

## **KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **Ordinary Monthly Meeting of Kirkoswald Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 in Kirkoswald Church Institute.**

Present: Mrs S Quinn (Chair), Mrs J Tea (Vice Chair), Mr J R Raine, Mr R Pickthall, Mr A Jackson, Mr J Haugh, Mrs B Borgogne, Mr N Jackson, Mrs I Henderson, Mr J Little, Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk), District Cllr Robinson, Mr B Smythe (broadband representative) and two residents

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

- Two residents (the applicants) addressed councillors about planning application 17/1000.

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

#### **ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING**

1. **To receive any declarations of interest**- None
2. **To receive apologies**- Mr R W Raine & Mr R Cranston
3. **Minutes**- It was resolved to authorise the Chair to sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 as a true record (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr A Jackson, unanimous vote).
4. **To discuss any matters arising from minutes of previous meetings**- None
5. **To receive any update on broadband services**
  - Councillors were disappointed to see that the meeting had been poorly attended, although the very cold weather might have contributed, and agreed that the presentation could have been improved. Mr B Smythe said that some helpful points had come at the end of the meeting, as to how to move forward.
  - Mr B Smythe said that he felt that the only realistic ways to achieve superfast high-speed broadband is to have community fibre partnership or an EE mobile signal solution. The latter option would mean that an external aerial would need to be installed on each property, as it is better at getting through trees and stonework. Mr B Smythe said that he is working on a diagram that he has been sent that shows which properties should have superfast broadband (based only on a one mile radius circle, centred around each cabinet). He reported that he is going to work through this in more detail as it is rather simplistic.  
Mr B Smythe reported that Lonsdale Network Services have capped their supply at 20 meg (and aren't actually giving superfast broadband at the moment, as that is generally defined as being in excess of 30 meg). By the next meeting, Mr B Smythe said that he should have drawn up a comprehensive list of properties, which would then be passed to BT Openreach and EE. It was noted that EE will carry out a

survey for £10, to establish the service speeds etc. they can offer. Mr B Smythe agreed to draw up some simple wording to be put in The Raven.

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

- Footpath towards Eden Bridge- Councillors agreed that the footpath is being well used. Mr A Jackson reported that the work to the fencing will start shortly, as soon as the weather is suitable.
- Parking- Councillors agreed that the signs should have a white background, with black script.
- Condition of roads- It was agreed to arrange a meeting with Mr John Banks (Highways Dept.) in the near future, to look at road management. It was suggested that County Cllr Claire Driver should be able to help with this.
- Water on the roads- Mrs S Quinn and Mr J R Raine reported that they had had a site meeting with Mr Bob Dowe. Although it seemed constructive there has been no update as yet.

7. **To receive a report from District Cllr Robinson**

- District Cllr Robinson reported that she has had a busy period following the recent resignation of the chief executive (as reported in the press). She said that there are a lot of matters to be taken forward e.g. footway lights and playgrounds. It was noted that there is a £300000 budget in place to support the devolution of economic services.
- Cllr Robinson reported that many parishes are taking over responsibility for footway lights, they need to be sustainable in the future. Mrs S Quinn reported that a number of communities in the parish have expressed an interest in having a dark sky environment. She also reported that she had written to Mr Neil Buck in October on the matter. It was agreed to arrange the meeting with C.A.L.C., once the contract has been finalised.
- Playground- Cllr Robinson suggested that the parish council contact Mr Paul Emerson's office to discuss the implications of adopting the playground. It was agreed that a plan needs to be drawn up outlining what needs to be updated (to a reasonable standard), before the transfer is made. Cllr Robinson also suggested that we contact Mr Ian Parker (Leisure Officers) to arrange a meeting. It was resolved to set up a sub-committee to take the matter forward and Mrs S Quinn, Mrs J Tea and Mr A Jackson agreed to help. It was agreed that the parish council's position at present is one of exploring all of the options open, whilst being aware of the problems with the contract.

8. **To receive a report from County Cllr Driver**- It was noted that the road from Alston has been closed due to snow.

9. **To receive an update on the upkeep of Kirkoswald Church Institute**- Mr J Haugh reported that there have been some problems with the boiler over the last fortnight. Quotes have been obtained for work to be done, but there are still problems with sourcing grants and funding. This work is ongoing. It was noted that there is going to be a local band playing on 24<sup>th</sup> February, to raise money for the hall. It was noted that the committee have been sent details of the Aviva partnership which might be able to help with funding. It was noted that ownership of the building is often needed to secure funding.

10. **To discuss Fellfoot Forward**- Mrs J Tea reported that she had attended a meeting and promised to send the Clerk details of the meeting to circulate to councillors.

11. **To discuss the contract for spraying weeds**- The Clerk reported that the current contract runs from 2016- 2018, so tenders will not be advertised until spring 2019.

12. **To discuss the rental of the parish field at High Bankhill**- It was agreed that the Clerk advertise for tenders for the field.

13. **To discuss recycling in Renwick**- Mrs J Tea reported that garden rubbish had been collected on Boxing Day, which many residents agreed was a waste of money as they don't have waste at that time of year. It was agreed that it would have been more appropriate to wait until mid January, at which point Christmas trees could have been collected. It was suggested that an additional cardboard collection would have been more useful at this point as all the bins in local recycling sites were full. It was noted that plastic bottles had been left all over Scales, Nether Haresceugh and Renwick today when the collection had taken place (by a van with large bins in the back).

14. **To discuss events to celebrate the Royal Wedding**- It was decided not to arrange any community events.

15. **To consider any Police issues arising**- The Clerk reported that some power tools had been stolen from a unit in Great Salkeld. It was noted that councillors had received a copy of the police newsletter. Councillors were pleased to hear that police are about in the parish overnight.

16. **To receive an update on the meeting with CALC to discuss the proposed transfer of assets**- The Clerk reported that C.A.L.C. have advised that N.A.L.C. are currently looking into the content of the agreement that has been drawn up, and have advised that parish councils don't sign the document until it been fully checked by their legal advisers.

17. **To receive the Highwaysman's Report and discuss matters related to Highway**

Highwaysman, Mr J R Raine reported:

- The site meeting between Mr Paul Dowe, Mrs S Quinn and Mr J R Raine had seemed very positive (held on 18<sup>th</sup> December). It was reported that Mr P Dowe had not had time to write his report up yet. Mr J R Raine agreed to chase up the matter. It was noted that there is a burst drain in a field at High Sceugh.
- The footpath man has walked all of the footpaths in the area.
- It was agreed that the potholes in the parish are bad. It was agreed to complain to Highways Dept. to let them know how severe the problem is. District Cllr Robinson reported that Highways Dept. are getting a new machine today and they will be out by tomorrow to begin repairs. It was agreed that they need to go round the parish regularly, due to the number of pothole.
- It was agreed that the Clerk report the potholes on the Hartside road as it is in an awful condition.
- Footways lights- It was noted that two lights are out in Renwick.
- 30mph signs into Renwick- It was reported that there are twelve young children now living in the village and it was agreed to speak to County Cllr Claire Driver, as she is taking the request forward.
- Warboys signs- Mrs S Quinn read out the email update from Mr David Gosling.

18. **To receive the Financial Report**

- The Clerk ensured that councillors all had a copy of the monthly cash flow spreadsheet and Mrs J Tea checked that the balances shown corresponded with the most recent bank statements.
- To make payments of bills  
It was resolved to make the following payments (proposed by Mrs J Tea, seconded by Mr N Jackson, unanimous vote):

Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£283.82	(Chq No: 101082)
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19. **To consider any planning applications made and related matters:**

- 17/1000 Scalehouse Farm, Scalehouses, Renwick, Penrith CA10 1JY- New Dwelling  
Mrs S Quinn spoke to the meeting, summarising the comments that she has received, both in favour and against the application. It was noted that in the past, the application would have been passed under the policy for infill building. However now, as it is not affordable housing and planning policy has now changed, it is likely that the application will be turned down by the

planning officer. Councillors considered comments such as it sets a precedent and allows those with large gardens to make planning applications. It was pointed out that there are a number of properties in Renwick, that have been on the market for a number of months, but a lack of affordable housing. A councillor said that she liked the ethos of the development, and supported keeping local people in the community. District Cllr Robinson advised that the planning policy is an emerging plan has been given some weight, but it hasn't been approved yet, and it may be six months before it goes through. She suggested that it should be passed to the Housing Committee, rather than being assessed by officers. Councillors held a vote and eight councillors were in favour of requesting that the application be reviewed by the planning committee (as the final property will be reasonably affordable in the future, is being constructed as a self build and supports the local community).

- 17/1038 Field Opposite 1-6 Roods Place, Kirkoswald, Penrith CA10 1EF- Tree Works- No objections
- 18/0062 The Manse, Kirkoswald, Penrith CA10 1EW- Tree Works- No objections
- 18/0070 Doctors Surgery, Ravenghyll, Kirkoswald, Penrith CA10 1DQ- Non Material Amendment- No objections

20. **To receive decisions on planning applications made**- None received.

21. **To consider correspondence received**- Covered under other agenda points.

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

- Tenders for the parish field
- Footpath from Lazonby to Eden Bridge (Clerk to speak to County Cllr Hilary Carrick and District Cllr Gordon Nicolson)

23. **Date of the next meeting**- 7.30pm on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 in Kirkoswald Church Institute

The meeting closed at 21.25

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

Date: 13/02/2018