

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.30P.M.

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

Apologies: Cllr S Makepeace (Vice Chair) & I Hutchinson (NCC).

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 12th September 2016 were agreed and signed.

3. Declaration of Interest: None.

4. Matters Arising:

Highway Issues: Knarr bridge (road undermined), drainage, potholes/patching, cutting back of trees etc. – NCC Highways are aware of the issues.

Old School: Nothing further to report.

The Hearse House: Land Registry documents to be re-submitted.

Enclosure Awards: Copy of Kirkhaugh documents still to be obtained from Woodhorn. Cllr Hutchinson to be asked to re-send copy of documents he obtain to the Clerk.

Rents Paid to Church: Cllr Mennie has been informed that the money does not leave the Parish, the Vicar to get back to Cllr Mennie to confirm this is the case.

5. Parish Council's Projects:

Play Park/Village Green: Tentative enquires would suggest that the costs would be in excess of £5,000 plus annual maintenance costs. It was agreed second hand equipment was not an option, this would required extra maintenance. Some organisations have removed play areas because of the safety issues and escalating associated costs. Cllrs instructed the Clerk to seek three estimates for new play equipment (2 swings, climbing frame suitable for 5 – 12 year olds, a slide, the surface to be water porous), plus a cost for maintenance inspection (at least annually). Once the costs were available the Cllrs would make a decision as to whether or not to seek funding to purchase new play equipment.

6. Planning Applications:

NCC Knarsdale War Memorial the building has been added to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. Under Section 2(3) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, the local planning authority is required to serve formal notice on the owner and occupier of the buildings affected.

Notice Boards (Community Hall): Further maintenance work is required.

7. Financial:

Monies: £296.44 + £5271.25 (including 2nd Precept payment) = £5,567.69. LESS: British Legion Poppy Appeal £35.00+£10.00 in memory on James Raine & Tynedale Hospice At Home £25.00 (proposed by T Moore, seconded by M Mennie and agreed by all Cllrs) = £5,497.69

NCC 2017/18 Precept After discussion and reviewing the budget it was proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Grieves and agreed by the Council to increase precept by 2% (£84), making it £4,261. The necessary paperwork was signed.

8. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:

Nothing further to report.

9. West Area Committee:

Hexham Auction Mart (Cafe) at 6.00p.m. on 15/11.

10. Correspondence:

NCC West Area Committee – 15/11, Hexham Auction Mart (Cafe) at 6.00p.m.

NCC Proposed closure of BTR phone boxes located in the parish – Nr Castle Nook, Kirkhaugh
NCC Planning Development Management, Training Sessions, 30/11 Hexham Auction Mart,
M Mennie to attend if available.

NCC Major Modifications to the Northumberland ~Local Plan Core Strategy

Northumberland Community Voluntary Action – recruiting volunteer buddies poster

AON Insurance Act 2015

Vera Baird Police & Crime Commissioner – public meetings 23/11 at Morpeth & 1/12 at Berwick
Tynedale Hospice at Home requesting a donation & Light Up A Life posters – **agreed £25.00** .

AGE UK Northumberland requesting a donation – no donation given

Great North Air Ambulance requesting a donation – donation sent annually in January.

Campaign to Protect Rural England North East Newsletter – Autumn 2016

Bulletin War Memorials Trust – November 2016

11. Any Other Business:

South Tyne Railway: Following complaints the Enforcement Officer had been called in and work stopped on the Waiting Room (a Listed 2 Building) and the Car Park/widening the road. They have removed and banked up a large area of turf and top soil on the village green, which as well as causing a public nuisance with mud/drainage problems on the road it is also a criminal offence (as stated in DEFRA guideline. M Mennie to speak to I Hutchinson/G Opperman to see if they can offer assistance in this matter. At the September Meeting Heather Palmer informed the Council that as a one off goodwill gesture STR would put down a base on Pennine Way/Chapel Lonnen – this has not happened and is only accessible if wearing wellington boots. Cllr Mennie has been unable to contact Heather regarding these issues.

Village Green Drain: Cllr Grieves agreed to check the grill/grate regularly to prevent flooding, this is part of the grass cutting contract in the summer months.

Cutting Village Green: Clerk to include Haltwhistle Burial Committee when requesting prices.

James Raine: The Council were sorry to hear of the death of James, who was Chair of the Parish Council and served as Councillor for many years and send their condolences to the family. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to send a small donation (£10.00 x 2) in memory of James to The British Legion and the Great North Air Ambulance, the families nominated charities.

12. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.25p.m.