

## **KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Ordinary meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 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 P Bowman (Chair)	Mrs S Quinn	Mrs I Henderson
	Mr J R Raine	Mrs J Tea (Vice Chair)	Mr R Cranston
	Mr J Haugh	Mr N Jackson	Mr A Jackson
	Mr J Little	Mr R W Raine	Mr B Smythe (Broadband)
	Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk)		

## **MINUTES**

### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None
2. **Apologies**- Mr G Brown (Working)
3. **Minutes**: It was resolved to authorise Mrs P Bowman (Chair) to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Little, unanimous vote by those who had been present).

***One amendment- Mr R Raine had organised the repair work to the wall at the parish field, High Bankhill.***

4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of previous meetings**
  - Helen Chubb- Mrs J Tea reported that she had gone to look at the mill stone but said that it wasn't visible as it is under shubbery.
  - Streetlight at High Bankhill has been reported to Highways but is still on.
5. **To discuss suggested improvements at Quebec**
  - Millstone area- It was agreed that the stone can't be seen at present and that it would be nice if the area could be more open. Mr N Jackson said that the stone is on parish land. Councillors agreed that it would also be better to remove the tree that is growing. Mr J Haugh and Mr N Jackson agreed to work with the resident to clear the area out. Councillors expressed their thanks to them. It was agreed that the sign on the seat is looking untidy with a spelling mistake and incorrect date on it. Mrs P Bowman had obtained a quote for a new 8 inch x 2.5 inch and a second, online comparison quote. It was agreed to bring the matter to the next meeting.

- Signs to direct pedestrians- It was agreed that there were few options as to where to site it and therefore it would be better left as it is (proposed by Mr N Jackson, seconded by Mr J Little, unanimous vote).

6. **To discuss the Parish Field**

- New gate- It was noted that the rent had been received. Mr Jackson had obtained quotations from Relphs for an 8ft gate (£80 + VAT) and a 10ft gate (£85 + VAT). Mr R W Raine offered to make the gate good at his own expense, without changing the size of it. Mrs J Tea seconded that Mr R W Raine's offer be accepted. Councillors voted unanimously in favour.

7. **To receive an update on high speed broadband in the county-** Mr B Smythe reported that he was to have a meeting with Councillor Gordon Nicolson and BT next week. It is thought that BT will meet their 93% promise of high speed broadband but households in the Eden District will take a disproportionate amount of the remaining 7%. Mr B Smythe said that if no progress is made then Councillor Nicolson wants to meet with Rory Stewart MP to discuss ways to take it forward. It was noted that BT are currently working on the cabinet in Kirkoswald which is due to go live during quarter 1, 2015. For those households within 1 mile of the cabinet, they will receive superfast broadband, but as distance increases, poor quality of copper wire and the number of junction boxes increases, the speed of service will reduce. It was noted that Lonsdale Network Services have not done any further work on installing a repeater mast recently. A councillor reported that there is a loose cable on the box on the village hall.

Mr Smythe said that the Hub Coordinators group had been asked if parishioners have a problem with mobile phone signal strength in our area because Vodafone are offering on what appears to be a "first come first served" basis to extend their pilot for what they call their "Rural Open Sure Signal programme".

This involves Vodafone supplying and installing a more robust version of their domestic Sure Signal box onto the outside of approx. four buildings in the village and using a broadband connection of at least 4Mbps. This will significantly enhance the Vodafone mobile signal in the area.

In anticipation of this being a viable solution, I have included Lazonby, Kirkoswald and Renwick in their list of communities that currently suffer from a poor signal. Vodafone require an application to be submitted by 14<sup>th</sup> October, which would be quite challenging, even if they show some flexibility on this date.

Mr Smythe said that his main concern is that Vodafone expect either the "building hosts" or the Parish Council to fund the cost of electricity to power these devices (circa £120 p.a.).

Mrs J Tea said that she felt it wasn't the PC job to pay for Vodafone infrastructure. All councillors agreed.

It was agreed that there seems to be a lot of activity at present but not necessarily of help to residents. Councillors thanked Mr B Smythe for all his hard work.

8. **To discuss signposts in the Parish-** Covered under agenda point 13.

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

- Footpath towards Eden Bridge- The Clerk reported that she had spoken to Mr John Banks of Cumbria Highways. He said that levels have now been taken, a scheme proposal is being drawn up and funding is now being sought. Councillors agreed that they don't feel that they can pursue a footpath unless it is accessible to all by having a hard surface, as it would make obtaining grant

funding difficult. It was agreed to take the process one step at a time. Councillors thanked Mrs J Tea, Mrs K Raine and Mrs W Smith for all their hard work with the Plan.

10. **To receive a report from County & District Cllr Robinson**- unable to attend.

11. **To consider any Police issues arising**- Nothing reported.

12. **To discuss issues relating to Cumbria in Bloom & Britain in Bloom**- Mrs S Quinn said that there was little to report. She thanked Mrs J Tea for publishing the brochure for the judges. The Britain In Bloom- results are due out later in the week.

Councillors thanked Mrs S Quinn and all of the volunteers for their work on the application.

13. **To receive the Highwayman's Report and discuss matters related to Highways**

- Repairs needed to potholes on Sandhill
- Signposts- Mrs P Bowman reported that she had driven around the parish and taken photos of all the signposts. It was agreed that Mrs P Bowman and Mr J R Raine speak to Signpost Restoration Ltd (Lanercost) who have carried out repair work on behalf of other parishes and report back to councillors at the November meeting (proposed by Mrs I Henderson, seconded by Mrs J Tea, unanimous vote).
- Top of Townhead, next to Chapel- it was reported that the sandstone pavement edges are very loose and need rebedding. It was also noted that those opposite the village shop are cracked and loose.
- Councillors thanked Mr J R Raine for all his work.

14. **To receive the Financial Report**

- Councillors had each received a copy of the monthly cash flow spreadsheet (checked to bank statements).
- To make payments of bills (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr J Little, unanimous vote)

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£266.72	(Cheque No: 100881)
Mrs S Quinn (BIB Expenses)	£257.50	(Cheque No: 100882)
BDO (Audit Fee)	£120.00	(Cheque No: 100883)
- The audit of the Annual Return 2014 has now been completed by BDO. The Chair read the report to councillors. Mr N Jackson proposed that these should be accepted. Mrs I Henderson seconded this and councillors voted unanimously in favour.

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

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

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

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

- Noticeboard at High Bankhill
- Bins- The Cricket Club supplied two posts for the noticeboards. Councillors thanked Mr J Haugh and Mr N Jackson for levelling them.
- Repair works to the railings as some paint has come off them.
- Budgets/ precept (Clerk to send councillors a summary of expenditure prior to the next meeting).
- Salt bins & winter travel

19. **Date of the next meeting**- 7.00pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

Signed: R. E. Lytollis

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 09/10/14

Meeting closed at 9.01 pm