

KIRKOSWALD PARISH COUNCIL

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Public Meeting held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 5th February, 2019 in Renwick Reading Room.

Present: Mrs J Tea (Vice Chair), Mrs R Lytollis (Clerk), Mr A Jackson, Mr J Little, Mr J Haugh, Mr N Jackson, Mrs S Quinn (Chair) and eleven members of the public

PROVISION OF FOOTWAY LIGHTING IN RENWICK

Mrs S Quinn began by thanking everyone for attending and gave an explanation of the situation regarding footway lights in Renwick and Kirkoswald parish. She explained that this matter has now gone on for about five years and councillors have spent much time looking at the various options. The Chair reported that the Parish Council now needs to get the opinion of the residents of Renwick, and this meeting is the beginning of that consultation process.

A resident asked whether there were accurate figures available for the maintenance and repair of new and existing footway lights. Mrs S Quinn explained that, despite much investigation, there are no figures available for those wishing to establish the ongoing running costs of the existing footway lights. It was agreed that this was an onerous position to pass on to future parish councillors and the reason for the Parish Council not signing the agreement with Eden District Council.

A resident asked why they hadn't been consulted earlier, but the Chair explained that the Parish Council has been publicising this process for many years, in the Raven magazine, on noticeboards, in the Parish Plan questionnaire and at a coffee morning, which was held to garner opinion. It was noted that the results of the Parish Plan and the coffee morning, highlighted that many residents wanted 'dark skies' or considered footway lighting to be of low priority.

It was confirmed that there are no highways lights in Renwick, so when the existing footway lights are removed, there will be no lights in Renwick. The Chair explained that the expected cost of each new light is £1000 and parish councillors weren't keen to add large amounts to the parish precept without further establishing whether residents did actually want them. The running and maintenance costs of these new lights can be established from those supplying them.

The Chair took a poll as to what type of approach the residents who were present wanted. Eight residents of Renwick voted that a small number of lights were needed in strategic places only. The residents were asked to look at maps of the village to determine where they might best be positioned. After discussion, it was agreed that residents should have the opportunity to look at the potential sites in more detail and it was agreed that a small group of residents report back to councillors at the April Parish Council meeting in Renwick, when this has been done.

Mrs S Quinn thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Signed: *R. E. Lytollis*

Clerk to Kirkoswald Parish Council

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