

## **KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

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An ordinary meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 in Kirkoswald Church Institute at 7.30pm, preceded by an open public meeting at 7.00pm to discuss changes to footway lighting

### **OPEN MEETING**

The Chair welcomed to two members of the public and explained the situation regarding footway lighting to the parishioners present.

**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.

- Eden Local Plan on Housing- Two parishioners came to speak to councillors about the Eden Local Plan.

One person said that they owns a number of sites at High Bankhill but they have not been included as preferred sites as they are not in a service centre. He said that he felt the site could be used for some affordable housing in a mix with market-led (as this is where the profit margin is).

- Another parishioner raised the concerns highlighted in 2003. These included concerns about local sites which he felt had not gone away, particularly around the school. He said that Kirkoswald is a well established conservation area and called upon the Parish Council, as custodians of the village, to give careful consideration to proposed plans. It was noted that Parish Councils as well as individual parishioners are allowed to give their thoughts on development. The parishioner felt concerned that development can not be changed in the future and asked whether the Parish Council would make comments to the council at this stage?

### **MINUTES**

Present:	Mrs P Bowman (Chair)	Mrs I Henderson	Mrs J Tea
	Mr J Little	Mr R W Raine	Mr J Haugh
	Mr N Jackson	Mrs W Smith	Mrs Lorraine Smyth (ACT)
	Mr R Cranston	Mr B Smythe (Broadband)	Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)
	Mr G Brown	Mr J R Raine	

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- Mr R Cranston (Planning)
2. **To receive any apologies**- Mrs K Raine (family commitments) and District & County Cllr Robinson

3. **Minutes: To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 and the extraordinary meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 as a true record**

It was resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Little, unanimous vote) and the extraordinary meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 (proposed by Mrs W Smith, seconded by Mrs I Henderson, unanimous vote) as a true record.

4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of the last meeting**

Regarding minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> February- Mr J Haugh reported that the stone for the commemorative bench in Kirkoswald has been dressed ready to be installed.

Regarding minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February- Street light at Fairfield- Mr R Cranston reported that the parishioner would still like the street light to be maintained if possible as they feel it is very dark at High Bankhill.

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

- Lorraine Smyth from ACT, formally Voluntary Action Cumbria

Mrs Smyth began by giving leaflets out to councillors which outlined the role of ACT. She reported that ACT have worked in the area for many years dealing with rural and community issues. Mrs Smyth had read through the resume of findings from the questionnaires along with a copy of the plan sent to her by Mrs W Smith. Mrs Smyth suggested drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan which could incorporate the importance of the venacular when looking at planning applications. She suggested looking at the March CALC circular as this includes an article on them. Mrs Smyth said that the Parish Council appeared to have done well in terms of identifying key priorities and moving forward with them. It is usual practice to refresh a plan every 5 years. Mrs Smyth said that it is important to put a copy of the plan onto the parish website and send a handout to every household. It was suggested that an annual progress report be made public on noticeboards, the parish website and in The Raven. Mrs Smyth said that it was important to keep the plan 'live'. Costs for doing this are usually met through the precept or grants.

Councillors expressed their thanks to Mrs Smyth for coming and the members of the subcommittee agreed to hold a meeting to discuss the way forward. Councillors expressed their thanks to the subcommittee for all their hard work.

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

- Commemorative seats- Mr N Jackson reported that the stone has been dressed for the seat and will be installed as soon as the weather improves. There will then be an unveiling and small event in the Hall. It was noted that Renwick's bench has arrived and the committee are looking at siting it.

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 a Police officer who stressed that parishioners should remain vigilant. Valuable items should be locked away and anything suspicious be reported immediately. Cases reported are flagged up as targets and focused upon. Parishioners who have snow tyres for their vehicles are reminded to use them in bad weather to prevent accidents.

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

Three tenders were submitted. Councillor unanimously voted to accept the highest tender (proposed by Mr R Cranston, seconded by Mrs I Henderson).

**10. To discuss the advert for tenders for spraying**

Councillors resolved that the tender should be advertised on a 3-year basis again (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr G Brown, unanimous vote). Mr N Jackson proposed that an advert be placed in the April copy of The Raven requesting expressions of interest and this was seconded by Mrs J Tea (unanimous vote). Details of the spraying schedule will be finalised at the April meeting. These will then be sent to those wishing to tender. Tenders will be considered at the May Parish Council meeting.

**11. To discuss Cumbria In Bloom 2013**

Councillors agreed unanimously that they would like the village to take part in the competition and were very grateful that Sue and Howard Quinn had volunteered to coordinate the entry again this year (proposed by Mrs I Henderson, seconded by Mr J Little). The Clerk agreed to forward the entry documents that she had been sent by Howard Quinn to councillors and write to Sue and Howard Quinn to take them up on their offer of help.

**12. To discuss the renewal costs of the Cumbria In Bloom website and the Parish Council website**

Councillors resolved to renew the Cumbria In Bloom and Parish Council websites (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mrs W Smith, unanimous vote).

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

It was resolved that the Clerk speak to Allianz Insurance to find the sum assured for the benches and also the additional cost of insuring two additional benches with a value of £1700. Mr JR Raine proposed that the Parish Council should take on the cost of insuring both commemorative benches. Mr J Haugh seconded him and councillors voted unanimously to do so.

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

Mr B Smythe gave a brief report on developments. He said that not much of substance had happened recently but that there is a Community Hub meeting tomorrow night. It is expected that the plan will be released in late spring 2013. Until this is made public it is not known which exchanges will be included. The exchanges then link to cabinets. There is one at High Bankhill and a second at Laces Garage. It was noted that the High Bankhill cabinet then links to Renwick. Mr Smythe said that he is looking into the possibility of BT putting ducting in next to the power cables on the Eden Bridge which will be needed for the permanent traffic lights. Mr Smythe promised to continue putting progress updates in the Raven and will also circulate them to the Clerk to forward to councillors.

Mr Smythe said that the Lonsdale group are moving forward with with planning permission having been approved for a mast up on Hartside. This mast will be erected within 4 weeks and the signal will be in place within 6 weeks (16meg). This service will be available for those within line of sight of the mast.

Finally Mr Smythe reported that Solway Communications are looking at fibre optic cabling around Carlisle and are also developing a wireless service.

Councillors expressed their thanks to Mr Smythe for all his hard work.

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

- The Highwayman's Report- Mr J R Raine reported:
  1. The pipes have now been removed from Croglin Bridge.
  2. Scarrowmanick road end- hump in road has been reported.

3. Jack Barn- 80% of drainage work has been completed.
4. Huddlesceugh- Some work has been carried out but until it rains it is uncertain as to whether it has been successful.
5. Potholes aren't going to be repaired as quickly as we were originally told.
6. We are now at the year end with some jobs still outstanding. These will be moved on to the schedule for the next financial year.
7. It was noted that the light outside the Fetherstone Arms has been mended.
8. Work been done on the road to Scales.

Councillors expressed their thanks to Mr J R Raine for all his hard work.

- Mr R W Raine asked whether the County Council would be carrying out any tree pruning this year. It was agreed that the Clerk contact them again with a copy of the original letter sent last year.
- Mrs P Bowman reported that the traffic lights on Eden Bridge are to be installed in June 2013.

**16. To receive the Financial Report**

- To make payments of bills
 

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£281.58	(Chq 100822)
(proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J R Raine, unanimous vote)		
 Howard Quinn (KO In Bloom website)	 £20.16	 (Chq 100823)
(proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr R Cranston, unanimous vote)		
- It was agreed that the Clerk check that all rent payments are up-to-date and complete the VAT reclaim form (including the cost of the benches).

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

- 12/0998 Mr D Booth, Barn at the Granary Scales Fold, Renwick- Notification of appeal.
- Preferred Housing Consultation (closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013) - it was agreed to hold an extraordinary meeting to discuss this consultation (proposed by Mrs I Henderson, seconded by Mr N Jackson, unanimous vote) at 7.30pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March in Kirkoswald Church Institute. Mrs W Smith kindly agreed to take minutes as the Clerk was already committed to another meeting that night.

The Clerk agreed to book the hall for the meeting.

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

None

**19. To consider correspondence received: The Chair read through the correspondence received.**

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

- Seats
- Spraying
- Insurance

**21. Date of the next meeting- 7.30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 in Renwick Reading Room**

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 06/03/13

Meeting closed at 9.09pm