

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 14TH MAY 2018 AT 7.30P.M.

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

Apologies: Cllr JJ Raine (Vice Chair).

1. Public Question –Must be submitted in writing prior to Parish Council meetings to allow for a detailed and accurate response. None received.

2. Chair & Vice Chair:

Chair: M Mennie - proposed by T Moore, seconded by A Armstrong, there were no other nominations.
Vice Chair: JJ Raine – proposed by W Watson, seconded by A Armstrong, there were no other nominations.

Northumberland County Councillor: Cllr Hutchinson.

3. Minutes (including any ratification of decisions taken) of meeting held 12th March 2018 were agreed and signed.

4. Declaration of Interest: Eals Bridge Cllr Moore (Any Other Business)

5. Matters Arising:

Highway Issues: Cllr Hutchinson will accompany NCC inspector around the parish, highlighting all the areas of concern, hopefully a programme of works will then be drawn up to resolve some of the ongoing problems.

Old School: Have contacted solicitors to ask if there is anything we can do to expedite this matter.

The Hearse House: Cllr Hutchinson finalising documentation, grid ref etc., - no further update.

Rents Paid to Church: The Vicar has forwarded some paperwork, M Mennie has not had an opportunity to study the info, deferred to July Meeting.

South Tyne Railway: No update from NCC Enforcement Officer.

South Tyne Trail – Cllr Hutchinson to check status with Rights Of Way and report back.

6. Parish Council's Projects:

Play Park: Phase 2- drainage work done, awaiting date from contractors to commence Phase 2.

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

Scarecrow Competition/Industrial & Produce Show: No response from article in the Local News – Cllrs agreed to go with the same format as last year, also to include the 3 new suggested classes, a Dog Show, Leeks and Something New from Something Old. Clerk to organise judges, entry forms etc.

7. Planning Applications:

18/00234/FUL: Insertion of four rooflights in existing workshop roof – Nursery Gardens, Slaggyford, Brampton CA8 7PG – **NCC Granted permission.**

8. Support for Epiacum Heritage:

Request for financial support, unable to help as all monies are required for the play park. Cllr Hutchinson to get in contact re possibility of accessing Community Chest grant. The Council were pleased to hear of the plans for the Epiacum Project, which will bring tourism into the area.

9. Financial:

Monies: £296.65 + £7,152.82 (includes £1,341 ring fenced Transparency Grant + £39.91 Powergrid payment) = £7,449.47 PLUS 1st Precept Payment £2,237 = £9,686.47.

LESS: Community Hall hire/donation £175.00, Grass Cutting (April) £135.00, BHIB Insurance £481.07 = £8,895.40.

Risk Assessments: Financial & Management Risk Assessment document – no amendments – next review May, or earlier if necessary. Fidelity Guarantee it was agreed cover for £2,000 was adequate as cheques require 3 signatures Clerk's plus two cllrs and that any additional cost on insurance is disproportionate to the risk involved.

2017/18 Audit Report:– Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2018 and statement of assurance completed and signed as appropriate, accounts had been verified by Internal Auditor, all relevant paperwork will be displayed. Cllrs had previously reviewed internal audit procedure and the present Internal Auditor to be asked to continue for another year. The appointed independent Internal Audit, is completely unbiased and competent to carry out the audit. As part of the audit they had full access to all documentation, including Auditor’s briefing notes and discussion with Parish Clerk.

10. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:

Nothing to report, policies, procedures etc – will continue to be reviewed and amended as necessary.

11. Tynedale Local Area Council:

Nothing to report, next meeting Tuesday 15 May 2018.

12. Correspondence:

NCC Northumberland Local Plan – Spring 2018 Consultation (28/3 – 2/5)

NCC Action Plans to Improve Town Centre Parking

NCC People Management Support

NCC Recycling / composting leaflets

NCC Love Northumberland Awards 2018

North Pennines AONB Partnership Annual Forum 24/5/18

ElanCity – radar speed signs

Tynedale Hospice At Home Newsletter/The Big Tynedale Bake leaflets

Campaign To Protect Rural England North East Newsletter Spring 18

13. Any Other Business:

Communal Wheelie Bins At Station (General Waste): Cllr Hutchinson to contact NCC to ascertain if it is possible for another bin, these bins serve a good number of residential dwellings.

Eals Bridge: Cllr Moore declared a personal and prejudicial interest and left the room.

Cllr Hutchinson gave an update on the work schedule and the present position. After a discussion it was agreed this is an important link within the rural parish and the parishioners are concerned that this work may not take place, the Clerk was instructed to contact NCC and request information: **Under the Freedom of Information Act** - The cost of carrying out the required work? How much additional costs have/are being incurred due to the delay in the work commencing? How much compensation (public money) is being paid to enable this vital work to be undertaken?

Cllr Moore re-joined the meeting.

South Tyne Trail: Complaints have been received from walkers/dog walkers etc., regarding farmers using quad bikes (speeding) on this trail, as well as sheep roaming free. It would appear the field fences have been pulled down to allow the stock onto the trail. This trail is for cyclists and walkers, not a bridle way. Cllr Hutchinson to speak with NCC/Sustrans regarding this matter.

Footpath (Slaggyford Station): Blocked off – Cllr Hutchinson to check this out with NCC Rights of Way.

14. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 9th July 2018 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.40p.m.