

## **KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 in Kirkoswald Church Institute**

**Present:** Mrs I Henderson, Mr N Jackson, Mr N Haugh, Mrs S Quinn (Chair), Mrs J Tea (Vice Chair), Mrs W Smith, County Cllr Driver & Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)

**PUBLIC OPEN MEETING (Maximum time 15 mins total, with 5 mins per individual question):** There were two members of the public present from Scalehouses who spoke to the council about the position of the noticeboard. They said that if it were positioned up in Scalehouses it would be used more by villagers, particularly the elderly. They said that the current board is not easy to visit as it can be difficult to park and they would like it sited at the top of the road, in the community itself as it is more sheltered. They said that they will make their own board and erect it themselves, and suggested that the board that was going to be for Scalehouses be used for Scarrowmannick. Parishioners have collected 16 signatures from Scalehouses residents (all houses) supporting the new board. Mrs S Quinn summarised the feelings of the parish council. She said that it isn't just for Scalehouses residents, and for the wider community. Mrs S Quinn outlined where all the boards are in the parish. Mrs J Tea said that she believes it should be in a public position and like Parkhead it is outside the community. Councillors agreed that it would set a precedent for other communities. Everybody feels strongly about it in Scalehouses. It was noted that the Scalehouses board has been up for the last few years but no one from Scarrowmannick has ever asked for a board.

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

#### **ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING**

1. **To receive any declarations of interest:** None
2. **To receive apologies:** Mr A Jackson, Mr J Little, Mr N Edmundson, District Cllr Robinson
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mrs I Henderson, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss matters arising from the last meeting**
  - Bridge over the Raven: To be covered under Highways
  - Vacancies for the parish council: To be advertised for co-option of new councillors
5. **To discuss broadband provision**

Mrs S Quinn said that they were still awaiting a decision from BDUK. It was noted that they are trying to arrange a meeting to establish what the hold-up is. She said that everyone still seems very positive, that it will go head, with B4RN training going ahead on Friday, when there will be more information. It was noted that there are many other parish councils waiting for the decision too.

6. **To receive the Financial Report**

- It was resolved to make payments of the following bills due:

(proposed by Mrs W Smith, seconded by Mrs I Henderson, unanimous vote)

Clerk's Salary & Expenses (July)	£321.27	(To be paid by bank transfer)
PFK Audit Fee (2019/20)	£240.00	(To be paid by bank transfer)
Photocopying	£ 20.00	(To be paid by bank transfer)
CALC Subscription	£209.76	(To be paid by bank transfer)

To pay Clerk's Salary (August) £276.90 (To be paid by bank transfer)  
(proposed by Mrs W Smith, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote)

- Mrs J Tea said that she was disappointed that although she had asked those receiving grant payments to acknowledge receipt of the funds (as this is the first year they have been paid by bank transfer) only two groups had done so. Councillors agreed that it seemed rude not to do so.

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

- Noticeboards: Following the discussion in the public meeting, Mrs S Quinn asked whether there were any councillors who wished to change the decision of the last meeting. The Scalehouses residents confirmed that they will insure the board and the parish council would not need to do so. They will also maintain the board on behalf of the Parish Council. It was agreed unanimously that the Scalehouses residents could erect their own board (proposed by Mrs W Smith, seconded by Mr J Haugh). A Scalehouses resident offered to help erect the other boards.
- Raven Bridge Mill website: build a bridge over the Raven, but there was no application made for it. A councillor asked if one should have been submitted. Mrs W Smith reported that the bridge at Parkhead is rotten, but supposedly the work is going to be carried out soon.
- Landslide at Parkhead caused by cattle: It was agreed to contact the Footpaths Authority (Chris Graham)

8. **To receive a report from County Cllr Driver**

Mrs S Quinn introduced County Cllr Driver to the members of the public who were present. Cllr Driver then went on to make the following points:

- Local Government Reform: The County Council will shortly be advised which model we will be instructed to take. She said that there will be an impact on everything including planning applications and rural roads. It was agreed that increasing traffic can have major impacts on small roads and communities need to ensure that they can influence roads policy.
- Covid funding is around at present which is designed to bring the communities together again. She said that there is no reference to a top limit and it can be used for many projects including making facilities Covid safe. It was noted that the money must be spent before the end of this financial year and can be accessed with a very easy application form (contact Tracey Moran). It was agreed that a big barbecue could be held to welcome those on the pilgrimage walk, using a grant from the fund.
- Winter gritting: The agreement needs to be sent out to the parish council.
- The volunteer needs a bigger gritting machine as at present it entails multiple trips to the grit store for each session.

9. **To receive a report from District Cllr Robinson:** District Cllr Robinson said that they were currently waiting for the results of the Local Government Review.

10. **To receive a report from the Church Institute:** It was reported that user groups are steadily retuning. Work to front door is underway, with work to the toilets next year, amongst other projects.
11. **To discuss Police matters arising:** Nothing
12. **To consider any planning applications made and related matters:** Nothing
13. **To receive decisions on planning applications made:** Nothing
14. **To receive Councillors' reports and items for future agendas**
- Email: Mrs S Quinn asked if councillors had any thoughts. Councillors agreed that it was a difficult position and like to help if they could, but the parish council not is not a charity/ bottomless pit. It was suggested that perhaps the committee should contact the church commission who have funds. Mrs S Quinn said that she would write saying that unfortunately we are unable to help.
  - Gritting
  - Grit Boxes: The boxes at Nancy Cammock's is still broken- Mrs J Tea offered to get the box number, so that the Clerk could report it.
  - Parish Plan
  - Pilgrimage walk event
15. **To decide the date and venue of the next meeting:** 7.30pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

The meeting closed at 20:15

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 13/07/2021