

# DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2019 IN KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH COMMUNITY HALL

## Meeting commenced at 7.00p.m.

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

Apologies: None.

Also Present: Seven parishioners

1. Minutes of the last meeting (12th March 2018) were agreed and signed.

## 2. Matters Arising

South Tyne Railway: Level Crossing – still no planning agreement, STR contacted Ombudsman re NCC delaying planning agreement – the judgement is that NCC are not to blame. NCC Enforcement Officer has been involved on various issues and still waiting STR to comply/action as required. A Parishioner questioned whether or not the issues with the footpath could be addressed with NCC prior to the transfer of the train track to STR, the Parish Council had been informed that this had already taken place and had previously highlighted issues with NCC in September 2018. Cllr Hutchinson to clarify whether the transfer date had been delayed. Brian Craven has stepped down from STR.

Highway Issues: Caravan Park – major work to start shortly and will take about 12 weeks. Still issues with ditches/flooding, especially on the main road at Side House. Potholes/road issues still ongoing.

Old School: Parish Council have sought S Rickett's on this item.

The Hearse House: Parish Council to seek S Rickett's advice with application.

Notice Board: New door fitted and stained. Parishioner queried whether anything could be done to make all the notice boards water tight. Multi users of the notice boards have resulted in proper care not be taken to ensure door/latches not always being closed correctly, the wind twists doors etc, the only way to overcome this would be to keep the notice boards locked thus limited people able to put up notices.

Scarecrow Competition/Industrial & Produce Show: The show will take place again this year, the dog section was well supported, any other suggestions please contact the Clerk or a Councillor. Volunteers/help with the organising of the show or helping on the day would be very welcome. A Parishioner thought it would be more effective if people were approached personally to ask them to enter a scarecrow, the response was yes this would be a good idea would anyone wish to take this on as the Clerk/Councillors do not have the time to do so.

## 3. Financial

Monies: £296.91 + £34.65 = £331.56, the first half payment of the precept is due 1/4/2019. The play park has finally been completed and the Parish Council, on behalf of the parishioners, would like to thank Knarsdale Estates for bankrolling the Council with a loan which will be repaid on receipt of the grant money, without their assistance the play park would not have been possible.

## 5. Any Other business

Highway Issues: Wintery conditions – Grit heaps slow in being put out, especially on Eals bank – main roads are treated first. Thanks to a local farmer for clearing the road through the village, again this is the norm as main road take priority. Speeding restrictions on minor roads are not normally introduced unless in a built-up area or a proven accident spot.

Northumbrian Water (Water Hole) Re-instatement work was carried out but because the soil etc was dumped on the footpath, the footpath now needs work to be carried out as it is now a quad mire. Cllr Hutchinson to speak with NNC Rights of Way.

Dog Fowling: Cllr Hutchinson to supply more notices. If anyone can supply Cllr Hutchinson with names/addresses these will be passed on to the Dog Wardens – sometimes an official letter can help resolve a problem. for them to act upon.

There was no other business. The meeting closed at 7.55p.m.