

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 13TH JULY 2015 AT 7.30p.m. IN KNARESDALE COMMUNITY HALL

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

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

1. Minutes of meeting held 11th May 2015 were agreed and signed.

2. Declaration of Interest: None.

3. Matters Arising:

Highway Issues: Clerk to contact Kris Westerby, via e-mail, for an update on the items highlighted at the May Meeting and also for written clarification on responsibility for subsidence/water etc on land boundary above/below the highway.

Litter on Road Verges: NCC can provide some equipment (gloves/grabbers etc), and it may be possible to arrange a special collection of the litter bags from a pre designated point of collection.

Old School: No further information available.

The Hearse House: Cllr Mennie has checked through back records and round reference to the Council purchasing hearse and paying for the repairs to the Hearse House in 1931. Cllr Mennie to arrange to register this plot of land with Land Register.

Enclosure Awards: Clerk to bring a hard copy of the Knarsdale Enclosure Awards to the July Meeting. The clerk to make enquires about the Kirkhaugh documents and try and get a copy.

Dog Fouling: Clerk to speak to Cllr Hutchinson re a supply of notices.

4. Parish Council's Projects:

Notice Boards: Still chasing quotes to carry out maintenance work on the notice boards beside the Community Hall.

Parish In Bloom Competition: Guy Opperman to judge the competition, Clerk to give contact details to Cllr Makepeace who will organise for the judging to take place end of July, presentations will be mid August.

5. Planning Applications:

14/03306/FUL: Provision of a car park to serve Slaggyford Station, changed from an agricultural field, with associated road improvements. No further update available.

6. Local Transport Plan Programme 2016/17

After discussion it was agreed there was nothing the Parish Council wished to request.

7. Financial:

Monies: £296.19 + £3,126.63 (including Northern Powergrid payment of £10.93) = £3,422.82

LESS: GR Sloan £270.00, Community Action Northumberland (Donation) £25.00 = £3,127.82

8. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:

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

9. West Area Committee:

Nothing to report.

10. Correspondence:

NCC Love Northumberland leaflets

Active Northumberland A taste of SE & Mid Northumberland leaflets

Campaign to protect Rural England newsletter – Summer '15

Community Action Northumberland – requesting a donation & Summer Newsletter

12. Any Other Business:

Village Green Grass Cuttings: It was brought to the attention of the Council that the contractor cutting the grass is dumping the cuttings at 2/3 places on the boundary of the green. The contractor was not asked to quote for taking away the cuttings, to do so would incur additional costs (which could be quite high). The Clerk to raise this matter with the contractor.

Clerk spoke with the contractor and was informed that to take the cuttings away would be expensive and that this would be additional costs. The cuttings are 'dumped' in 2/3 places as the area being cut is large and to dump in one spot would entail a lot of needless travelling back and forth, thus extending the time of each cut. The contractor would welcome any suggestion the Parish Council would like to make as to any other the area which would be suitable.

Broadband (Cyber Moor): Initial enquires have been made to the Parish Council and Northumberland County Council for authorisation for the cables to come along the Chapel Lonning/Pennine Way.

Cllrs agreed to a presentation on Broadband (Cyber Moor system) at 7.00p.m. on 14th September, this will be followed by the usual Council meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14th September 2015 following the Broadband presentation at 7.00p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.50p.m.