

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12th September, 2017 in Renwick Reading Room.

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

MINUTES

ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING

Present: Mrs S Quinn (Chair), Mrs J Tea (Vice Chair), Mr J Haugh, Mr N Jackson, Mr J R Raine, Mr R W Raine, Mr A Jackson, Mr R Cranston, Mrs I Henderson, Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk), County Cllr Driver, District Cllr Robinson and Mr B Smythe (Broadband)

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None
2. **To receive apologies**- Mrs B Bourgogne, Mr J Little & Mr R Pickthall
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 11th July, 2017 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mrs I Henderson, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of previous meetings**- Nothing
5. **To receive an update on the upkeep of Kirkoswald Church Institute**- Mr J Haugh said that there was nothing to report.
6. **To receive updates on the Community Led Plan and councillor led areas**
 - Footpath towards Eden Bridge- It was reported that the pathway is being quite well used. There have been one or two individuals abusing the right and as it is a permissive path, parishioners are reminded that they should respect it and act according to the notice. It was noted that a message about the pathway has recently been published in the Raven. A breast wire is to be installed and it was agreed to check with the land agent that it is compliant with legislation. Mrs S Quinn said that this has been checked with Highways Dept. in the past. It was noted that the current layout is slightly difficult for those with large dogs.
7. **To receive a report from District Cllr Robinson**
 - District Cllr Robinson said that she had attended a meeting with Mr R Pickthall, Mr Dennis Smith (from Ainstable Parish Council) and Eden District Council to look at ways of bolstering tourism in the Eden area.
 - It was reported that Ainstable Parish Council are holding a meeting regarding the transfer of assets e.g. street lights etc. and asked if councillors wanted to push for a meeting with CALC as well. Mrs S

Quinn explained that Kirkoswald Parish Council had agreed to wait and see what it looks like once the lights have all been repaired and then consider what will be needed in addition. It was agreed that the new LED models offer poor quality light, which councillors agreed is particularly inappropriate in an A.O.N.B..

- Eden District Council have recruited C.A.L.C. to update the last housing needs survey.

8. To receive a report from County Cllr Driver

- County Cllr Driver began by apologising for missing several meetings due to clashing dates. She has become the Chair of Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee, along with a couple of other health related committees and will be considering the integration of health and social care in the area. In East Fellside she is looking at the provision of elderly care in the area as there is virtually none available. Cllr Driver said that she is attending meetings look at an 'extra care housing scheme' where the care adapts as individuals' needs change with age. It was agreed that the sparsity of population makes such provision difficult.
- Cllr Driver reported that she has now visited a meeting of most parish councils.
- Looking at speeding issues within the district.
- Rory Stewart MP is holding a surgery in Alston on Friday 15th September and Cllr Driver said that she is looking to discuss topics including post-16 transport, public transport and broadband speed.
- Councillors asked how the parish council's request to implement a 30 mph zone through Renwick and also from Kirkoswald to High Bankhill was progressing. Cllr Driver promised to investigate the request further as it wasn't included in the most recent meeting. District Cllr Robinson reported that the request had definitely been passed forward and the Clerk promised to forward the emails she had submitted to Cllr Driver.

9. To receive any update on broadband services

- Lonsdale Network Services- It was noted that there is to be an upgrade very shortly to the Winfell mast. There is no confirmation that it is working and councillors agreed that the service doesn't seem any better yet. Mr B Smythe said that, once in place, it should resolve the capacity problems.
- Fibre connection- The under-road work has been completed in Gamblesby. In Glassonby, fibres have also been installed by BT to the cabinets.
- BT- Under the universal service obligation there is an obligation by the service provider to help those who don't receive a 10 meg download speed. There is some dispute regarding the difference between a commitment and an obligation. BT have said that they are happy to invest an additional £600 million to do this. It was noted that Eden area is well behind the 93% initial target and won't achieve it by quarter one of next year. Mr B Smythe is to send the consultation response to Mr Rory Stewart MP, District Cllr Robinson and County Cllr Driver.
- Councillors thanked Mr B Smythe for his work.

10. **To discuss drinking water in the parish**- Following the matter being raised by a parishioner it was confirmed that the parish council has no responsibility for water quality. However, County Cllr Driver and District Cllr Robinson said that Cumbria County Council have been made aware of the matter and United Utilities are investigating and taking it seriously.

11. **To consider any Police issues arising**- It was noted that there is a new community officer for the area.

12. **To begin considering reviewing Financial Regulations and Standing Orders**- Mrs S Quinn reported that she will take the issue forward.

13. **To receive any update on Cumbria In Bloom**- Mrs S Quinn reported that the awards will be given out at an event on Thursday 21st September at the Golf Hotel, Silloth.

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

Mr J R Raine reported that:

- Several signposts have been repaired
- Several lights are still not working.
- New grit bins have been put out and it was suggested that they be moved to the correct positions before they are filled.
- Road adjacent to Eden Bridge- outlets need to be opened to allow the water to run away.
- Water running on the highway at High Bankhill, Park Head and Huddlesceugh is still a problem. The Clerk was asked to chase United Utilities again.
- Hartside road- It was reported that water is running down the roads (even in dry weather) and the grips need to be opened.
- The road edges are disappearing near Nancy Cammock's.
- Scalehouse- The gravel on the road needs to be moved as it is dangerous.
- Signposts- The Clerk confirmed which Warboys signs are to be restored.
- Litter- Cllr Tea to go to meeting to look at repositioning the bin for those on the C2C route.
- Winter roads- Councillors reported to Cllr Driver that Renwick village has never been gritted and asked her to ensure that it is added to the rota.
- Grit bins- The new bins are now in place.
- Parking- Mrs S Quinn reported that there had been a meeting with PC Tony Labrum and Julian ? (Highways Dept.) to consider parking throughout the village, from the Square to the main road. Mrs S Quinn said that it has been agreed to put 'H bars' in various positions to discourage inconsiderate parking. She said that she has spoken to all houses in the Square and everyone is happy with the plan. The Chair said that she had sent two emails to Julian ? but had only received acknowledgements from him and nothing further. It was noted that the householder in the Square is happy for a sign to be put on their house, as long as it does not appear to have been put up by them and must state that it is from the parish council. The group then looked along the main road. Two properties have 'no parking' signs but these can't be removed by the council/ Highways Dept. Parishioners are asked to report those obstructing the highway with photographic evidence. Mrs S Quinn was asked to forward the email trail to Cllr Driver. It has been agreed to renew the white lines throughout the village and add a further 'slow' sign by the school. It was noted that there is no private parking in the Square at all.

15. To receive the Financial Report

- To make payments of bills

It was resolved to make the following payments (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr A Jackson, unanimous vote):

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£ 299.67	(Chq No: 101074)
Anthony Jackson	£1530.00	(Chq No: 101075)

- Annual Return- The Clerk report that, after some discussion with BDO, the accounts had been passed with one amendment.
- Clerk's pensions scheme- The Clerk reported that, by law, a parish council must be able to set up and offer a pension scheme to anyone employed as Clerk within a 6 week period. CALC have advised that it is sensible to have resolved to set one up and then at any future date a scheme can be put in place should it be needed. The current Clerk reported that she doesn't wish to be part of a scheme.
- PAYE scheme- The Clerk reported that she is currently having problems with the HMRC Basic PAYE software, despite have spoken to their helpline about it. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain prices for a third party to operate a scheme, a many parish councils do.

16. To consider any planning applications made and related matters

- 17/0759 Mr Gareth Paul Telford, The Vicarage, Fetherston Hill on the B6412, Kirkoswald CA10 1DQ – Tree Works- Councillors voted unanimously that the application should be granted permission (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr A Jackson).

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

18. **To consider correspondence received**

- Funding for a defibrillator for Renwick- Following the enquiry, County Cllr Driver and District Cllr Robinson reported that they had sent details of funding sources. The Clerk had also put the parishioner in touch with those who have organised similar projects. It was agreed that the Clerk suggest that she complete a grant application form on behalf of the group, before the end of October deadline.

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

- Christmas tree- Councillors agreed that it would be great to have a tree again this year. It was agreed to buy some additional lights.

20. **Date of the next meeting**- 7.30 pm on Tuesday 10th October, 2017 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

The meeting closed at 20.50

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 05/09/2017