

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2019

Meeting commenced at 7.55p.m. following on from the Annual Meeting.

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

Apologies: None.

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 11th February 2019 were agreed and signed.

3. Declaration of Interest: None.

4. Matters Arising:

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. 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. Cutting back trees, potholes/ road issues still need addressing. Softly Wood (trees removed) -area re-instated once work completed.

Old School: No further update, S Rickett's to be contacted for advice on this item.

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

South Tyne Railway: Level Crossing – still no planning agreement, 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. Burnstones bridge, the question was raised as to the ownership/liability for maintenance – this will be STR once the track is transferred. Clerk to contact

Litter on village green: Clerk contacted NCC and they will send out a letter to the resident.

5. Parish Council's Projects:

Play Park: 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. The re-seed will be done at the appropriate time. Councillors carrying out regular visual inspections, any issues/defects will be reported and addressed immediately as per statutory requirement.

Notice Board (Community Hall): Staining done.

Culvert drain on the Village Green: Cllr Mennie to clear drain.

Seat Maintenance: To be discussed at the end of the meeting, the public will be asked to leave the room.

6. Planning Applications:

None.

7. Financial:

Monies: 296.91+ £487.69 = £784.60.

LESS: Clerk's 6 months Salary (including HMRC payment) + expenses £403.04, Mole control £50.00 = £331.56, the first half payment of the precept is due 1/4/2019.

8. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:

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

9. Tynedale Local Area Council:

Next meeting - Hexham House, Hexham on 12/3/19 at 6.00p.m.

10. Correspondence:

Knarsdale With Kirkhaugh Community Hall Committee – annual payment for hall rental will remain unchanged for 2019/20.

NCC Tynedale Local Area Council – Hexham House, Hexham on 12/3/19 at 6.00p.m.

NCC Northumberland Local Plan: Publication Draft Plan Consultation ends 13/3/19

NCC Highway Services in Winter leaflets

Healthwatch Northumberland – 2019 Annual Survey

11. Any Other Business:

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.

Seat Maintenance Tenders: The public were asked to leave the room. Cllrs Moore & Watson declared an interest and left the room.

Four tenders were sought for two seats, one by Kirkstyle / one by play park, two returned, these were opened and discussed. All Cllrs present were in agreement to go with the lowest quote and awarded the work to David Lister.

12. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

Signed: Date:

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