

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 15TH JANUARY 2018 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 (including any ratification of decisions taken) of meeting held 13th November 2017 were agreed and signed.

3. Declaration of Interest: Eals Bridge Planning Application Cllr Moore & Cllr Hutchinson (NCC)

4. Matters Arising:

Highway Issues: Cllr Hutchinson to inform Highways of issues ongoing/raised – pot holes, gritting, collapsed drain (Slate House). Also to request signage to warn vehicles of low bridge (Burnstones). Kissing Gate (Burnstones) has been reported.

Old School: No further update.

The Hearse House: No further update.

Rents Paid to Church: The Vicar has contacted the Bursar of the Diocesan Education Board who is to try to find the Order for the closure of Knarsdale School, which will have specified how the money is to be used, but it may take her some weeks to find it - if it still exists. Cllrs agreed to await further update from Vicar.

South Tyne Railway: No update. No road widening will take place.

South Tyne Trail – evidence of use over a period of time needs to be collated.

Cyber Moor (Old Reading Room): Not possible to carry out any further work.

5. Parish Council's Projects:

Play Park: Phase 2 drainage issues put the project in jeopardy. Resolved after lengthy discussions and advice from NCC, legal personnel and with the agreement of Parish Cllrs contacted individually (Cllr Mennie took no part in any discussions). Dispensation was given in this instance which will allow Cllr Mennie to be paid for undertaking the required drainage work, thus allowing the play park to be delivered.

Notice Board (Community Hall): New door made – still to be fitted.

6. Planning Applications:

Cllr Moore & Cllr Hutchinson (NCC) left the meeting.

18/00009/LBC: LBC for maintenance, repair and upgrade of the bridge, including strengthening of cantilevers, removal of defective stones and replacement with new stones, filling of the voids, waterproofing and surfacing of the bridge – Eals Bridge, Slaggyford. – **Cllrs agreed essential works and support the application.** Cllr Moore & Cllr Hutchinson (NCC) re-joined the meeting.

7. Financial:

Monies: £296.60 + £6,260.95 = £6,557.55.

LESS: Great North Air Ambulance £40.00 = £6,517.55.

8. Grass Cutting Tenders:

Tenders to be sought, including clearing grate, as per agreed specification from 4 named organisations/ individuals, including present contractor.

9. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:

Funding confirmed - website should be up and running shortly.

Policies, procedures etc – reviewed and amended as necessary.

Freedom of Information: request for copies of last three years minutes (from person outside the parish).

10. Tynedale Local Area Council:

Nothing to report.

11. Correspondence:

Great North Air Ambulance – Donation agreed.

Being Active Matters Project - Sport England grant of £142,000 to help people with mental health issues get active in Northumberland – Cllrs agreed to attend mtg in Haltwhistle 20 Feb at 6.00p.m.

NCC Pharmacy Need Assessment (PNA) Consultation

12. Any Other Business:

Flooding (Merrit Hall): Stone in beck - NCC still working in the field at the back of Merrit Hall.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 12th March 2018 – Annual Meeting at 7.00p.m. followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.25p.m.

Signed:

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