

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th September, 2013 in Renwick Reading Room.

Present:	Mrs P Bowman (Chair)	Mrs I Henderson	Mrs W Smith
	Mr J R Raine	Mr J Haugh	Mr N Jackson
	Mr R Cranston	Mrs J Tea	Mr J Little
	Mrs R Lytollis	County & District Cllr Robinson	

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MINUTES

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None
2. **To receive any apologies**- Mr G Brown, Mr R W Raine & Mrs K Raine
3. **Minutes: To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 9th July, 2013 as a true record**- It was resolved to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 9th July, 2013 as a true record (proposed by Mrs W Smith, seconded by Mrs I Henderson, unanimous vote by those present).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of the last meeting**
 - Bin in Kirkoswald adjacent to noticeboard- Mr N Jackson reported that it has been emptied and a new bag installed.
 - Noticeboards- Councillors reported that most have now been painted and final work will be completed soon.
 - Field at Parkhead- Mr J Haugh reported that he has visited the area in question and the rubble mentioned is being used for a hardcore base. The work is on-going and the area is to be reseeded.
5. **To receive any updates on the Community Led Plan and councillor led areas**
 - Footpath towards Eden Bridge- The Clerk read out a letter that she had received from Charles Baker of Smith Gore. It was agreed that she send a reply saying that the Parish Council understands the issues mentioned, would like to carry out a feasibility study and would like permission if possible to bring someone from Highways Dept. to the site to look at it to give advice (proposed by Mrs W Smith, seconded by Mrs I Henderson, unanimous vote in favour).
 - Mrs W Smith reported that she had received some information about ways to take Community Led Plans forward. It was agreed that the subcommittee be reinstated (unanimous vote in favour).

6. **To receive a report from County & District Cllr Robinson**

Cllr Robinson said that there was little to report over the summer but potholes are an on-going problem. She also highlighted possible project funding sources from the Community fund, district level councillor grants and Neighbourhood Forum Grants (information on these can be obtained from Deborah Garnett & Oliver Shimmel of Eden District Council).

7. **To consider any Police issues arising**

- The Clerk read extracts from the most recent Police newsletter. It was noted that there have been a number of thefts of red diesel in the north Eden area recently.

8. **To discuss benches**

Mrs J Tea proposed that the old bench, which is in good condition, be passed to K.E.G. to use at a suitable site and Mr J R Raine suggested that it could be used up near the castle. Mrs W Smith seconded Mrs Tea's proposal and all but one councillor voted in favour. It was agreed that if K.E.G. wished to take the bench on, it should still remain the property of the Parish Council. Mr N Jackson agreed to speak to K.E.G. committee.

9. **To discuss flooding in Renwick**

Cllr Robinson explained that as of 1st April, 2013, Cumbria County Council took over responsibility for flooding prevention in the area. As part of their new responsibilities, they are holding a meeting on Thursday 19th September, 2013 in Renwick and leaflets have been distributed to local properties. Mr J R Raine raised a number of points which he feels are contributing to the flooding problem.

10. **To receive an update on Parish Field at High Bankhill**

- Drains- Mr J Little reported that he had been to the site to look at the drains. They were clear. It had been suggested that livestock were penned up and the land had become paddled and hard. Councillors thought that the surface could be spiked to allow water to drain more freely, although it was agreed that in period of heavy rain this might not help considerably. Mr J Haugh agreed to speak to the local residents to see what they planned to do and the Clerk agreed to send a letter to them stating this.

11. **To receive any update on Cumbria In Bloom 2013**

Councillors were delighted to hear the results of the competition:

- Runner up "The Doreen Parsons Young Person's Trophy" for best project / effort by youngsters - Kirkoswald School
- Runner up "The Provincial Insurance Trophy for Churchyards - Kirkoswald Methodist Chapel
- Runner up "The Continental Landscapes Trophy special Category - Millie Bank Environmental Project – KEG
- Runner up the SLC Trophy Tidy Village (Large) – Kirkoswald
- Joint Runner up The Friends of the Lake District Trophy for Best Sustainable Development – KEG
- **Winner** "The County Chairman's Rose Bowl for Industry - Community Shop Kirkoswald - The Ravenbridge Stores
- **Winner** "The Lakeland Trophy for Best Commercial Premises - The Fetherston Arms Kirkoswald
- **Winner** "The Strikes, Houghton Hall Trophy in the Best Village Category with a **Gold Award** – Kirkoswald
- **Winner** "The Kimberley Clark Trophy in the Best Village Overall with a **Gold Award** - Kirkoswald

Councillors wished to pass on their congratulations to Sue & Howard Quinn and all their volunteers and it was agreed that the Clerk send a letter of thanks for all the hard work that had gone into the application.

Mrs P Bowman explained that the village has now been put forward for a national level competition because of the fantastic results. Everyone agreed that they would fully support this and Cllr Robinson suggested that funding for this may be available from the Community Fund.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to pay for the cost of engraving the trophies for both this and last year (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr N Jackson).

It was agreed that the Clerk contact the Cumberland & Westmorland Herald to ensure that the fantastic results were covered, as they had been in the Cumberland News last week.

Councillors wondered whether Renwick villagers might like to join in in future years?

12. To receive an update on high speed broadband in the county

Mr Brian Smythe was unable to attend, but send a report on progress. The general consensus appears to be that there is a lack of clear information available for local communities and this is causing anger and frustration amongst the groups involved. Mr Smythe is to attend a surgery with Rory Stewart MP as part of the co-ordinators group to discuss the problems.

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

- Repairs to pavement outside Old Crown, Kirkoswald- reported on numerous occasions. The paving flag was removed many months ago and supposedly temporary tarmac put in its place. It has not as yet been reinstated. Cllr Robinson agreed to speak to Steve Purdham of Cumbria Highways Dept. and chase it. Mr J R Raine also promised to take it forward.
- Repair and maintenance of cobbles in Kirkoswald- they are owned by Cumbria County Council so they need to carry out the repair work necessary.
- Four lights in Kirkoswald which needs their lighting heads repairing have been reported. Mr J R Raine said that pot holes in Kirkoswald were repaired within two hours of being reported.
- The road to Longmoor (B6213)- it was reported that there is a huge amount of soil in the road which needs scraping to clear it.
- The signpost at the top of Scalerigg needs to be replaced.
- General clean of signposts in the area is needed.
- Spraying of weeds in Kirkoswald village- County & District Cllr Robinson agreed to look into this.
- Letters from Parkhead residents regarding the state of the road through the hamlet- it was agreed that the Clerk send a reply to let them know that the problem has now been reported by the Parish Council to Highways Dept. three times. It was agreed that the Clerk log the problem again on the Highways hotline and Cllr Robinson said that she would also speak to those responsible for doing the work herself.

14. To receive the Financial Report

- To make payments of bills (proposed by Mr J Little, seconded by Mrs J Tea, unanimous vote)
Clerk's salary & expenses £278.93 (Chq No: 100844)

It was resolved to accept the accounts as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mrs J Little, unanimous vote).

15. **To consider any planning applications made and related matters**

13/0565- Mr & Mrs D Booth, The Grannery, Renwick, Penrith CA10 1JE- No objections (proposed by Mr N Jackson, seconded by Mr J R Raine, unanimous vote).

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

17. **To consider correspondence received**- Already covered above

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

- Annual review of risk assessment document
- Grant application forms- closing date and advert in Raven
- Repair work to the War Memorial

19. **Date of the next meeting**- 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th October, 2013 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 10/09/13

Meeting closed at 9.05pm