

## **KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 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.

- A resident asked if it would be possible to get a grit box up at the top of Scalehouse, as when there was the recent bad weather, it was difficult to get the grit/ salt up the hill. A second bin is also needed at the very top near the barn.
- It was agreed that a new grit bin at the bottom of Kirkoswald is also needed, as cars had to be abandoned there in the snow.

**Present:** Mr R Pickthall, Mr A Jackson, Mrs J Tea (Vice Chair), Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk), Mrs S Quinn (Chair), Mr N Jackson, Mr J Haugh, County Cllr Claire Driver, Mr R Cranston, Mrs I Henderson, Mr J R Raine & Mr R W Raine.

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

#### **ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING**

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None
2. **To receive apologies**- Mr J Little, Mrs B Borgogne & Mr B Smythe
3. **Minutes:** It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 as a true record (proposed by Mr R Pickthall, seconded by Mrs J Tea, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of previous meetings**- Covered under other agenda points.
5. **To receive any update on broadband services**- Nothing new to report.
6. **To receive updates on the Community Led Plan and councillor led areas**
  - Footpath towards Eden Bridge- Mr A Jackson reported that the work is now virtually finished, with only a couple of jobs outstanding. It was reported that the stile at the top end of the path is not being used by those who have a dog with them, but the whole scheme does seem to be working satisfactorily.  
It was reported that a couple had been seen walking two dogs a long distance from the fence. Ms S Quinn said that a note has been put in the Raven stating that it is a permissive path and asking people to respect it. Councillors hoped that once the beck footpath re-opens, then the problem might resolve. Councillors were mindful that unwormed dogs fouling in the field can be cause lethal

infections to livestock. It was noted that although the parish council cannot do anything, the field tenant could put some signs up to highlight the problem. It was agreed that the problem should resolve in time.

- Parking- The Clerk promised to chase up the sign. Mr N Jackson and Mr J Haugh offered to put them up. It was noted that cars are still being parked inconsiderately, stopping access down the side of the village hall.
- Police advice notices- County Cllr C Driver agreed to ask PC Tony Labrum for some Police Advice Notices which can be given out. It was agreed to contact Mr Julian MacLaine to ask that the 'Entrance' and 'Exit' markings be painted as soon as possible.
- Condition of roads- It was reported that some potholes have been filled in.
- Water on the road- It was reported that Mr Bob Dowe has ordered the work to be done.
- Potholes- Mrs Quinn said that she has reported sixty potholes. It was noted that Highways Dept. are still under a lot of pressure.
- Back Lane from Five Roads End to Sealy Bridge (Green Lane)- subsidence work being carried out caused heavy snow. It was suggested that a sign be put up stating that it is not suitable for ordinary vehicles.

7. **To receive a report from District Cllr Robinson-** Unable to attend.

8. **To receive a report from County Cllr Driver**

- Work with Highways Dept.- Winter maintenance prompted by the recent snow (County Cllr C Driver to send an update email).
- CVS Community Resilience Coordinator (2 year full time post) being advertised at present.
- Next week are the full Council, Labour group and Health and Social Care meetings.

9. **To discuss drawing up an Emergency Plan**

- County Cllr C Driver promised to speak to Helen Aitkin and CVS about writing the plan.
- Mrs S Quinn said that she had read Cumbria County Council's plan as well as the public version of Great Salkeld's plan.
- It was agreed to put a subcommittee together to work on the parish wide plan. Mrs S Quinn, Mrs J Tea and Mr R Raine volunteered to be part of it and it was agreed to ask Helen Aitkin (ACTION for Cumbria) to attend subcommittee meetings.

10. **To discuss possible improvements to systems following the recent snow events**

Mrs S Quinn said that she had canvassed residents for their views on recent events. Their comments included:

- Don't get a helicopter in the wrong place, too late and for a press opportunity.
- The state of the roads (prior to the weather) were very poor e.g. manhole covers are proud.
- Lack of gritting/ grit- people had asked for bins to be filled and they weren't.
- Confusion about the priorities- Too much of a contrast between clear 'A' roads and blocked 'B' roads.
- Would it be possible to subcontract farmers to clear roads (making it worth their while) as well as allowing them to feed livestock.
- Scalehouse- two bins needed and another in Kirkoswald village.
- Renwick had no power for 36 hours.
- The doctors had made sure that patients had got enough medicines.

11. **To receive an update on the upkeep of Kirkoswald Church Institute-** Mr J Haugh said that there was nothing to report. It was noted that there had been the possibility of the grant highlighted by District Cllr Robinson. Mrs S Quinn asked who can apply to the fund and how much money might be available.

