

## KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Extraordinary meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 in Kirkoswald Church Institute 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.

- Seven members of the public attended to make their views regarding Eden District Council “Preferred Housing Sites” known to the Parish Council.

It was agreed that these views should be submitted through the Parish Council to Eden District Council as set out in Agenda Item 3 below.

<b>Present:</b> Mrs P Bowman (Chair)	Mr G Brown	Mr J Haugh
Mrs I Henderson	Mr J Little	Mrs W Smith
Mrs J Tea		

### MINUTES

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. **To receive any declarations of interest:** None
2. **To receive any apologies:** Mr R Cranston, Mr N Jackson, Mrs K Raine, Mr R W Raine & Mr J R Raine.
3. **To discuss Eden District Council’s ‘Preferred Housing Sites’**

The Chair explained that discussion would be divided into 3 sections as follows:

- I. The preferred Housing Site
- II. The Coach house (withdrawn).
- III. The non preferred housing site e.g. High Bankhill

She explained that Eden District Council want local people to be involved and she read out the local statistics, in particular the need for affordable housing in the area. She explained that 1 acre of land was deemed suitable for 30 houses and that the site at the former butchers shop was ½ an acre. As yet no formal planning application has been received for this site.

Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the following submission should be sent by the Parish Council to Eden District Council.

“As Parish Councillors we are the voice that is most often heard by others as representatives of the people of the community. To this effect we held an Extraordinary Meeting on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March to discuss the proposed preferred site for allocation within the boundaries of our parish. With this in mind we respectfully ask that Eden District Council Planning Department take the views of some parishioners into consideration as set out below.

#### **PROPOSED PREFERRED HOUSING SITE - KIRKOSWALD**

- The proposed development would in the views of some parishioners adversely affect highway safety or the convenience of road users especially around the primary school.
- The site is in a conservation area and the effect of the development on the character of the neighbourhood would not in any way enhance it and in their view would have an undesirable visual impact.
- One of the neighbouring properties is a listed building.
- Any building in this area would affect the natural balance between the old and the new
- This proposed development would disrupt the habitats of endangered wild life.
- The loss of a view for some residents of Kirkoswald would have an adverse impact on the residential amenity of those residents in those properties
- Concerns were raised about access to the site
- Concerns were raised regarding the number of places available at the school and the potential for overcrowding.
- Concerns were raised regarding whether this would be affordable housing, as that is what the village needs
- Parishioners felt that they are in a difficult situation as they do not know what is the current status of the site. For example, is the land to be sold with planning permission?
- They were not clear whether highways have been consulted or not.

#### **PROPOSE A NEW SITE**

- The first concern raised by some parishioners is that they are not clear what the criteria are for preferred or non preferred site. Neither is it is not clear what is meant by a Local Service Centre
- Planning permission for building was given originally at High Bankhill. The view of parishioners at the meeting was that this should continue to be a preferred site. They considered High Bankhill at 330 metres outside the village to be within easy reach of Local Services and therefore a very suitable site for further development.
- They wished to know what other sites Eden District Council had considered as a preferred site, if any.”

4. **Date of the next meeting:** 7.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2013 in Renwick Reading Room

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 18/03/13