

# **KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

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## **Ordinary meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 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.

- Elaine Thomson, Team Leader from Lazonby & District First Responders, came to explain changes to the group's area of coverage (along with two members of the team). It was noted that that the group will now cover Lazonby, Kirkoswald, out along the bottom road and Great Salkeld and will shortly cover Renwick and Langwathby (hopefully within the next 2 months). Mrs Thomson displayed a First Responders kit for people to look at and said that the group are holding a roadshow in Renwick and Langwathby to show the service available and give demonstrations of how to perform CPR. Mrs Thomson said that Community First Responders are volunteers who work with the ambulance service and are paged at the same time. They often get to the patient first and offer help before the ambulance arrives. Councillors passed on thanks from everyone and said that they are a very valuable part of the community.
- Parkhead road- Mr Smythe spoke on behalf of a number of Parkhead residents. He said that the road has been cleaned up but it had been in a very dangerous condition, with one vehicle known to have lost control on the mud. It was reported that the landowner has been told to sort out the problem but residents are concerned that this is an ongoing issue and want to flag up the ongoing potential with the Parish Council. Councillors and Mr Smythe expressed much thanks to Mr J R Raine for getting it sorted out at present.

<b>Present:</b>	Mrs P Bowman (Chair)	Mrs I Henderson	Mrs J Tea	Mr J Little
	Mr R Cranston	Mr R W Raine	Mr G Brown	Mr J Haugh
	Mr N Jackson	Mr J R Raine	County & District Cllr	Robinson
	Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)			

## **MINUTES**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- Planning application- Cllr Brown
2. **To receive any apologies**- Mrs K Raine (resigned)
3. **Minutes**- It was resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Little, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of previous meetings**

- Telephone kiosk at Staffield- Mrs P Bowman reported that the window has not been re-repaired and it was agreed that the Clerk chase BT again. It was noted that the box had been found to be very dirty and were grateful to Mr Joe Dowse who has agreed to clean it. Councillors wish to express their thanks to him.
- It was noted that the school warning lights are now working and are flashing again.
- Mrs P Bowman reported that Mr Brockington has approached Dr Unwin to chair the first meeting of the group which will produce the book on the history of the village.

5. **To discuss the election of a new Parish Councillor**

- Two interested parties. To be discussed in a closed session.

6. **To receive an update on high speed broadband in the county-** Mr Smythe reported that there was no change to the BT project at present. Lonsdale Network Services have now got an agreement to erect a mast on Lazonby fell which will be installed by the end of April. It is hoped that this will give most households in Kirkoswald high speed broadband, with a minimum of 2 meg by the end of 2015 for all. Mr Smythe gave out copies of an article he has written to go in the Raven or as a fly sheet with it. It was noted that there is already a mast in Renwick and greater take-up of residents is needed. Lonsdale Network Services are to have a stand at the May farmers' market with demonstrations of the service that they offer. Councillors thanked Mr Smythe for his work.

7. **To discuss signposts in the Parish-** Mrs Ruth Atkinson spoke to councillors about the sign post on the triangle in Kirkoswald. She said that she felt it is quite an important part of the village and the broken and rusting sign did not look good. It was noted that the County Council have already agreed to replace the existing sign with a like for like replacement but Mrs Atkinson asked whether the Parish Council would be prepared to put some money into the scheme so that a slightly more traditional style post could be installed. It would agreed that this would fit in well with the Britain in Bloom application, making the application more than just fauna and plants. Mrs Atkinson said that she is currently raising money towards the scheme herself and guaranteed to contribute £100 towards the costs. Funding from Mrs Atkinson and the Parish Council would enable applications for matched funding. Mrs J Tea proposed that the scheme be supported and that some money be contributed. County & District Cllr Robinson suggested that a Neighbourhood Forum grant application be submitted and suggested that the Clerk speak to Jeff Tweddle urgently (shortfall - £460 needed). Cllr Robinson suggested a £200 contribution might be appropriate. It was noted tha the light stand on the triangle is in the work programme. Mr J Little said that he was concerned about contributing council tax money towards a project that should be done by someone else. Councillors voted unanimously in favour of supporting the new signpost. Mr N Jackson seconded Mrs J Tea's proposal of contributing £200 towards the project (councillors voted in favour with one abstention).

8. **To receive an update following the meeting at Renwick to discuss flooding-** Mrs P Bowman, Mrs J Tea and Mr J R Raine had attended the meeting about the consultation document following the initial meeting late last year. It was reported that Renwick doesn't qualify for monies which are now available to other flood struck areas. Some work has been carried out including the clearance of culverts and the unblocking of a drain. Those present agreed that it had been a frustrating meeting in some respects as money did not seem to be available to carry out the works necessary. County & District Cllr Robinson promised to speak to those who are driving the work forward. Councillors thanked those who went to the meeting.

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

Footpath towards Eden Bridge- The Clerk reported that she is awaiting a potential meeting date from land agent, Charles Baker.

**10. To receive a report from County & District Cllr Robinson**

- It was reported that there is currently plenty of funding available by way of Community and Neighbourhood Forum grants. Cllr Robinson suggested that local bodies apply while there is money available. The Clerk agreed to contact Renwick Reading Room committee as funding would be potentially available for repair work.
- Cllr Robinson said that highway maintenance is an ongoing battle. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Highways Dept. to ensure that that Kirkoswald appears on the rota for weed spraying. Councillors thanked Cllr Robinson for coming along.

**11. To consider any Police issues arising- None**

**12. To discuss repair work to the War Memorial**- Mr J Haugh reported that he has spoken to Mr Bob Parker. Mr Parker has volunteered to do the work for the village free of charge and councillors expressed their thanks to him.

**13. To discuss the land at Quebec**- Mr J Haugh and Mr N Jackson said that they had had a look and everything looks okay. It was agreed that the Clerk speak to the County Council again to get them to look at the pipe which follows into the stream as it has been undermined during recent heavy rain.

**14. To discuss the land at Scalehouses**- Mr J Haugh and Mr N Jackson reported that they had had a look and said that the area of land owned by the Parish Council appeared to be okay. They said that it was the area on the other side of the road which needed some attention.

**15. To discuss the Parish Field**

Repair work to walls- no estimate has been received as yet. It was noted that the wall is joined into the corner stones of the bungalow and it was suggested that a hole be left at the base of the wall to allow the flow of water. It was agreed that once the estimate is received and if it is okay then the work go ahead prior to May meeting.

**16. To discuss issues relating to Cumbria in Bloom & Britain in Bloom**- The Clerk reported that the entry form for Cumbria In Bloom has been submitted. Mr N Jackson said that K.E.G. has recently held a litter pick. It was noted that two barrels have been installed in front of the village hall and another under the noticeboard. Councillors were pleased to see that K.E.G. were being successful in getting press coverage for their entry and work.

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

- Mr JR Raine said that he was concerned about the state of the road up on Hartside. He said that he hoped that it will be planed off properly and resurfaced. It was agreed that the Clerk send a letter to Highways Dept. requesting that work be carried out.
- The Highway Steward has been in the area carrying out work.
- It was noted that there are one or two potholes on the back road in Kirkoswald.
- Bridge down at the Dale- there is a hole in the wall, caused either by being bumped or just having fallen. It was agreed that the Clerk report the collapsing bridge to Highways.
- Councillors thanked Mr J R Raine for all his hard work.
- Mud on the road at Parkhead- additional feeding of livestock daily is creating a lot of mud on the road. It was agreed that it is the responsibility of the landowner to clear it up. It was reported that the landowner had said that the weather had been dry so how could his vehicle have caused the problem and the landowner said that a blocked drain contributing to the problem. The four residents who came to the meeting said that they will take it to higher levels of the County Council. Councillors said that they sympathised with the residents of Parkhead.

- Beer Festival in Kirkoswald and use of the Square/ parking- Alan from the Fetherston Arms spoke to the meeting asking that the cars could be parked elsewhere for one weekend to allow extra space for the festival. He asked whether they would be able to put a small freestanding marquee on the Square, along with a pizza oven. He said that they would also be using the village hall. Councillors suggested that they negotiate with those living in the Square. It was noted that additional parking has already been formally agreed. Councillors agreed that it is a very good idea and will be great for the village. A note is to be placed in the Raven to explain and signage and cones are to be used to mark out where the road goes. Councillors asked organisers to ensure that clear access to the houses at the rear is maintained in case of emergency. Councillors asked that the organisers ensure that they also have events insurance cover. It was suggested that they ask for the goodwill of the public. It was noted that the event will take place on Friday 4th, Saturday 5th and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Robinson advised the organisers to apply for a temporary events licence. Councillors wished them good luck with the event and congratulated them on winning the Camra Solway Pub of the Year 2014 award.

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

- **To make payments of bills**

Clerk's Salary & Expenses £265.84 (Chq No: 100858)

*(Proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mrs I Henderson, unanimous vote)*

CALC Subscription £204.00 (Chq No: 100859)

*(Proposed by Mr J Haugh, seconded by Mr R Cranston, unanimous vote)*

AON UK Limited £762.17 (Chq No: 100860)

*(Proposed by Mr J Little, seconded by Mrs J Tea, unanimous vote). It was agreed that the Clerk speak to AON to check whether the policy covers storm damage to land.*

- **To discuss Annual Return 2013/14**

Councillors agreed that they would like to ask Mrs Jane Dawes to carry out the internal audit (proposed Mr G Brown, seconded by Mr N Jackson, unanimous vote).

- Wayleave cheque received.
- Rent money for the Pound received.

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

14/0255 Mr A. Ostle & Miss J. Falconer, 9a Roods Drive, Kirkoswald, Penrith CA10 1EH- No objections (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mrs I Henderson, unanimous vote).

14/0247 Mr & Mrs D & S Booth, The Grannery, Renwick, Penrith CA10 1JE- No objections (proposed by Mr N Jackson, seconded by Mr R Cranston, unanimous vote).

#### 20. **To receive decisions on planning applications made**- None

21. **To consider correspondence received**- Councillors were delighted to receive a thank you letter from the after school club for the grant that they will be receiving shortly. Mrs K Raine sent an email requesting that her resignation be accepted with immediate effect as she was not able to attend the meeting tonight.

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

- Usual agenda points
- Proposed planning application for wind turbine in Ainstable

23. **Date of the next meeting**- AGM at 7.00pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 followed by the ordinary monthly meeting, in Kirkoswald Church Institute.

Signed: R. E. Lytollis

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 08/04/14

**Closed meeting:** After discussion it was unanimously decided to co-opt Mr Andrew Jackson, Scales Hall, Renwick CA10 1JE onto the Parish Council.