

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD MONDAY 12TH MARCH 2018 IN KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH COMMUNITY HALL

Meeting commenced at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllrs M Mennie, JJ Raine (Part), A Armstrong, T Moore, J Reed & I Hutchinson (NCC).

Apologies: Cllrs J Grieves & W Watson.

Also Present: Four parishioners

1. Minutes of the last meeting (13th March 2017) were agreed and signed.

2. **Matters Arising**

South Tyne Railway: Level Crossing – permission not yet granted, no gates in situ although trains passing over road now and again. Soil heaps – some levelling and re-seeding has taken place but still too high, drainage concerns. Cllr Hutchinson to pass comments onto NCC Enforcement Officer. Gates on path don't close properly. Narrow pathway, not suitable for wheelchairs etc., on South Tyne Trail – evidence to be sought supporting this as a right of way. No widening of the road to take place. Picnic area - soil still to be removed. Drain – ditch not running into gully, NCC to be notified.

Highway Issues: Work on ditches/drains/potholes/cutting back hedges etc. ongoing. Caravan Park – major work will be carried out next financial work (18/19). Eals Bridge – permissions in place, work will commence shortly. Cllr Hutchinson continues to pass on all concerns/issues raised to NCC.

Old School: No further update. Have contacted solicitors to ask if there is anything we can do to expedite this matter.

The Hearse House : I Hutchinson is currently finalising documents before sending off. Once Title Register/Ownership sorted the building will be added to Council's insurance.

Notice Board: New door ready to be fitted.

Rents Paid To Church: Awaiting update from Vicar.

Enclosure Award: Stored at Woodhorn, 'rolled up', available for anyone to see.

3. **Financial**

Monies: £296.60 + £8,155.35 = £8,451.95. Finance figures, including the budget expenditure, for 2017/18 was discussed in detail.

4. **Scarecrow Competition/Industrial & Produce Show**

Would like to build on last year's show, any suggestions would be welcomed for other classes which could to be included, some suggestions Leeks, New from Old, possibly a little dog show. Article to go in the Local News – If anyone would like to help, either on the day or help to organise the event, please get in touch with either a Parish Councillor or the Clerk.

5. **Any Other business**

Highway Issues: Wintery conditions – Parishioners and Cllrs commented on how good the snow clearing of roads was during the 'beast from the East' episode by NCC staff and contractors who had been called in quickly to help.

Northumbrian Water (Water Hole) Some work was carried out in August, the finishing off work bollards, hole etc was not actioned at the time. This has now taken place but the area has not been re-instated – the soil etc has been dumped on the footpath. Clerk to contact Northumbria Water.

Dropping Litter: There appears to be an influx of beer cans been dumped on a side road, unfortunately no evidence as to the culprits.

Dog Fowling: Any information to be passed on to the Dog Wardens for them to act upon.

There was no other business. The meeting closed at 8.15p.m.