

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th September, 2021 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

PUBLIC OPEN MEETING (Maximum time 15 mins total, with 5 mins per individual question)

There were three members of the public present.

- A member of the public spoke to the meeting about the parish precept with relation to the parish church yard. He said that last year the church had received half the grant of previous years. Mrs Quinn said that all groups had received half their usual grant and that the village shop grant was a one-off. The member of the public said that the church yard is separate to the church itself, and he felt that it should be helped. He said that he feels that the precept is low and should be a lot higher so that more grants can be given out to community bodies, and asked that this be taken into account when setting the grants and precept in November. Mrs S Quinn spoke about the problems that the parish council had faced, and noted the member of the public's suggestion that it should be increased.
- A member of the public spoke to the parish council about his property up at Hartside. He thanked the council for the support that he has received from the parish council in the past. He said that motorised vehicles have passed along the track adjacent to the house and that recent tree planting has caused some cyclists and walkers to be misled by the changed layout. He said that there is now considerably more foot fall at the top and as the café is not open at present there are no toilet facilities. He said that he has had people using his porch as a toilet, as well leaving waste all over fields. It was suggested that Cumbria County Council Access Team (Chris Graham) may be able to help. It was agreed that the Clerk contact District Cllr Robinson and County Cllr Driver for advice. The resident said that water for his property is drawn from a bore hole, so it is obviously not hygienic.

Present: Mrs S Quinn (Chair), Mrs I Henderson, Mr N Jackson, Mr J Haugh, Mr A Jackson, Mr J Little, Mr R Raine and Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)

DRAFT MINUTES

ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING

1. **To receive any declarations of interest:** None
2. **To receive apologies:** Mrs J Tea (away), Mr N Edmundson (other commitments), County Cllr Driver (away), District Cllr Robinson (another meeting)
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 13th July, 2021 as a true record (proposed by Mr N Jackson, seconded by Mrs I Henderson, unanimous vote)
4. **To discuss matters arising from the last meeting:** None
5. **To discuss broadband provision and wayleave:** Mr B Smthye asked that the Chair to sign a wayleave agreement (on behalf of the parish council) for the cable to pass over the parish field

(proposed by Mr A Jackson, seconded by Mr N Jackson, unanimous vote). It was reported that a major landowner has now signed the wayleave document, so that cabling can pass over their land. It was noted that there is still one significant landowner to go and it is hoped that this will be cleared in the next couple of weeks.

Key actions: BDUK have signed off a budget £2/3m. B4RN are now transferring all of the vouchers across to BDUK, and these are going through the approvals process. Mr Smythe went through the details of budgeting and outlined how the project will work. Mrs Quinn then gave more details about how the scheme will work and how those who invest (to help with the shortfall) will benefit. BDUK are checking the details supplied to them by B4RN. The information that they require is minimal and there are 28 days to supply it. B4RN have 12 months to connect households up. Please ensure that everyone is signed up in the next 28 days.

Public meeting: Kirkoswald Church Institute- 9th October. It was reported that community volunteers are now required. B4RN should have the contractor at the meeting. Ten coordinators are needed to ensure that householders are ready. The householders will be responsible for getting the cable across their garden and into the property. If the voucher has been registered, then there is a dig grant of £150 per property to help with the work. It is hoped that the contractor is one who has just finished a B4RN project in Allendale. Mr Smythe then answered some questions from councillors. It was noted that new people can still sign up, but need to get everything in place before 24th September. Cables can be surface mounted if required. Advice will be given about how best to connect (including phones). Councillors agreed that it had been a long time coming and were delighted that it is finally here!

6. **To receive an update from CALC and EALC (by Mrs J Tea)**: The Clerk promised to circulate Mrs Tea's email.
7. **To discuss the walking pilgrimage**: Mrs S Quinn said that she is going to advertise the event on Facebook. The event is taking place on 8th October.
8. **To receive the Financial Report**
 - It was resolved to make the following payments due:

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£396.19	(Bank Transfer)
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9. **To receive the Highwayman's Report and discuss matters related to Highway**
 - **Highwayman's Report**: Mr J R Raine reported that the drain has been repaired near Huddlesceugh Hall/ near Five Lane Ends, but due to the roots, it is not deep enough. It was agreed that it might need to be a County Council project where trees are cut down and the drains re-dug. Mr A Jackson offered to speak to the contractor to ask them to pull the roots out, as it is them that are blocking the drains.
 - **Noticeboards**: Councillors passed on their thanks to Mr A Jackson for putting the new boards up and agreed that they are very good.
 - **Potholes**: It was noted that there are quite a lot of potholes in the parish. It was noted that the form reporting problems requires a 'three word' location.
 - **Signposts**: Two signs posts are still in need of repair (top of Kirkoswald and another by the Reading Room in Renwick). It was agreed that the Clerk chase the County Council to complete the work.
 - **Lights**: Three lights have gone out in the village. It was noted that since Eden District Council backtracked, some lights have now been repaired.
 - **Litter bins**: It was reported that the shop committee are having problems with the bin being used for dog waste. Another bin is going to be put in down near the shop.

10. **To receive a report from County Cllr Driver:** The Clerk had sent out County Cllr Driver's report prior to the meeting.
11. **To receive a report from District Cllr Robinson:** The Clerk had sent out District Cllr Robinson's report prior to the meeting.
12. **To receive a report from the Church Institute:** Mr J Little said that there were no changes to report. Councillors were pleased that groups are starting to book events in the hall again.
13. **To discuss Police matters arising:** Mr J Little reported that he no longer receives the local crime report, but said it is becoming ever more apparent that a lot of money is being spent on surveillance, rather than on solving local crime. It was noted that incidents of heating oil being taken have increased and drink/ drug driving is now a massive problem and will be targeted. It was reported that £110k was recently spent on the policing for Appleby horse fair. Parishioners are again reminded to report anything suspicious and be vigilant. It was acknowledged that by many people reporting problems they will become an issue which will become a statistic and be investigated.
14. **To consider any planning applications made and related matters:**
21/0750 The Garth, High Bankhill, Kirkoswald, Penrith CA10 1EZ: Erection of steel portal frame agricultural building for the storage of machinery, equipment and materials- Councillors had no objections to the application (proposed by Mrs I Henderson, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote).
15. **To receive decisions on planning applications made:** None
16. **To receive Councillors' reports and items for future agendas**
 - Parish Plan
 - Election of two parish councillors
 - Wall at Roods Place (Eden Housing Association property- parking pull in)
17. **To decide the date and venue of the next meeting:** 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th October, 2021 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

The meeting closed at 8.42pm

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 14/09/2021