

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.30P.M.

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

Apologies: Cllr J Grieves.

- 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 of meeting** held 11th September 2017 were agreed and signed.
- 3. Declaration of Interest:** None.

4. Matters Arising:

Kim Boyce – Request for information re Grass Cutting (freedom of information). K Boyce was in attendance, the Chair allowed her to take part/share information to try and resolve the Rents Paid to Church issues. Prior to this discussion a detailed reply to e-mail received from K Boyce, was read out, all the Cllrs were in agreement that the report was correct and a copy was handed to K Boyce.

Rents Paid to Church: There was a useful discussion, with extracts from documents which supported why the rents had been paid to the Church but the Cllrs question whether this should still be the case as there is no longer any educational element to the old school, nor does the Church have ownership of the school or land. M Mennie thanked K Boyce for sharing the information and for agreeing to supply the Clerk with copies of the relevant documents.

Highway Issues: Hedge trimming/grass verges etc. ongoing, this will include Burnstones and Knarr Burn. Road, before Glendue drain collapsing. Clerk to contact Brampton/Farlam PC to request they ask Cumbria CC to warn vehicles of low bridge (Burnstones). Grit/Salt heaps provision. Street lights not working – I Hutchinson to report – article to go in the Local News, pole number needed and can either report direct to NCC or via I Hutchinson.

Old School: Nothing further to report. Cllr Mennie to give Clerk info which can be forwarded to Mr Webster the solicitor who is trying to resolve the matter. Cllr Hutchinson to be copied in.

The Hearse House: M Mennie to give all info to I Hutchinson for him to finalise documents. Once Title Register/Ownership sorted the building will be added to Council's insurance.

South Tyne Railway: NCC monitoring situation, STR not carrying out/doing things in an appropriate manner. The level crossing/gates still not signed off. Footpath – too narrowing in places, needs clarification as to whether this is a public right of way which is the general opinion as it is a Sustran's cycle path. Clerk to supply I Hutchison with documentation to support this.

Cyber Moor (Old Reading Room): Cllr Mennie will chase up, to 'make good' following the work carried out, slabs still to be put back down – area now overgrown.

5. Parish Council's Projects:

Play Park: Cllr Mennie arranging to meet with contractors prior to commencement of Phase 2.

Notice Board (Community Hall): Maintenance still to be carried out, new door required.

6. Planning Applications:

17/01265/FU: Conversion of the attached byre to create first floor bedroom accommodation, with a workshop to the ground floor, and the construction of a new double garage – Blackcleugh Cottage, Alston CA9 3NJ – **NCC Granted permission.**

7. Financial:

Monies: £296.57 + £4,209.95 + £2,130.50 2nd Precept Payment = £6,636.02

LESS: British Legion Poppy Appeal £35.00, Cup Engraving £18.50, Tynedale Hospice at Home £25.00 = £6,557.52.

NCC 2018/19 Precept After discussion and reviewing the budget it was proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Reed and agreed by the Council to increase precept by 5% (£213), making it £4,474. The necessary paperwork was signed.

Signed:

Date:

8. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:

Clerk applying for funding available for equipment, training for website etc. – nothing to report.
Constitution reviewed, Standing Orders still being reviewed.

9. Tynedale Local Area Council:

Nothing to report.

10. Correspondence:

Kim Boyce – Request for information re Grass Cutting (freedom of information).
NCC Street Lighting Modernising Project update.
NCC Local Service & Housing Delivery Who’s Who & How to Contact information.
Haltwhistle Town Council ‘One Way’ Consultation.
Great North Air Ambulance – Donation – deferred to January 2018 meeting.
Tynedale Hospice at Home – Donation sent (£25).
Campaign to protect Rural England NE Newsletter – Autumn 2017.
War Memorials Trust Bulletin November 2017.

11. Any Other Business:

Culvert drain on the Village: blocked Cllr Mennie will sort.
Kissing gate (Burnstones) – right of way: Cllr Hutchinson to contact Neil Dawson.

All the Parish Councillors and the NCC Cllr Ian Hutchinson agreed to personally give a financial donation towards the cost of the Childrens Christmas Party which is to be held on Sunday 3rd December.

12. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 15th January 2018 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 10.10p.m.

Signed:

Date: