

## **KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Ordinary meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 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.

- Road sweeper through Parkhead- A parishioner reported that although a road sweeper has gone through the village it had made no difference to the mud on the road and the potholes are now deeper than they were. He said that the grit bins haven't been filled but several piles of the grit have been put along the side of the road. Councillors agreed to take his concerns forward.
- Talk by Mr Richard Brockington- Mr Brockington reported that he was involved in a project which is now getting underway. The Victoria County History Group are carrying out detailed research into the history of the area. 300+ villages are being covered in Cumbria and they have the backing of many national bodies. The project is being co-ordinated by Lancaster University. Mr Brockington reported that the Renwick research has been completed and he is now moving on to Kirkoswald. Mr Brockington appealed for local residents to pass on information on village history to him to include and asked if he could have the backing of the parish council. Councillors said that it seemed a great project and wished him well with his research.

<b><u>Present:</u></b>	Mrs P Bowman (Chair)	Mrs K Raine (Vice Chair)	Mrs J Tea
	Mr N Jackson	Mr J Haugh	Mr J R Raine
	Mr G Brown	Mr R Cranston	Mr J Little
	Mr I Henderson	County & District Cllr Robinson	Mrs R Lytollis
	Mr R Brockington	Mr B Smythe	(Clerk)

### **MINUTES**

#### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- Awarding of grants (Church Institute Committee- Mrs K Raine & Mr J Haugh)
2. **To receive any apologies**- Mr R W Raine
3. **Minutes: To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 as a true record** (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote).
4. **To accept the resignation of Mrs W Smith as a parish councillor and discuss how to elect a new councillor**- Councillors said that Mrs Smith had contributed a huge amount to the council and were

sorry to see her go. It was agreed that the Clerk send a letter of thanks to her and also speak to Eden District Council to advertise the position.

5. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of the last meeting-** Stones outside the Crown in Kirkoswald- despite having reported them many times the cobbles have not been reinstated. It was resolved that the Clerk write to Highways Department again and also send a letter to the Cumberland and Westmorland Herald on behalf of the parish council.
6. **To receive any updates on the Community Led Plan and councillor led areas-** It was agreed to remove this point from subsequent agendas. Councillors expressed their thanks to the sub committee for all their hard work.
  - Footpath towards Eden Bridge (to become a separate agenda point on future agendas)- It was resolved that the Clerk contact the land agent to ask for some potential dates for a site meeting and also keep Lazonby Parish Council up to date with progress.
7. **To receive a report from County & District Cllr Robinson-** Community fund- Cllr Robinson asked whether there is anything that councillors would like to see happen in the area. She reported that the grant criteria can be found online and suggested that KEG group might qualify for possible funding (matched funding). Funds are available for projects involving village halls and play areas. Funding application deadlines are in December and March. Various other funding options including 0-19 funding.
8. **To consider any Police issues arising-** The Clerk reported that she now receives daily emails from the Police etc reporting any incidents in the area. It was resolved that this no longer needs to be a separate agenda item and councillors thanked Mr J Little for his work (proposed by Mr J Little, seconded by Mrs K Raine, unanimous vote).
9. **To discuss the road and area of land around the static caravan in Parkhead-** Councillors agreed that the derelict caravan is on private land and as such was not their business. It was agreed that the sides of the road need to be cut with a hand trimmer and that the surface needs to be repaired having been washed away. Mr J R Raine said that he has spoken to Highway Department about the problem and the sides might not have been cut as they could be conservation verges. He said that the vegetation is difficult to cut with cutter. It was agreed that a report be placed in the Raven. Mr J R Raine agreed to meet Highways Dept again and report back at the December meeting.
10. **To discuss issues relating to Cumbria in Bloom (including village signs)-** The Chair recapped that the village had received nine awards altogether and it has been suggested that a sign be placed at its entrance to recognise this (Lazonby to Kirkoswald road). It was suggested that the sign be placed on an existing post (subject to permission). Councillors voted unanimously in support of the sign and it was agreed to report this back to the KEG meeting. It was agreed that it was an honour to have been asked to take part in Britain in Bloom and more work would be involved, however as the group is so well organised it was mostly already done. Councillors were unanimously in favour of the village entering the competition. It was noted that judging will take place during the last two weeks in July and first in August 2014. The group will make suggestions as to colours/ themes and the Parish Council will call a public meeting February (proposed by Mr J Little, seconded by Mr J R Raine, unanimous vote).
11. **To receive an update on high speed broadband in the county-** Mr B Smythe spoke to the meeting and suggested that a discussion of various issues take place at the December meeting. He said that there were three issues to be considered at present. Mr Smythe said he had had a meeting with Cumbria County Council and BT last week and they had looked through all the postcode areas for the parish. To the disappointment of all he said that there was no intention to 'fibre up' Kirkoswald at present,

however this might change. As a result the parish would only benefit from the universal service commitment of 2 meg only. Cllr Robinson said that she was working on the situation as well. Mr Smythe said that he would circulate a document outlining the options and decisions to be made. He reported that Lonsdale Network Services are being very helpful and are progressing with plans to install a mast on the fellside. Mains power will be in place up there by Christmas which will allow it to be permanent at that point. It was noted that the service is faster than that promised by BT. Customers must be in line of site of the masts. The third option is 4G which is to be offered by BT and BT have also promised to carry out a design review at the end of 2014 to suggest options for the parish. East Cumbria Forum has 12 routers to measure service to households (counting speed only), with volunteer households required. Mr Smythe promised to send a report to the Clerk to circulate to councillors. Councillors thanked Mr Smythe for his hard work. Finally Mr Smythe suggested that parishioners might wish to vote on the BT Infinity Services section of the BT website to show that there is a demand and need for the service in the parish.

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

Mr J R Raine reported that he is to hold a meeting with the road surveyor shortly, to go through various issues.

- Street lights (especially light near noticeboard at Sandhill)- It was noted that the light near the noticeboard hasn't been fixed although it has been reported many times. The Chair said that she had received a letter stating that the pole had been pushed over by an unknown vehicle and it had been disconnected for safety. Cllr Robinson said that she had taken it up with Chief Executive and Portfolio Holders of both the District and County Council. Councillor Robinson said that problems such as this were a big issue for Eden area.
- Light- Mr J R Raine promised to take this up again.
- It was agreed that the Clerk send a letter to Cumberland and Westmorland Herald regarding the flagstones outside the Crown. It was noted that nothing has been done about reinstating the cobbles outside the Fethers and it was agreed that the surface is currently a danger to anyone walking on it.
- Grit bins- It was noted that these should be automatically refilled and extra grit heaps have been laid down.
- Mud on road at Parkhead- Mr J R Raine reported that he is to take a Highways Dept. surveyor to look at the road.
- Mr J R Raine reported that major repairs have taken place recently with most potholes in the parish having been filled.
- The Clerk noted that she should send copies of all emails and letters to Cllr Robinson so that she can try and take them forward as well.
- It was noted that the street lights on Sandhill haven't been on since the school warning lights were installed. It was agreed to take this forward.
- Field drain at Demense Corner running onto road, which will cause problems when it freezes- Mr J R Raine agreed to arrange for a surveyor to have a look at it.
- Microwave and fridge freezer dumped in different parts of the parish.

#### 13. To receive the Financial Report- Bank statements checked- Mr J Little proposed that the statement be accepted. Mr G Brown seconded him. Unanimous vote.

- To make payments of bills- It was resolved to make the following payments (proposed by Mrs K Raine, seconded by Mr J Little, unanimous vote).

Clerk's salary & expenses	£284.32	(Chq No: 100848)
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- To discuss grant applications received- It was resolved to pay the following grants in May 2014

○ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Eden Valley Scouts	£294.75
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(proposed by Mrs K Raine, seconded by Mr J Little, unanimous vote)

- Kirkoswald After School Club                    £240  
(proposed by Mr N Jackson, seconded by Mrs K Raine, one abstention)
- Renwick Reading Room                            £500  
(proposed by Mr J Little, seconded by Mrs I Henderson, unanimous vote)
- Kirkoswald PCC                                    £1000  
(proposed by Mr R Cranston, seconded by Mr N Jackson, unanimous vote)
- Renwick With Croglin Parish Church   £525  
(proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote)
- Kirkoswald Church Institute                £1500  
(proposed by Mrs I Henderson, seconded by Mr G Brown, unanimous vote)
- After much discussion it was resolved to assign £1000 for grants made after meeting date  
(proposed by Mr R Cranston, seconded by Mrs I Henderson).

Cllr Robinson suggested that some of the applicants could apply for grant funding from other bodies.

- **To set the precept for 2014/15-** It was resolved that the precept should remain unchanged at £12000 (proposed by Mr J Little, seconded by Mrs K Raine, unanimous vote).

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

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

13/0642 Dr K Sharpe, Doctors Surgery, Ravenghyll, Kirkoswald, Penrith CA10 1DQ- Granted

13/0565 Mr & Mr D Booth, The Granary, Renwick, Penrith CA10 1JE- Granted

13/0699 Mr & Mrs Livesey, White Cottage, Hartside, Alston CA9 3BW- Granted

16. **To consider correspondence received-** The Chair read through the correspondence received.

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

- War memorial
- Risk assessment
- Stone outside the Crown.
- Britain In Bloom date
- Parish Field- advertising

18. **Date of the next meeting-** 7.30pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 in Renwick Reading Room.

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 12/11/13

Meeting closed 9.06pm