

## **KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 11th October, 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- None present

Present: Mrs S Quinn (Chair) Mrs J Tea (Vice Chair) County & District Cllr Robinson  
Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk) Mrs I Henderson Mr N Jackson Mr J Haugh  
Mr R W Raine Mrs J R Raine Mr R Pickthall

### **MINUTES**

#### **ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING**

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None
2. **To receive apologies**: Mr A Jackson, Mr R Blenkarn, Mr R Cranston & Mr J Little
3. **Minutes**: It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote).

Clerk to replace 'Mel' with Mel Munroe as she didn't know surname at time of writing the minutes.

4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of previous meetings**- Nothing
5. **To discuss parking in Kirkoswald**- It was decided to begin by trying a sign and councillors agreed to look at where the 'A' sign is to be positioned. The Clerk promised to drop the board off at Mrs S Quinn's house. It was suggested that if successful a permanent post and sign could be placed in the Square.
6. **To discuss the parish land at Scalehouses**- Mr A Jackson reported that he had looked at the drain at Scalehouses and felt that it could do with a clean out. He said that, having said that, it is running at the moment underneath the mass of nettles. Mr A Jackson said that it is difficult to see how much work is required until the nettles die back and promised to inspect it again in a couple of weeks when things have died back and report back at the November meeting. Mr Robin Raine said had gone to look at it as well and agreed with Mr A Jackson. It was agreed that KEG could look at the site as well to assess its environmental potential.
7. **To discuss grass cutting in Kirkoswald**- Nothing to discuss

8. **To discuss proposed Christmas tree**- Mr R W Raine asked what size tree is needed. After the meeting, councillors looked at the site and agreed that a 12 ft. tree would be ideal. It was agreed that it should be erected during the first week in December.
9. **To receive an update on the use of the phone boxes**- It was reported that the defibrillator is now in place. Mrs S Quinn said that she would pass the grant application form to Morag Miles. Councillors asked who are the first responders in Renwick area.
10. **To receive an update on the upkeep of Kirkoswald Church Institute**- Mr J Haugh reported that Atkinsons have been out to prepare a quote for both oil and electric heating. Mr B Smythe and Mel Munroe attended a meeting last week to look at how similar projects have worked in other villages. It was noted that it seems like it will be ongoing for 2-3 years. Hellen Aitken (ACT) to come to the November meeting.
11. **To receive any updates on the Community Led Plan and councillor led areas**
- Footpath towards Eden Bridge- Mrs S Quinn reported that there had been some email correspondence with the landowner.
  - Parish Plan- It was reported that the subcommittee have reviewed the seven areas identified in the last plan. The group had revisited the document put together by Wendy Smith and had assessed how much progress has been made. Mrs S Quinn gave a copy of their review findings to councillors. It was agreed to send out a new questionnaire to garner opinion on how the parish can develop/ be improved and it was suggested that the parish council include some ideas. It was suggested that a bus shelter is needed for school children waiting for the bus. Councillors agreed that the subcommittee findings was a very good document. The Chair asked how the project should be taken forward. It was agreed to involve other groups from the village. Councillors agreed that it is important for the plan to illustrate how important the Church Institute is to villagers. Councillors hoped that Hellen Aitken from ACT would be able to come to the November meeting to talk to councillors about it. Mrs S Quinn agreed to meet with Mel Munroe to look at survey contributions. It was noted that Fellside Ladies are looking to have a footpath/ running path around an area of the village to encourage/ allow running around the village. It was suggested that there may be some funds available to promote outdoor activities for adults under the healthy weight grants banner. Councillors agreed that the path would enhance the village and it was noted that the school children could use it as they have to run one mile per day. Councillors agreed to send other suggestions to Mrs S Quinn. It was suggested that the speed limit in the High Bankhill area be reconsidered and reduced to 30 m.p.h..
12. **To receive a report from County & District Cllr Robinson**
- County & District Cllr Robinson reported said that the Environment Agency are aware of the stones at the bridge. It was noted that the drains need to be cleared out at Kirkoswald and Cllr Robinson said that these are now on the rota for work to be carried out. It was reported that Eden District Council are buying a projector for every parish council to look at planning applications, as they won't be sent out by post anymore.
- Cllr Robinson said that she had noticed a van parked at the road junction near Renwick. She said that she would follow it up with Eden District or the Police. It was reported that there has been a red van looking for land to buy. Finally, the problem of grass and weeds on Eden Bridge was raised and it was agreed that it needs to be cleared as well as sprayed.
13. **To consider any Police issues arising**- Following the theft of quad bikes from the Armathwaite area over the weekend, parishioners are reminded to lock all items and be watchful.
14. **To discuss issues relating to Cumbria in Bloom**- Mrs S Quinn said that there was nothing to report.

15. **To receive an update on the removal of gravel from the Eden at Eden Bridge**- It was reported that Highways Dept. are talking to the Environment Agency about the matter. Councillors agreed that it is a very serious problem with potentially big consequences. Mrs S Quinn agreed to write a letter to Rory Stewart to draw his attention to the issue and ask for his help and support.

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

- Grit bins- The Clerk reported that she had requested that the new grit bins be installed some time ago and had been assured that they would be in place by the autumn. It was agreed that she chase again as Highways Dept. are now filling up the bins and haven't installed the new ones yet.
- Signposts- County & District Cllr Robinson agreed to chase up the grant application result.
- Mr J R Raine gave the Highwayman's report:
  1. The grit bins have been filled.
  2. Signs at Renwick- these have been removed, but may be put out again.
  3. It was noted that the road between Croglin and Renwick is quite fast and Mr J R Raine suggested that a 30mph sign would slow vehicles as they approached the village. County & District Cllr Robinson promised to look at the idea and asked where the 30 mph zone would extend to. Councillors agreed that down below the school would be a good point. Cllr Robinson agreed to ask that Highways Dept. review the matter. Councillors thanked Mr J R Raine.
- Weeds- Mrs S Quinn reported that a notice has now been placed on the website.
- Footway lights- Mrs S Quinn reported that she has written to the new person responsible for the lighting in the district. It was noted that there are two lights in Renwick that are on the agreed list but are not working.

17. **To receive the Financial Report**

- It was resolved to make the following payment of bills (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Haugh, unanimous vote):

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£286.84	(Chq No: 101045)
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18. **To consider any planning applications made and related matters**- None

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

20. **To consider correspondence received**

- Councillors looked at the letter received from the Queen's lady-in-waiting, thanking the children for the cards.
- Mrs S Quinn reported that she had had a phone call from Richard Topping regarding white lines.
- Tree down near the Laces- it was agreed that it needs to be removed by the Environment Agency.

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

- It was agreed that the Clerk buy a poppy wreath from the Royal British Legion for the War Memorial in Kirkoswald.

22. **Date of the next meeting**- 7.00 pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 11/10/2016

The meeting closed at 20.42