

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th March, 2016 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.

Present: Mrs S Quinn (Chair) Mrs J Tea (Vice Chair) Mrs I Henderson Mr R Raine
Mr R Blenkharn Mr R Cranston Mr J Haugh Mr N Jackson
Mr B Smythe (Broadband) Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)

Minutes

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- Mrs J Tea (Police issues)
2. **To receive apologies**- Mr A Jackson, Mr J R Raine, Mr J Little, Mr R Pickthall and County & District Cllr Robinson
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 9th February, 2016 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr R Cranston, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of previous meetings**
Mr N Jackson and Mr J Haugh reported that they had been to look at the tree and felt that it might be wise to use J Fenwick Tree Fund to cut tree down and replace with a more suitable specimen- the size means that the BT lines are passing through it and are in danger of causing damage. BT have said that they won't do any work to the tree as it belongs to someone else.
5. **To receive an update on high speed broadband in the county**
Mr B Smythe reported that there are a number of issues this time:
 - He had attended a meeting in Watermillock regarding the BT Fibre Partnership. Funding is made up with 50% community funding. It won't be possible until phase 2 mapping is available (project to go ahead at the end of 2018). Renwick, Staffield and outlying properties are outside the likely area. It was agreed that Renwick households are well covered by Lonsdale Network Services at present. Mr Smythe asked whether councillors thought that the community would be interested in such a project. Details of Phase 2 mapping will be available for the May/ June meeting. Councillors asked if Parkhead is serviced by Lonsdale Network Services. Mr Smythe said that it is but unfortunately some properties are in a dip and are unable to access the service.
 - It was noted that the parish council had recently been asked to make a statement as the village is the 500th village to be connected to the high speed service. It was reported that BT weren't

happy with our first response as it highlighted the needs of outlying communities. It was agreed that process appears to be more important than accuracy and that probably it wouldn't make a difference.

- Mr Smythe asked whether councillors would be happy to have some posters sited around the village to reinforce that fact that the high speed service is available (BT's role is very prominent on the suggested sign). The benefits to the community might help in the long term. One councillor voted in favour of placing the sign around the village, there was one abstention and six councillors against. Councillors agreed that an A4 notice might possibly be acceptable.

6. **To receive an update on signposts and the grant applications-** The Clerk reported that she had submitted the additional information requested and the application is now being processed. Councillors noted that some signposts have already been done and are looking great.
7. **To receive an update on streetlighting-** The light at Bank House is now on, after repair, as is the one by the Lace's garage. A number of lights are still needed however (back, outside Gerald's, school, top of street). It was reported that Lazonby has a number of new lights and it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Clerk of Lazonby Parish Council to enquire how they managed to get them.
8. **To discuss arrangements for the Queen's Birthday-** Public meeting being held on Thursday 10th March.
9. **To receive an update on the upkeep of Kirkoswald Church Institute**
Mr J Haugh and Mr N Jackson reported that 50 people had attended the public meeting, with a good cross section of the community being present. It was noted that of the several hundred surveys that were sent out, there had been about 90 replies. It has been agreed to ascertain the cost of a new heating system. It was noted that there may be some grants funds available but the fact that it is a church institute limits donors. Councillors agreed that although it is owned by the church it is very much a community asset. The topic of parking around the hall had been raised but it was agreed that there is little that the group can do. It was agreed that the Clerk chase up the painting of the 'No Parking' sign.
10. **To discuss tenders for spraying and the parish field-** It was agreed to extend the date for submissions until Sunday 13th March (unanimous vote).
11. **To receive any updates on the Community Led Plan and councillor led areas**
 - Footpath towards Eden Bridge- The Chair reported that she had received a phone call from a parishioner saying that they had heard that the drainage work hadn't worked and will need to be redone. Mrs S Quinn reported that there has been vandalism to two of the contractor's vehicles. The work hasn't yet been completed and will need to be resurfaced. Highways Dept. have reported that the contractors are reluctant to come back to the site after the damage. It was noted that this is the 4th incidence of vandalism in the parish (it is happening nowhere else in the Eden area) and is costing tax payers money. It was asked why the road wasn't open at night but Mrs S Quinn reported that they can't guarantee to back fill it. It was noted that all the drains haven't been installed yet. It has been agreed that the contractors will return to complete the work in May when the schools are closed. Mrs S Quinn agreed to write a piece for inclusion in the Raven, highlighting the issue of vandalism. Councillors confirmed that the suggested alternative route is gritted.
12. **To receive a report from County & District Cllr Robinson-** Unable to attend

13. **To consider any Police issues arising-** It was reported that a vehicle in Renwick has been tampered with and wheel nuts removed twice. It is understood that Police are aware of who is responsible.

14. **To discuss issues relating to Cumbria in Bloom-** The application for this year's competition will be submitted in due course. Mrs S Quinn reported that she has been invited to become a CIB judge.

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

- Grit bins- Councillors thanked all those who went on various trips with Mrs S Quinn. It was agreed that the effect on trees is most visible when the trees are in leaf (often seen as die back and burning).
- Longmoor pothole- coming from Kirkoswald to Renwick (on left). It was also noted that there is one starting to appear next to the War Memorial.

16. **To receive the Financial Report**

- The Clerk ensured that all councillors had got a copy of the monthly cash flow statement. Mrs J Tea checked that the balances shown correlated with the bank statement.
- To make payments of bills (proposed by Mr J Haugh, seconded by Mr R Blenkarn, unanimous vote)

Clerk's Salary & Expenses

£276.78 (Chq No: 100924)

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

18. **To receive decisions on planning applications made-** None

19. **To consider correspondence received**

Gravel build up under Eden Bridge- The Clerk had received a response from the Environment Agency say that they didn't believe that it would cause the flooding of properties in the area. Councillors agreed that they were concerned not about properties but about the potential for damage to the bridge and the cost associated with repairing any damage to it, as being a listed building it would need to be done on a like for like basis.

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

- Tenders
- Queen's Birthday

21. **Date of the next meeting-** 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12th April, 2016 in Renwick Reading Room.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 08/03/2016