

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2016

Meeting commenced at 8.45p.m. following on from the Annual Meeting.

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

Apologies: Cllr S Makepeace (Vice Chair).

1. Minutes of meeting held 11th January 2016 were agreed and signed.

2. Declaration of Interest: None.

3. Matters Arising:

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.

Old School: Update - Mr Renwick (Asset Management, South Tyneside Council) has located and contacted the solicitors who have the documentation 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 sorted.

The Hearse House: Application to register this plot of land with Land Register ready to send off..

Enclosure Awards: Re Kirkhaugh documents – Still require a copy from Woodhorn.

South Tyne Trail: Re-instating the 'barrier' at Burnstones to stop access for vehicle traffic along the path – nothing to report

Rents Paid to Church: Due to work commitments Cllr Mennie and the Vicar still to meet and discuss this matter.

Grass Cutting: Contractor agreed to cut the grass as per last year's specification for the same price (including clearing the grid over the drain). Cllrs agreed the contractor be awarded the work.

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).

Herdley Bank School/Nursery: The Nursery is to close in the Summer, the building must be vacated by 8th August.

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 - **NCC Granted permission.**

15/02658/FUL Proposed upgrade to access track and creation of parking / turning area - Broad Mea, Kirkhaugh, Northumberland - **NCC Granted permission.**

15/02783/LBC & 15/02782/FUL: Listed Building Consent to consolidate the dilapidated dwelling/agricultural listed building and reinstate residential use of the first and second floors and change of use of the ground from agricultural to residential use - Land West of High Luzley, Slaggyford, Northumberland - **NCC Granted permission**

15/04232/FUL: Replacement of single storey extension with two storey extension and replacement of window to front elevation – Fernleigh, Slaggyford CA8 7NH - **NCC Granted permission.**

The following two Applications were circulated and commented on by Cllrs Mennie, Moore & Grieves:

16/00360/FUL: (Resubmission) Redevelopment of existing outbuildings to form a summer room, new linking extension between the main house and the summer room, additional windows at

existing games room and redevelopment of yard including the demolition of a redundant coal store – The Old Rectory U7015 County Boundary to Low Row, Lambley, CA9 3LA – **this application address is Kirkhaugh not Lambley - no objections.**

16/00321/ADE: Advertisement consent for one double sided information sign – land South of Castle Nook Farm, Kirkhaugh, Northumberland – **no objections.**

Cllrs Mennie, Grieves, Moore, Raine, Reed & Watson commented on the below applications:

16/00444/LBC: Listed building consent to repair the roof in order to allow the change of use of attached byre to form part of an extension to the existing farmhouse, and proposed internal arrangement and external alterations to exterior facade – Blackcleugh Cottage U7014 County Boundary to Slaggyford Junction Alston Northumberland CA9 3NJ – **no objections.**

16/00518/LBC: Listed Building consent: Erection of a Timber Garage within the cartilage of a Listed Building to be used as a domestic store – Blackcleugh Cottage, Alston, Northumberland CA9 3NJ - **no objections.**

16/00563/VARYCO: Variation of condition 7 (dismantling of Stone Walls) in relation to planning permission 15/03308/COU (Change of land use from agricultural to car parking and recreational to service the historic site and visitor attraction) – land South of Castle Nook Farm, Kirkhaugh - **no objections.**

16/00075/PREAPP: Replacement of an activities building and formation of a shower block extension to an existing activity building – Robinwood Activity Centre Ltd., Barhaugh Hall, Alston, CA9 3NJ – Cllrs were made aware of the pre app.

6. Financial:

Monies: £296.29 + £3,649.73 = £3,946.02

LESS: Clerk's 6 mth Salary + expenses £329.48, HMRC £75.00, Mole Control £50.00 = £3,491.54.

7. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:

Clerk reported back on meeting attended 20/1, funding available for website, training and equipment. It is good practise to have a slot for Public Questions at the beginning of every meeting, there will be a note on the Agenda 'requesting people submit written question in advance otherwise the questions will not be answered until the following meeting. The public will not be allowed to speak during the meeting unless asked to do so (as is the current position). A County Councillor is classed as a member of the public and therefore should not speak unless asked to do so.

8. West Area Committee:

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

9. Correspondence:

NCC West Area Committee – 15/3 Corbridge at 6.00p.m.

NCC Joint Area & Town./Parish Council Meetings – West Area 10th May Hexham Mart at 6.p.m..

NCC LED Street Lighting

NCC Transport Manifesto Consultation

NCC Press Release – Northumberland residents pay more but receive less, government cuts

Active Northumberland - Northumberland Residents' Festival - posters & leaflets

NHS - Unlocking integrated care in Northumberland

Northumberland National Park News – January 2016

Great North Air Ambulance – acknowledging donation

The Children's Foundation - -requesting a donation – no donation given

Northumberland CVA - Requesting a donation – no donation given

Mencap - requesting a donation – no donation given.

Campaign to protect Rural England North East Newsletter - ~Spring 2016

Haltwhistle Partnership – The Queens 90th Birthday Celebration poster

10. Any Other Business:

Slaggyford/Kirkhaugh Churches: Cllr Moor proposed, seconded by Cllr Reed, a donation to the Churches specified for grass cutting. After discussion it was agreed to give each a £150.00 one off payment.

Queen's Birthday Celebration: An enquiry as to whether the Council would give a financial donation was discussed (no written request had been received). The Parish Council would consider a financial contribution to the refreshments provided it was spent on food not alcohol and that the event was open to all the residents of the Parish.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 9 May 2016 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 10.05p.m.