

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th October, 2021 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

PUBLIC OPEN MEETING (Maximum time 15 mins total, with 5 mins per individual question): There were no members of the public present

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

Draft Minutes

ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING

1. **To receive any declarations of interest:** None
2. **To receive apologies:** Mr J Little (working) & Mrs W Smith (away) (Mr A Jackson proposed that the apologies be accepted, Mrs J Tea seconded this and councillors voted unanimously in favour).
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 14th September, 2021 as a true record (proposed by Mr J R Raine, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote by those who had been present).
 - Amendment: Mrs W Smith had sent her apologies for missing the last meeting
4. **To discuss matters arising from the last meeting**
 - Eden Housing Association: The parking space is outside 1 Sandhill, not 1 Roods Place.
 - Suggestions for co-options of new councillors to be discussed at the next meeting.
 - Parish Plan: Mrs S Quinn reported that she and Mrs W Smith have met and they are going to write to organisations listed in the Raven to ask their opinions. It was agreed that although the Parish Council cannot support all these organisations financially, we can include them in the Parish Plan so that they can access funding from outside bodies.
5. **To discuss broadband (Community Dig Fund & B4RN)**

Mrs S Quinn reported that the parish meeting took place at the weekend with members of the Parish Council present. The organisers are now beginning to walk the route, and it is hoped that digging will begin in 2 weeks. She said that they still haven't heard from BDUK regarding how long the vouchers will last, but it is hoped that it will be until the end of the year. It was noted that the project is still a bit short of funds, but the deficit will be met by those taking out shares. It was reported that if an individual invests £1500 then they will get a free connection (which usually costs £150) and will receive 5% interest on the investment. In terms of installations, Mrs S Quinn reported that solutions have always been found, and no properties have caused a problem so far. For those who do their own dig then there is £150 available towards costs and for those who want assistance, then the Dig Fund can help, and the £150 will go into this central fund. It was noted that

- Potholes: Mr J Raine reported that there are a number of bad potholes on the road from Kirkoswald to Five Roads End, as well as in other areas of the parish, with Sickergill Bridge being in a poor state of repair.
- Drain at Huddlesceugh: It was agreed that Highways need to look at what has already been done. It was noted that the person who had worked on it had made a good job of what he did, but it isn't deep enough at one end and a tree needs to be removed to stop it flooding. It was agreed that Mrs S Quinn would send an email to Mr John Banks, as the issue has been going on for some time.
- District Cllr Robinson said that Highways have done a good job at Croglin Moor Hall, where the road had been causing problems, and that Raygarth Field is to be done at the end of October.
- Seat by the monument: A resident has asked if a 'No Parking' sign could be put next to the seat as it makes it difficult for vehicles leaving the Square to see oncoming vehicles. Councillors also asked whether the outdoor table can now be removed as people can now go in the pub. It was agreed that it needs to go back to how it was. It was agreed that the 'H' bar should always to be kept clear for emergency vehicles and a sign erected to say 'Don't park in front of the bench'.

12. **To receive a report from County Cllr Driver:** No report

13. **To receive a report from District Cllr Robinson:**

- District Cllr Robinson said that there had been a large public meeting in Armathwaite regarding putting a car park off the road, by the bridge and that she would report to councillors regarding parking solutions.
- Local government restructuring: This will get in the way of anything being done for the last two years of this term. She said that much discussion is underway regarding the structure of the body and its boundaries. It was also reported that the decision to restructure is going to a judicial review as it is being challenged. Cllr Robinson said that a considerable amount of effort will have to go into how everything will be structured. She said that initially the new body will be safe, but not necessarily fit for purpose and it is going to cost a huge amount of money, without much improvement, and there is the potential for a lot of problems. Finally, she said that purdah will stop a lot of work happening and priorities shelved. It was noted that the process of reorganisation should usually take 2-3 years, but is being crammed into 18 months.

14. **To receive a report from the Church Institute:** The Walking Pilgrims had said what a wonderful place it was during their last visit.

15. **To discuss Police matters arising:** It was reported that there have been a number of burglaries in the area and two bikes were taken from a property at Croglin.

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

- 21/0843 Lowfield, Fetherston Hill, Kirkoswald, Penrith CA10 1EW- Eco refurbishment, improved accessibility works and extension to existing dwelling: Councillors supported the application (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr A Jackson, unanimous vote).

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

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

- Budget, precept and grants
- Election of new councillors
- Review of Parish Plan
- Adoption of Staffield phone box: Clerk to find contact details of whom to contact
- Letter from Neil Hudson MP: The Chair read the letter to councillors

- War Memorial repairs: It was reported that Mr Roy Westgarth had kindly carried out the repairs to the Memorial and it was agreed that the Clerk send him a letter of thanks.
- Wreath for Remembrance Day: Clerk to get a wreath from the Royal British Legion

19. **To decide the date and venue of the next meeting:** 7.00pm on Tuesday 9th November, 2021 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

The meeting closed at 20.36

Signed: R. E. Lytollis

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 12/10/2021