associated external works (To discuss the application following the public Zoom meeting held on Monday 7th June, and determine the council's response).

Mrs S Quinn thanked those who attended the meeting last night, and asked councillors for their thoughts on the application. After discussion, their views fell under the following headings:

Environment

- The site is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- No ecological impact survey has been carried out for this application.
- The local area is home to populations of red squirrels, crayfish and otters which would be impacted by the development.
- There will be chemical, thermal and sewerage pollution entering the Raven beck from the proposed hot tubs and toilets.
- The site and adjacent road verges form a crucial environmental corridor for many species.
- There is a Manorial boundary stone on the edge of the site which has Listed Building protection.

Highways

- The road outside the site is narrow and used by a considerable volume of C2C traffic, numerous large agricultural vehicles and local traffic. Vehicles accessing the proposed site will cause considerable peril for road users.
- The traffic survey produced to support the application was carried out during the lockdown and is therefore not indicative of usual traffic levels.

Economy

- There will be no economic benefits to the community of Renwick as it does not have a shop or a public house.

Mrs S Quinn then called a vote (support for the application: 0, against the application: 10, unanimous).

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

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

- Bridge over the Raven beck
- Parish Councillor vacancies: It was agreed to advertise in the Raven for two replacement parish councillors for the low quarter (Kirkoswald, Staffield and High Bankhill)
- Letter of thanks to Roger Cranston
- Tour of Britain

17. **To decide the date and venue of the next meeting:** 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th July, 2021 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

The meeting closed at 20.47

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 08/06/2021