

## **KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Ordinary meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 in Renwick Reading Room**

**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- ***a member of the public raised the following points:***

- Highways- The parishioner commented that the fingers on the Parkhead sign post are taking a long time to be repaired.
- The road surface through Parkhead is breaking up badly in places.

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Mrs S Quinn	Mr J Little	Mrs J Tea (V. Chair)	Mr R W Raine
	Mr N Jackson	Mr J R Raine	Mr G Brown	Mrs I Henderson
	Mr R Cranston	Mrs P Bowman (Chair)	Mr B Smythe (Broadband)	Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)
	County & District Cllr Robinson			

## **MINUTES**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None
2. **To receive apologies**- Mr J Haugh & Mr A Jackson
3. **Minutes:** To authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr R W Raine, unanimous vote by those who had been present).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of previous meetings**
  - Mrs P Bowman to give the Clerk the name of the gentleman from Highways Dept. that accompanied she and Mr J R Raine to look at road signs.
  - Quebec- Bush- To be left in abeyance.
5. **To receive an update on high speed broadband in the county**  
Mr B Smythe addressed the meeting:
  - The Kirkoswald cabinet is still on schedule to be enabled between January and March 2015.

- Phase 2 needs to complete by end of 2015 (hopefully by end of Q3). This will mean that 93% of Cumbria as a whole will have superfast broadband but only 70% within Eden area. There is £6m of funding available to enable 5500 premises. At present the procurement is uncertain and an open market review is being undertaken. The document which has been drawn up is targeted at two audiences. They are trying to draw up a comprehensive map to look at who receive services from other providers, with the second audience are parish councils. After consultation with District Gordon Nicolson, Mr Smythe agreed to draw up a response from parish councils. He will send the document to Clerk early next week to be circulated and then a response submitted. The key point will be the there needs to be more creative thinking in Cumbria County Council to ensure that more properties are covered by superfast broadband in a quicker timescale and to use further technologies to widen the service area.

A councillor asked what is happening elsewhere? Mr Smythe said that Scotland is taking a more positive stance and adopting more technologies to cope with the topology of the land.

Councillors thanked Mr Smythe for all his hard work.

**6. To discuss the Parish Field**

- Tender advertisement- It was agreed to place an advert in the next copy of the Raven (proposed by Mrs I Henderson, seconded by Mr J Little, unanimous vote).

**7. To discuss signposts in the Parish**- Report not arrived from Mr David Gosling as yet.

**8. To discuss the cleaning of telephone kiosks and painting of post boxes**- The Clerk reported that she spoken to both Royal Mail and BT and the phone kiosks and the post boxes will assessed and repaired/cleaned as necessary.

**9. To receive any update on the new plaque for the bench at Quebec**- It was reported that the plaque has been ordered and Mr G Brown will install it when it arrives.

**10. To discuss the noticeboard at High Bankhill**- Councillors agreed that the new boards should be made of wood, with metal uprights (proposed by Mr J R Raine, seconded by Mrs S Quinn. It was agreed to advertise for tenders in the February copy of the Raven, with the specification available from the Clerk.

**11. To discuss the repainting of railings**- Mrs P Bowman said that she had spoken to Mr Bob Parker. He had advised that sandblasting would not be the best option and suggested that the loose areas should be rubbed down and repainted. Councillors agreed that sandblasting would cause a tremendous mess and it was agreed to advertise for volunteers/ tenders for the work.

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

- Footpath towards Eden Bridge- Councillors had asked if land agent Charles Baker had been notified about the proposed work. The Clerk read out the email she had received from John Banks of Highways Dept. which said that he had not. Councillors agreed that the project to move the proposed footpath forward would begin again once the problem with flooding on the road was resolved.

**13. To receive a report from County & District Cllr Robinson**- Nothing to report

**14. To consider any Police issues arising**- It was reported that on Tuesday (night) 2<sup>nd</sup> December in Renwick, some people were trying to get into cars but ran off when challenged. It was also noted that there had

been a suspicious vehicle on Sunday night. Cllr Robinson agreed to mention this at a forthcoming meeting and it was agreed that the Clerk report the matter to Police (full details from Mrs J Tea).

15. **To discuss parish websites**- Mrs S Quinn said that the software used to operate the KOB website is changing. It was agreed to place a notice on the existing site saying that it can't be changed at present. It was suggested that a new website could be set up encompassing KOB and KEG, with the site having some advertising to pay for costs. Mrs I Henderson agreed to speak to Mr H Quinn and come back to the February meeting. It was resolved to leave the decision with Mrs I Henderson, Mrs S Quinn and Mr H Quinn (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J R Raine, unanimous vote). Councillors thanked Mr H Quinn, Mrs S Quinn and Mrs I Henderson for all their hard work.

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

- The flag is still up but needs to come down as it is silk and needs to dry before perhaps being mounted in the village hall (to be removed in the New Year).
- Flag pole- to be left for now. Would we like one? To discuss at the February meeting.
- Open meeting- Volunteers for Britain in Bloom- to take place in March/ April. Mrs S Quinn agreed to book the Village Hall. It was decided to publicise the meeting in the Raven.

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

- Points raised by member of the public during the open meeting.
- Flagstones- County & District Cllr Robinson reported that she had received an email from Joh Banks (Highways) say that the new sandstone kerb stones had been order and the repair will take place shortly.
- Landowner are complaining about plastic bags of rubbish being left along the Coast to Coast route from Hartside to Raven Bridge. Cllr Robinson agreed to contact Sustran about the problem. It was suggested that a litter picks be carried out for cyclist generated waste. Councillors agreed to put up some signs up to ask cyclists to put rubbish in bins. Cllr Robinson agreed to speak to John Banks about the matter.
- Street light at High Bankhill- Cllr Robinson to take this forward.
- The old column light near the noticeboard in Kirkoswald is to be replaced in January 2015. Councillors were dissappointed that they had not notified the PC.
- Light out at the Manse.
- Grit bins- As budgets are limited it was agreed that councillors consider possible positions for new bins.

18. **To receive the Financial Report**

The Clerk ensured that councillors had all received a copy of the monthly cash flow spreadsheet. Recent bank statements were also available.

• **To make payments of bills**

It was resolved to make the following payments:

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| • Kirkoswald Church Institute (Hall Hire)                                    | £116.00 | (Chq No: 100886) |
| <i>(Proposed by Mr N Jackson, seconded by Mr R Cranston, unanimous vote)</i> |         |                  |
| • John Judson (Repairs to Water Trough)                                      | £ 68.25 | (Chq No: 100889) |
| <i>(Proposed by Mr N Jackson, seconded by Mr R Cranston, unanimous vote)</i> |         |                  |
| • Clerk's Salary & Expenses (December)                                       | £267.35 | (Chq No: 100887) |
| <i>(Proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Little, unanimous vote)</i>      |         |                  |
| • Clerk's Salary (To be paid in January)                                     | £237.38 | (Chq No: 100888) |
| <i>(Proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Little, unanimous vote)</i>      |         |                  |

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

- Viol Moor- The Clerk read out the response that she had received following the two emails she had sent to Planning Dept. It was agreed that she write back saying that councillors were completely and utterly discussed by the service and the reply offered a very poor excuse. County & District Cllr Robinson said that the Clerk should follow the complaints procedure through.

**20. To receive decisions on planning applications made**

14/0344	Mr & Mrs Bousfield- The Ramblings, Renwick, Penrith CA10 1JT	Granted
14/0343	Mr & Mrs Bousfield- The Ramblings, Renwick, Penrith CA10 1JT	Granted
14/0748	Mr J Farish- Land at Springfield, Kirkoswald, Penrith	Granted

**21. To consider correspondence received**

- Grant application from Renwick Parochial Church Council- £525
- Councillors were delighted to hear that the Cumbria Woman of the Year 2014 is Mrs Doreen Beaty from Kirkoswald.

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

- Tenders (see above)
- Flagpole
- Website
- Grit bins
- Viol Moor planning
- Noticeboards

**23. Date of the next meeting**- 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

Meeting closed at 9.12pm

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 09/12/2014