

# **KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Ordinary meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 in Kirkoswald Church Institute**

Present: Mrs P Bowman (Chair) Mrs Quinn Mrs J Tea (Vice Chair)  
Mr A Jackson Mr J Little Mr J Haugh  
Mr N Jackson Mr I Henderson Mr R W Raine  
Mr J R Raine Mr G Brown Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)

**PUBLIC OPEN MEETING** (15 Mins): Members of the public can address the Council on any issues that they wish to draw to their attention. Afterwards, they cannot interject in the meeting- None

### **MINUTES**

#### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

1. **To receive any declarations of interest:** None
2. **Apologies:** County & District Cllr Robinson (meeting), Mr R Cranston (working) & Mr B Smythe (away)
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of previous meetings**
  - The minutes of the October meeting should have stated that the Cricket Club supplied two posts for the noticeboards, rather than two litter bins. The two bins were provided by the Cumbria County Council.
  - Pavements opposite the Village Shop and Chapel- It was reported that a member of Highways Dept. had suggested that it would be best to lift the damaged stones and lay tarmac instead. The Parish Council have asked for them to be replaced like-for-like. It was agreed that the Clerk speak to Highways Dept and ask that they be inspected and replaced like-for-like and not as suggested by the workman.
  - High Bankhill street light STILL on- Clerk to contact Highways Department to chase.
5. **To receive an update on high speed broadband in the county-** Mr Smythe was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report:

"I have checked with BT and they are still holding to Q1 2015 for the KO cabinet going live but cannot say when within Q1 the actual date will be for go live. Gordon Nicolson is actively lobbying to obtain more funding for the rural areas of Eden District when the Phase 2 and 3 grants are allocated. Otherwise no significant changes on the broadband front."

6. **To discuss the Parish Field**

- New gate- Mr R W Raine reported that the repairs to gate have been carried out. Councillors thanked Mr Raine for doing the work.
- Mr J Haugh reported that the water trough was leaking (from the main pipe in). Mrs P Bowman said that she spoke to Mr John Judson about the problem and he had gone out yesterday and carried out the work.

7. **To discuss signposts in the Parish**

- To be covered under Highways agenda point.

8. **To discuss the new plaque for the bench at Quebec**

It was suggested that a plastic plaque might be more practical as it will be easier to keep clean and readable. Mrs P Bowman had obtained a quote for a suitable plastic sign of £20, compared to one for a brass plate at £44. Mrs J Tea proposed that a plastic plaque be used and Mr J R Raine seconded this. Councillors voted unanimously in favour. Mrs P Bowman agreed to order the plaque and Mr G Brown volunteered to confirm the exact size and arrange fitting. Councillors thanked Mr G Brown for his help.

9. **To discuss the noticeboard at High Bankhill**- It was reported that the board is starting to rot and may have only a limited life. It was agreed that the Clerk get up to date prices for some new boards.

10. **To discuss the repainting of War Memorial railings**- It was noted that the paint is flaking off quite badly and theoretically needs stripping off (possibly with a sand blaster) and repainting. Mrs P Bowman agreed to ask Mr Bob Parker to advise whether sand blasting will work.

11. **To receive any updates on the Community Led Plan and councillor led areas**

- Footpath towards Eden Bridge- The Chair read out an email received by the Clerk from Mr John Banks of Cumbria Highways Dept detailing how work was progressing. Councillors asked the Clerk to ascertain whether Mr Banks has also contacted land agent, Charles Baker with the news. After discussion it was agreed to wait until the flooding work is carried out before trying to move forward and keep it as a rolling agenda point.

12. **To receive a report from County & District Cllr Robinson**- Unable to attend the meeting.

13. **To consider any Police issues arising**- It was noted that there had been an incident in Kirkoswald with a the occupants of a white van loading items into it. Police were called and the men arrested.

14. **To discuss issues relating to Cumbria in Bloom & Britain in Bloom**

Mrs S Quinn reported that she and Howard had gone to the awards evening in Bristol. The village had received a Silver Gilt (with a Gold in the Environmental section). It had been noted that the Kirkoswald application had approached the competition from a different angle all together, which had pleased the BIB organisers. It was noted that changes in the marking scheme for next year's competition will benefit the Kirkoswald way. The judges had said that they were blown away by what the village has done for the environment. It was agreed that Silver Gilt is very good for a first time entry and councillors were delighted that the village has been invited to take part again next year. Judges had said that the village was well placed to represent the county. Councillors expressed their thanks and congratulations to Sue and Howard Quinn and to all those had worked so hard on the application.

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

- Salt bins and winter travel- Mrs P Bowman brought councillors up to date with the positioning of the salt bin at Parkhead. It was agreed that the Clerk chase Cumbria Highways to ask that the grit

bins requested last year for Demense corner and at the bottom of Roods Place be installed before any bad weather.

- Road signs- Mrs P Bowman and Mr J R Raine reported that they had had a meeting with Julian McClean of Highways Department and David Gosling from Signpost Restoration Limited (Lanercost) and had looked at the signposts in the parish. Mr Gosling is to photograph all of them and draw up a report and quotation. This document can also be used to get comparative quotes as well. It was noted that there are 18-20 signposts needing work to differing degrees. The Clerk agreed to send out the report as soon as she receives it from Mr Gosling.
- It was also noted that the street light at the top of the village has not been repaired yet. It was agreed that the Clerk send a letter. Mrs P Bowman agreed to send the Clerk a note of the name of who the letter should be addressed to.
- Flagstones are in hand.
- Mr J R Raine said that he had been speaking to the Highways team that covers the Alston area. A member of their team promised to speak to his boss as he felt that they would be able to look after the roads better, particularly in winter. Mr J R Raine agreed to monitor the situation.

#### **16. To receive the Financial Report**

- It was resolved to make the following payments:

Campbell Logue (Spraying)	£450.00	(Chq No: 100884)
Clerk's Salary & Expenses (including 2 @ £25 wreaths- Poppy Appeal)	£315.56	(Chq No: 100885)

- Rent received from Messrs. Raine for Woodbrow
- To discuss grant applications for the year 2015/16

It was resolved to pay the following grants in 2015/16

Kirkoswald Methodist Church	£1000.00
Kirkoswald Parochial Church Council	£1000.00
Renwick Reading Room	£ 500.00
Fellrunner Village Bus Limited	£ 177.30
Kirkoswald Church Institute	£1500.00
Cumbria Air Ambulance	£ 250.00

(proposed by Mr J Little, seconded by Mrs I Henderson, animous vote)

It was agreed to make provision for a possible late application by Renwick Church for the same amount applied for last year of £525 (proposed by Mr R W Raine, seconded by Mr A Jackson, unanimous vote).

It was agreed that the Clerk notify applicants.

- To set the precept for 2015/16- The Clerk ensured that councillors had all received a copy of the cash flow spreadsheet and went through the financial position at the start of the current year and also that projected for end of March 2015. After discussion it was agreed to increase the precept requested by 2% to £12240 (proposed by Mr R W Raine, seconded by Mr G Brown, unanimous vote).

#### **17. To consider any planning applications made and related matters- None**

18. **To receive decisions on planning applications made-** None received. The Clerk agreed to speak to Planning Department again about a property at Viol Moor.

19. **To consider correspondence received-** Mrs P Bowman read through the correspondence received.

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

- Britain In Bloom- It was noted that the flag is now up to celebrate the RHS Silver Gilt award. It was agreed that it needs to be looked after it as it is silk and could possibly be put up on wall in the Village Hall.
- Websites
- Planning matters- property at Viol Moor
- Cleaning of telephone kiosks and painting of post boxes (the Clerk agreed to chase BT and Royal Mail again)
- Parish Field- Tender advert

21. **Date of the next meeting**- 7.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 in Renwick Reading Room

Meeting closed: 8.38pm

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 11/11/2014