

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th July, 2013 in Kirkoswald Church Institute.

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 reported that a field in Parkhead has been resculpted with soil and broken roof tiles. They were concerned that if there is heavy rain the soil will wash down onto the road and block it. They also noted that at the site of the former quarry, the caravan is now very unsightly and derelict. They asked what can be done about it? It was agreed to place on the agenda for the September meeting. Mr J Haugh said he believed that the work had been done so that the field could be better accessed by another entrance. Mr J Haugh said that he would visit the site to ascertain the situation.

Present:	Mrs P Bowman (Chair)	Mr R W Raine	Mr J Haugh
	Mr N Jackson	Mrs I Henderson	Mrs W Smith
	Mr R Cranston	Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)	Mr B Smythe (Broadband)

MINUTES

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None
2. **To receive any apologies**- Mrs J Tea, Mrs K Raine (Vice Chair), Mr J Little and Mr J R Raine
3. **Minutes**: It was resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 11th June, 2013 as a true record (proposed by Mr N Jackson, seconded by Mr R Cranston, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of the last meeting**
 - The Renwick Jubilee bench- Mrs P Bowman reported that the seat has been nicely installed on the corner on the road up to Outhwaite. She said that she had gone along to the official unveiling and it was a lovely evening.
 - Mr N Jackson said that the street light at the top of the hill in Kirkoswald has not yet been repaired and the bin next to the noticeboard still has no bin bag and is rocking. It was agreed that the Clerk chase this.
 - Noticeboards- The boards at Staffield and the one at the bottom of Sandhill have been painted. Councillors expressed their thanks to Jo Doves for painting the board.

- The War Memorial- it was reported that the War Memorial has been cleaned. Councillors thanked Mr J Haugh, Mr J Little and Mr N Jackson for carrying out the work and also Mr R W Raine for the loan of his pressure washer.

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

Mrs W Smith said that there was nothing new to report and that the Parish Council should continue to concentrate on the outstanding points from the last Community Led Plan. It was agreed that the Clerk contact the land agent to ascertain whether there was any progress with the possibility of a footpath to the bridge on the Kirkoswald side.

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

7. **To consider any Police issues arising-** Nothing to report

8. **To receive an update on Parish Field at High Bankhill**

- Gate- It was reported that the tenant no longer wishes to increase the width of the gate.
- Drains- Report from Jonathan. Drain clear and believed to be in working order. Holding pen-surface has become hardened. The neighbours have done their best to minimise the impact of run off on the field. Dig out area within the area of the fence, tank the wall out and French drain into the drain.

9. **To discuss the repair and cleaning of phone kiosk at Staffield**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to BT who said that the cleaning of the phone boxes is carried out by a contractor. It was agreed that it is still very dirty and councillors asked the Clerk to chase it again.

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

Mrs Bowman read the report from Mrs Sue Quinn following the recent judging day. Councillors expressed their thanks to everyone who had helped and it was agreed to send a letter of thanks to Sue and Howard Quinn for their organisation.

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

Mr B Smythe reported that he felt the Cumbria project is depressing at present. Lonsdale Network Services have sited their mast on Hartside and are awaiting a mains electricity supply. Some clients in Renwick and Kirkoswald have already signed but to the service that they are operating with batteries at present. They have also approached the minister of Methodist chapel to site a mast on the chapel spire so that virtually all residents will receive a 6-30meg service. Mr Smythe said that they are trying hard but it is still early days. He reported that the satellite service is also working okay and people are happy with it. Mr Smythe had also attended a Cumbria County Council launch session at Rheged recently. Unfortunately the County Council are unable to say when the service will be available and BT won't begin work without all contracts being signed. Grants for work in those areas which make up the 7% (who won't be included in the main roll out) are progressing extremely slowly but the remaining 93% should be operating by the end of 2015. Mr Smythe said that he believed that the Lazonby exchange will be in the second phase and fibred up in early 2014, but which cabinets will be included is not yet clear. He said that the County Council have launched a new website on high speed broadband but it has little information on it as yet.

It was noted that 80% of households completed and returned the survey forms sent out to assess public opinions on broadband provision in Renwick area.

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

- Repairs to pavement outside Old Crown, Kirkoswald- It was agreed that the sandstone needs to be returned and missing cobbles need to be replaced.

13. To receive the Financial Report

- It was resolved to make the following payments of bills (proposed by Mr R Cranston, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote):

Clerk's Salary & Expenses (July)	£268.84	(Chq No: 100841)
Clerk's Salary (To be paid 01/08/13)	£237.38	(Chq No: 100842)
Mr G Brown (Paint)	£ 20.46	(Chq No: 100843)

14. To consider any planning applications made and related matters- None

15. To receive decisions on planning applications made- None

16. To consider correspondence received- The Clerk read out a letter received about the proposed Post Office services in Renwick although most councillors were aware of the situation due to coverage in local press.

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

- Seat (repositioning of seat removed from War Memorial)
- Footpath
- Park Head- soil and tiles in field
- Repair of the cobbles throughout Kirkoswald village. (Are Highways Dept. willing to repair it or should we do it and send them the bill?)

18. Date of the next meeting-7.30pm on Tuesday 10th September, 2013 in Renwick Reading Room

Meeting closed at 8.44pm

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 09/07/13