

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 11TH JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30p.m. IN KNARESDALE COMMUNITY HALL

Present: Cllrs M Mennie (Chair), S Makepeace (Vice Chair), JJ Raine, J Reed, W Watson & I Hutchinson (NCC).

Apologies: Cllrs J Grieves & T Moore.

1. **Minutes of meeting** held 9th November 2015 were agreed and signed.

2. **Declaration of Interest:** None.

3. **Matters Arising:**

Highway Issues: The Knarr road, at the fork, is still in need of attention – under the road is eroding. The heavy rains have caused erosion, potholes etc. Pot holes (above Slaggyford Station) which were filled in have been washed out due to the the ditches not be dug out to take the heavy rains. The Barhaugh road has been wash away. Problems at the Eals Bridge, NCC planning application to carry out work was withdrawn. Cutting back of trees – this has now become quite dangerous on some stretches of road (on the corner, near the Caravan site).

Outcome of discussion between Cumberland and Northumberland County Councils – NCC will grit/plough the A69 through to the M6. Responsibility for all other stretches of road will remain the same, ie, Cumberland will do to the borders and Northumberland will do the stretch in the middle.

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. Mr Renwick will keep the Clerk updated.

The Hearse House: Cllr Mennie collating the info required to register this plot of land with Land Register.

Enclosure Awards: Re Kirkhaugh documents – Cllr Raine will see if he can obtain a copy from Woodhorn.

South Tyne Trail: Cllr Hutchinson to contact N Dawson (NCC Rights of Way) for an update re-instating the 'barrier' at Burnstones to stop access for vehicle traffic along the path. Cllrs reported that due to the heavy rains the trail is in a dangerous condition (exposed gas pipe) Whitwham/Softley section. Clerk to inform Northern Gas Network.

Rents Paid to Church: Cllrs agreed for Cllr Mennie to arrange a meeting with the Vicar to ascertain where the monies are going, i.e. spend within the parish as intended or paid into a central fund and report back at the March meeting.

4. **Parish Council's Projects:**

None at the moment.

5. **Planning Applications:**

14/03306/FUL: Provision of a car park to serve Slaggyford Station, changed from an agricultural field, with associated road improvements. **Update** – Clerk spoke to Tamsin Wood (Planning Officer) who is still collating all the info from various consultations, she will than make recommendations which will result in whether or not the application goes to the full committee or not.

15/03341/FUL: Removal of 4 no. antennas, replacement of 4 no. antennas, 2no. 0.6 transmission dishes, 2 no. RRU's. 1 no. FTTA box, 3 no. replacement cabinets and ancillary development. O2 Communications Mast Slaggyford, Brampton. **NCC Granted Permission.**

15/03308/COU: Change of use from agricultural to car parking and recreational to service the historic site and visitor attraction – Land South of Castle Nook Farm, Kirkhaugh, Northumberland- **NCC Granted Permission**

15/03722/LBC: List Building consent to construct a gabion basket wall to replace an existing wall to the south of Eals Bridge, in addition, a section of wall be repaired and scour protection installed – Eals Bridge, Slaggyford – **withdrawn at the applicants request.**

15/04232/FUL: Replacement of single storey extension with two storey extension and replacement of window to front elevation – Fernleigh, Slaggyford CA8 7NH – **Parish Council had no objections.**

6. Financial:

Monies: £296.29 + £3,719.73 = £4,016.02

LESS: Great North Air Ambulance £35.00, Northumbria In Bloom £35.00 = £3,946.02

7. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:

Clerk still seeking information and clarification on what action is required of a small parish council.

8. West Area Committee:

Meeting in Shaftoe Trust Primary School, Haydon Bridge at 6.00p.m. on Tuesday 12th January.

9. Correspondence:

NCC Devolution Agreement

NCC West Area Committee – 12/1 Shaftoe Trust Primary School, Haydon Bridge at 6.00p.m.

NCC Animal Boarding Establishment Policy Consultation

NCC Highways Winter Services leaflets

Northumbria in Bloom entry application form – Council agreed & form and cheque to be posted.

Great North Air Ambulance – requesting a donation - £35 agreed.

Northumbrian Citizens Advice Bureau – poster advertising services in the area & requesting a donation – request refused.

Age UK Northumberland – promoting advocacy services (cancer related)

10. Any Other Business:

Grass Cutting: Clerk to contact contractor and ascertain costs for the coming year.

Parish In Bloom Competition: An article to go into the Local News asking for suggestions or new ideas for the competition, it could be a totally different format with the cup being presented to a garden nominated by the parishioners. This item can be discussed at the Annual Meeting to be held at 7.00p.m. on 14th March.

Energy Saving Meters : Available from Haltwhistle Partnership – these could be available for people at the Annual Meeting.

Herdley Bank School: Following an appeal the closing date has been put back until July 2016, no further information on the nursery.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14th March 2016 – Annual Meeting at 7.00p.m. followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.15p.m.