

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th June, 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.

- Two local residents spoke to the meeting- Mrs P Bowman initially read a letter that they had sent to the parish council about water running off the parish field during periods of heavy rain. The parishioners asked whether councillors were aware of any details of the drainage in the field. They said that there had been water running off the field on three occasions and running up to their property. They reported that there appeared to be a drain coming from the parish field, but at the time of the inspection it was dry. Mr J Little and Mr J R Raine volunteered to go out and look at the drain at 9.30am the following morning and a decision as to what to do would be taken depending upon what they found.

<u>Present:</u>	Mrs P Bowman (Chair)	Mrs W Smith	Mrs J Tea
	Mrs K Raine (Vice Chair)	Mr J Haugh	Mr N Jackson
	Mr R Cranston	Mr G Brown	County Cllr Robinson
	Mr R W Raine	Mr J R Raine	Mr J D Little
	Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)		

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None
2. **To receive any apologies**- Mrs I Henderson (away)
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 14th May, 2013 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mrs K Raine, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of the last meeting**- At the end of the Renwick Broadband meeting the councillors present looked at the two tenders which had been received for the spraying of weeds in the area. The cheapest quote was accepted and it was reported that Mr Campbell Logue has now started work.
5. **To receive any updates on the Community Led Plan and councillor led areas**
Mrs W Smith, Mrs J Tea and Mrs K Raine reported that they had held a subcommittee meeting to look at the next step on from a Community Led Plan, which would be a Neighbourhood Plan. They said that this would more usually be carried out by a town council and the only way that they thought

Kirkoswald could be involved in one would be part of a project involving the East Fellside group of villages. The subcommittee recommended that as there were still items outstanding on the Community Led Plan this should be the focus of attention, rather than looking elsewhere. Cllr Robinson agreed that it would be a big step and said that even Alston are considering their capacity for drawing one up. All councillors agreed that this may be possible in the future but not at present.

6. **To discuss any outstanding items from the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations**

- Commemorative seats- It was reported that the new Kirkoswald bench is now in situ and councillors thanked to Mr J Haugh and Mr N Jackson for their hard work. Mrs P Bowman reported that a coffee morning had been held recently with pictures taken in the Cumberland & Westmorland Herald. The money raised, £132.36, was passed to the Clerk to be banked. This more than covered the final contribution due by the Kirkoswald committee to cover the cost of the bench. It was reported that the plinth has been installed in Renwick ready for the new bench. It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

7. **To receive a report from District & County Cllr Robinson-** Cllr Robinson said that there was not much to report but the new traffic lights will be in place shortly.

8. **To consider any Police issues arising-** Mr J Little reported that he had spoken to a member of police staff who had said that resources were currently more stretched than usual. It was noted that more oil tanks are being filled at present due to a lower oil price but this was providing more chances for thieves. The public were reminded to be vigilant and report anything suspicious. It was suggested that the longer daylight hours also provide more opportunities for those looking for things to steal. The Clerk said that there were no crimes recorded in the most recent police newsletter.

9. **To receive an update on the gate of the Parish Field at High Bankhill-** It was reported that the new gate has not yet been installed, but has been purchased/. One councillor brought up the question of whether slurry or fertiliser could be used in the parish field. He said that he was very concerned that the lovely meadow plants that are there at present could be destroyed by bringing weeds in from other areas. From his own experience he said that this would cause a problem. It was also agreed that particularly big machines may damage the drains. It was agreed to add this criteria to the letting agreement for subsequent years i.e. that the field be let for grazing only. It was then raised that slurry spread to the field might be running off in rain water. Following the discussions earlier in the meeting, councillors were concerned about possible damage. There was also concern about odours affecting neighbouring houses and also problems with the footpath through the field.

Councillors agreed that they should speak to the existing tenant about the implication of slurry on the field this year due to potential flooding (proposed by Mr R Cranston, seconded by Mr J Little, unanimous). Mrs P Bowman agreed to contact the tenant on behalf of the parish council.

10. **To receive any update on Cumbria In Bloom 2013-** Mrs P Bowman reported that the judging is due to take place on 4th July with the same two judges who came two years ago.

- Cleaning of the War Memorial- It was agreed that the War Memorial needs cleaning as there is a lot of moss on it. Mr J Little, Mr N Jackson and Mr J Haugh volunteered to do it at 9.30am on Wednesday 19th June, 2013.

11. **To receive an update on high speed broadband in the county-** Mrs W Smith reported that she had received an update from the Renwick broadband committee. They have composed a questionnaire which will be distributed in the Renwick ward and wish to form a Community Interest Company to apply for a rural community broadband fund grant. In order to do this they need a public body to sign an expression of interest. It was noted that this would be the only thing that the parish council would

need to do. Mrs J Tea reported that the group had had no funding for the 120 questionnaires needed and so she had bought the paper and printed them free of charge. Mrs J Tea proposed that the form be signed by the parish council and Mrs W Smith seconded it. Councillors voted unanimously in favour. District & County Cllr Robinson reported that other parish councils have signed this expression of interest form. The Parish Council agreed that they were happy to offer support but would want the Community Interest Company to do the work.

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

- Highway man- Mr J R Raine reported that the usual highway maintenance workers have moved areas, so he is unsure who the contact is for problems. He said that all pot holes have been reported including the one at Hasker Castle. Councillors agreed that the pot holes along the sides of roads were particularly difficult. Mr Raine reported that he had reported all those mentioned. Councillors reported that the area was better off than some others.
- Traffic lights on Eden Bridge- nothing more to report.
- Grit boxes- Mr R W Raine reminded councillors that three boxes have been requested but they haven't been installed. It was agreed that the Clerk chase this up.
- Outhwaite road has been resurfaced- Councillors were delighted that Highways have done such a good job of it.
- Street light at the bottom of Sandhill in Kirkoswald has been removed. Councillors resolved to find out when it will be replaced as it is a dark area.
- Parish noticeboards- It was agreed that some of the boards need to be repainted. Mr G Brown agreed to buy the black matt paint needed (oil based).
- Kirkoswald & Renwick- Bins with no bin bag. It was agreed that the Clerk report them.

13. To receive the Financial Report

- To make payments of bills (proposed by Mr J R Raine, seconded by Mrs K Raine, unanimous vote):

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£329.80	(Chq No: 100838)
Mrs J Dawes	£ 60.00	(Chq No: 100839)
- To approve the Annual Return 2013- It was resolved to approve the Annual Return (proposed by Mr J Little, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote).

14. To consider any planning applications made and related matters

13/0389- Mr & Mrs J Booth- The Grannery, Scales Fold, Renwick, Penrith CA10 1JE- Mrs J Tea proposed that the application go through. Councillors agreed that that they wholeheartedly supported the application for residential use as the Community Led Plan highlighted the need for more housing in the parish. Mr N Jackson seconded this and councillors voted unanimously in favour.

15. To receive decisions on planning applications made- None

16. To consider correspondence received- Already covered

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

- Old bench from the Square, Kirkoswald
- Grit boxes

18. Date of the next meeting- 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th July, 2013 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

Signed: R. E. Lytollis

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 11/06/13

Meeting closed at 9.13pm.