

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2016 IN KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH COMMUNITY HALL**

Meeting commenced at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllrs M Mennie, J Grieves, T Moore, JJ Raine, J Reed, W Watson & I Hutchinson (NCC).  
Apologies: Cllr S Makepeace.

Also Present: Six parishioners

Minutes of the last meeting (9th March 2015) were agreed and signed.

### **Matters Arising**

Village Green – Everything mapped out and in place ready for the re-registering when required to do so. You cannot build or have hard standing on a Village Green.

Highway Issues: Cllr Hutchinson continues to pass on all concerns/issues raised to NCC but due to cutbacks etc. work is taking longer and unfortunately this usually 'a short term fix' rather than long term remedy, eg potholes re-appearing within 2 weeks and in some cases bigger.

South Tyne Railway: The planning application went on the vetting list for the Chairs of the Planning committees to decide whether the application should be dealt with at committee or not. It was decided that the application should be dealt with under delegated powers and has subsequently now been passed. NCC have informed the Parish Council that the ownership of the village green is not a material consideration in the determination of the planning application. In addition I have double checked with the applicant who have confirmed that they own all of the land in the red line on the location plan. Whilst this does not include all of the land where works will be carried out to increase the size of the highway, the Highway Authority have confirmed that the remaining part where the carriage way will be widened, which is not within the red line boundary is highway verge, so is within Highway land. The Parish Council have not no contact with South Tyne Railway for some time and it was agreed for Cllr Hutchinson to set up a Liaison Meeting as soon as possible, representatives from NCC/Parish Council/South Tyne Railway.

Old School: : Update - the solicitors who held the original deeds are no longer in business and everything was transferred to another solicitor. Mr Renwick (Asset Management, South Tyneside Council) has contacted them and is awaiting a response. The Clerk has been corresponding via e-mail with Mr Renwick since 2014. NCC are addressing the Council Tax documents for the building to the Parish Council ((nil payment) but ownership will not be settled until the deeds/paperwork have been found.

Litter on Roadside: Not possible to organise on the main road because of the safety issues, NCC could provide litter pickers/bags and collection of litter from a central point if it was organised in other areas.

### **Financial**

Monies: : £296.29 + £3,649.73 = £3,946.02. Finance figures for 2015/16 were circulated.

### **Any Other business**

Highway Issues: Drains blocked – causing flooding/sides of road erosion, South Tyne Trail (past Slaggyford) and path between South Tyne Trail & Aules Hill Road (NCC responsibility). Corner at Hanging Shaw needs attention. Eals Bank (Water Board). Erosion at Eals Bridge – negotiation to purchase land required. Speeding traffic – Burnstones/Town Green – flashing sign would not be the answer.

Parish In Bloom Competition: Suggested change of format for the competition, gardeners to submit photographs of their gardens, the photographs of the different areas, i.e. flowers, hanging baskets, planters/tubs, vegetables, to be dated, and taken in May and June/July. The 'Photographs' will be shown as a film show and judged at a presentation tea (to be arranged) in the Community Hall. If possible the photographs to be e-mailed to a central point (address to be agreed).

Northumbria In Bloom judging will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> April and 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Trees/Branches cut down and left on roadside (St Judes Church) need to be cleared away by the person responsible otherwise this is fly tipping.

Energy Saving Meters : Available for people (Haltwhistle Partnership).

There was no other business. The meeting closed at 8.45p.m.