

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th April, 2013 in Renwick Reading Room at 7.30pm

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.

Present-	Mrs P Bowman (Chair)	Mrs J Tea	Mrs W Smith
	Mr J R Raine	Mr N Jackson	Mr J Haugh
	Mr R Cranston	Mr J Little	Mr R W Raine
	Mrs K Raine	Mr B Smythe (Broadband)	Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)

- PFK- for sale sign has not been removed at Park Head, despite the property having been sold last year. It was agreed that the Clerk speak to the estate agent's office.
- Potholes- becoming a major problem. The Parishioner reported that he had reported them and they were repaired the same day with others having been marked to be done shortly. He said this may have just been a co-incidence.

MINUTES

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None
2. **To receive any apologies**- Mrs I Henderson and County & District Cllr Robinson
3. **Minutes: To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 12th March, 2013 and the extraordinary meeting held on Monday 18th March, 2013 as a true record**
It was resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 12th March, 2013 and the extraordinary meeting held on Monday 18th March, 2013 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mrs W Smith, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of the last meeting**
It was resolved that the Clerk submit the Parish Council's response to the Proposed Housing Sites consultation.
5. **To receive any updates on the Community Led Plan and councillor led areas**
The Community Led Plan subcommittee reported that they will be holding a meeting shortly.
6. **To discuss any outstanding items from the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

- Commemorative seats- It was reported that those fitting the benches are waiting for the better weather before they are fixed into position.

7. **To receive a report from County Cllr Robinson-** Unable to attend

8. **To consider any Police issues arising**

Mr J Little reported that he had spoken to PC Alan Taylor of Cumbria Police who said that crimes are continuing to spread from towns out into the countryside. Currently there are problems with sheep worrying and thefts from rural properties. Incidents of hare coursing have reported however prosecutions can only take place if they are actually seen in the act. Parishioners are once again asked to report as much as they can. By doing so it becomes a statistic that the Police will then focus on.

It was reported that the Church Bell Tower door has once again been burned and smashed in. It is understood that it happened in early March. Mrs K Raine agreed to follow this report up.

9. **To discuss the gate of the Parish Field at High Bankhill**

It was reported at the last extraordinary meeting that the tenant has asked to have access to the field with a tractor. The tenant had offered to carry out all the installation work if the Parish Council would pay for the new gate. Mr J Little was asked to get quotes from two suppliers. He then read the quotes to councillors. Mr J R Raine proposed that a 12ft wooden gate be installed and Mr R W Raine seconded him. Councillors voted unanimously in favour.

Councillors resolved that the work could go ahead with the proviso that any damage during the installation (including any damage to the sandstone stoop) must be repaired to the current standard at the expense of the tenant and to the Parish Council's satisfaction.

Mr J Little agreed to get the gate from Doug Ivinson Sawmill Ltd of Melmerby, who had provided the cheapest quote and ask him to send the bill to the Parish Council. Mrs P Bowman agreed to speak to the tenant about the type of catch to be installed and Mr J Little agreed to ring him to organise delivery of the gate.

10. **To discuss repair to the telephone kiosk at Staffield**

The Clerk reported that the glass/ Perspex has now been repaired. The Chair said that she had looked at it and that the Perspex is lifting slightly from one side. It was agreed that the Clerk ask BT to fix it properly and find out who is responsible for maintaining/ cleaning it.

11. **To discuss tenders for spraying**

The Clerk reported that as yet she has not received any tenders. Councillors agreed to ask about in the parish in case there is any interest.

12. **To receive any update on Cumbria In Bloom 2013**

The Clerk reported that she had completed the application form and needed a cheque for £25 to submit the entry. Mr J Little proposed that the payment should be made. Mrs K Raine seconded this and councillors agreed unanimously.

13. **To discuss the insurance of benches in the parish**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Allianz Insurance who had quoted an additional annual premium of £25 to insure the new benches. It was resolved that the benches be added to the policy immediately (proposed by Mr J R Raine, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote).

14. To receive an update on high speed broadband in the county

Mr B Smythe reported that he has made some progress- DEFRA has offered some funding to help those communities not in the catchment scheme for the BT project. The closing date for expressions of interest for this first tranche of money is before the County Council were due to announce who would fall into the catchment area for the project. Mr Smythe explained the situation to Cumbria County Council and has now established contact with the BT manager on the BT scheme. It appears that if a Lazonby exchange is established then Kirkoswald will be covered under this. To get superfast broadband in Renwick it will need to be a special project in its own right. Mr Smythe said that in order to apply for funding for such a project a lot of data must be collected. Some of the data may come from the community plan, the electoral roll and some funding will be needed to put an application together.

Councillors acknowledged that there are a number of companies who could potentially provide broadband services to Renwick. They also agreed that before rushing in and embarking on a major project, either by themselves or by a community interest company, they would hold a public meeting in Renwick to establish the level of demand for high speed broadband in the area.

It was agreed to hold the open meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 22nd May, 2013 in Renwick Reading Room. Mr Smythe agreed to put an article in the Raven to publicise the meeting.

Councillors thanked Mr Smythe for all his hard work.

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

- Traffic lights on Eden Bridge- The Clerk read out a report from County Cllr Hilary Carrick- The traffic lights on Eden Bridge, Lazonby will be installed in early June. In order to do this the road will be closed to vehicles for two weeks for the installation of electricity. During this period pedestrians and push bikes can be taken over (from 3rd June, 2013). Village schools, doctors and various other bodies have been consulted regarding the best dates for the closure.
- Mr J R Raine reported that the drains have been assessed again at the bottom of Scalerigg/ Huddlesceugh Hall having been lowered. It was noted that the problem at the bottom of the Five Lane Ends Road is now much better. Councillors were delighted that potholes have been mended very quickly and other repairs have been marked with white paint to be carried out shortly.
- Councillors reported that there are still some potholes between Kirkoswald and the Eden Bridge and on the road to Nether Haresceugh.

16. To receive the Financial Report

- To make payments of bills
It was resolved to make the following payments (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mrs K Raine, unanimous vote):

Cumberland & Westmorland Herald (Advert)	£81.36	(Chq No: 100824)
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£298.13	(Chq No: 100825)
Cumbria In Bloom	£25.00	(Chq No: 100826)
- The Clerk ensured that all councillors had received a copy of the monthly cashflow spreadsheet. This was cross checked to the bank statement. Mr J Little proposed that these should be accepted and Mr N Jackson seconded him. Councillors voted unanimously in favour.

- To agree who should carry out the internal audit of parish accounts: It was resolved to ask Mrs Jane Dawes to audit the accounts again this year (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mrs K Raine, unanimous vote).
- VAT: The Clerk reported that she would submit the application to reclaim the VAT paid on the new commemorative benches
- The Clerk confirmed that she had sent letters out to all tenants who have not yet paid this year's rent asking them to do so.

17. To consider any planning applications made and related matters

None

18. To receive decisions on planning applications made

- 13/0005 Mr D Booth, Barn at the Granary, Scales Fold, Renwick, Penrith CA10 1JE REFUSED

19. To consider correspondence received

- Including letter received about the closure of Renwick Post Office

The Chair read through the correspondence received.

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

- Spraying of weeds
- Broadband to be placed early on the agenda

21. Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 14th May, 2013 in Kirkoswald Church Institute- AGM to be held at 7pm followed by the ordinary meeting at 7.30pm.

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 09/04/13

Meeting closed at 9.20pm