

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 9TH JULY 2018 AT 7.30P.M.

Present: Cllrs M Mennie (Chair), JJ Raine (Vice Chair), J Grieves, T Moore, J Reed, & I Hutchinson (NCC).

Apologies: Cllrs A Armstrong & W Watson.

1. Public Question –Must be submitted in writing prior to Parish Council meetings to allow for a detailed and accurate response. None received.

2. Minutes (including any ratification of decisions taken) of meeting held 14h May 2018 were agreed and signed.

3. Declaration of Interest: Cllr Hutchinson (Planning)

4. Matters Arising:

Highway Issues: Ongoing discussions on potholes, raised kerb stone near Kirkstyle.

Old School: No further update.

The Hearse House: No further update.

Rents Paid to Church: Paperwork states money is being used for educational purposes for the parish, i.e. Whitfield, Greenhead & Henshaw Schools.

South Tyne Railway: No update from NCC Enforcement Officer. STR contacted Ombudsman re NCC delaying planning agreement re level crossing.

South Tyne Trail – Cllr Hutchinson to invite NCC Rights of Way Officer, Mr Neil Dowson, to September meeting to give an update and discuss any other issues

Communal Wheelie Bins: NCC report that the present bins are adequate for the properties they serve.

Eals Bridge requested information Under the Freedom of Information Act: NCC not able to disclose.

5. Parish Council's Projects:

Play Park: Phase 2 – Clerk to contact the contractors with the following queries, 1) Why was the fence taken down before the play equipment has under gone the post installation inspection? Do you have a date? 2) And more importantly – if a child is injured or has an accident is the liability with yourselves as this play equipment has not been signed of by yourselves. 3) When will the finishing off of landscaping top soil and seeding take place, apparently the area around has ruts from the vehicles.

Once signed over to the Parish Council will instigate the statutory safety inspection as required.

Notice Board (Community Hall): New door fitted.

Scarecrow Competition/Industrial & Produce Show: Copy of entry form in Local News, copies circulated in the parish. Clerk to contact suggested judges. Volunteers to help on the day required. Arrangements/format same as last year.

6. Planning Applications:

Planning Application 18/01417/VARYCO: Variation on condition 2 (Approved Plans) pursuant to planning permission 15/03308/COU to allow the laying of a gravel surface on top of the gridforce – Land South of Castle Nook Farm, Kirkhaugh, Northumberland - Parish Councillors have no objections to the application.

Planning Application 18/02270/FUL: Proposed demolition of existing garage and construction of new garage and single storey rear extension - Cherry Tree Barn, U7076 Slaggyford Main Road to Greenhead Road, Slaggyford CA8 7NH - Parish Councillors have no objections to the application.

7. Financial:

Monies: £296.70 + £8,609.81 (includes £1,341 ring fenced Transparency Grant + £11.06 Powergrid payment) = £8,906.51.

LESS: Grass Cutting (May/June + £50l) £295.00, NALC Subs £81.05, NALC Website £75.00, Playground Drainage £480.00, Knarsdale DCC (Plants) £55.00 = £7,920.46 (£1,266 ring fenced Transparency Grant). Cllrs agreed extra grass payment re additional growth. Thanks to Cllr Moore for the additional help with the cutting.

8. Support for Epiacum Heritage:

E-mail received re proposed planning application for a farm shop and coffee shop based at Epiacum – e-mail discussed and agreed Clerk to respond Parish Council support in principle the provision of improved facilities for tourism with due regard to appearance within the ANOB area and look forward to seeing the detailed Planning Application.

9. Bottle Bank:

E-mail received from NCC re positioning of the bottle bank – this was discussed and the following response be sent: 1. Consultation has been carried out and the outcome of this consultation was that the bottle bank should remain in the lay-by for optimum usage. 2. South Tyne Railway Car Park – there has never been any discussion regarding re-siting the bottle bank within their car park, if this had been the case then obviously the concrete base would have been much bigger. At one time it was suggested that the communal wheelie bins above the station might be re-positions within the car park – but again this discussion never took place and are unlikely to because of the various mitigating circumstances which are still ongoing.

10. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:

Nothing to report, policies, procedures etc – will continue to be reviewed and amended as necessary.

11. Tynedale Local Area Council:

Nothing to report, next meeting Tuesday 10 July 2018 at 6.00p.m. in Hexham House..

12. Correspondence:

NCC – A689 Slaggyford Caravan Park – Edge Protection Works – Clerk to respond 1) During the period when the work is being carried out there will be access provision for emergency vehicles (obviously it would not be possible to arrange 'agreed times'), 2. The Parish Council is pleased that this essential work is being carried out and would like to think it was to be carried out as quickly as possible. Would it be possible for NCC to consider working weekends (7 day week) to hasten the disruption? NCC gave a prompt reply – *'confirm that emergency vehicles will be allowed through the works if necessary. We can just cease operations for a short time to allow for this. Regarding working at weekends, I will discuss the possibility with our Contract staff. Weekend work may also be an issue with the caravan park as I expect more people will use the park at the weekends, but I will discuss this with the park owner and get his comments'*

Highways England (North East – Communication Manager (kate Read)

NCC 2018/19 Local Transport Plan Feedback

NCC Tynedale Local Area council – 10/7 at 6.00p.m. Hexham House

NCC Draft Statement of Principles 2019/22 consultation 6/7 – 14/9/18

NCC Northumberland Local Plan – Draft Plan for Regulation 18 Consultation

Seafarers UK – flying a red ensign on Merchant Navy Day 3/9/18

13. Any Other Business:

Noise – Sounding Train Whistles: If this is excessive the matter should be raised and dealt with by the noise abatement department who will assess the situation.

Speed Survey: Cllr Hutchinson to ascertain if it is possible for a survey to be carried out and report back.

14. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 10th September 2018 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 10.05p.m.