

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30p.m. IN THE COMMUNITY HALL

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

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 November 2019 were agreed and signed.

3. Declaration of Interest: None.

4. Matters Arising:

Highway Issues: ‘Pedestrians on Road’ & flashing ‘your speed is’ sign – no update. Potholes – some work has been done, programmed in for 2020/21 (resurface road). Still outstanding - branches require cutting back (narrowing highway), an issue highlighted on the road from the Eals to Kirkstyle Inn, knarr subsidence, drainage issues. Hanging Shaw drain/cundy blocked with tree roots. Burnstones bridge –Cllr Hutchinson to request more visible ‘height restriction’ signs on A689 road at Lambley this would allow vehicles to reverse/turn around there rather than at the bridge.

Old School: S Ricketts has been contacted and we have been advised that he will get back to us once a similar situation has been resolved as this could be of relevance – no update.

The Hearse House: Information passed on – no update.

South Tyne Railway: Narrowing of the right of way (footpath), access (north of the station) to the gate at the top of the Chapel Lonning padlocked, level crossing, concerns raised over drainage (car park entrance) – Cllr Hutchinson informed the Cllrs that NCC are working with STR to resolve the issues. Cllr Hutchinson to ascertain the ownership of the railway line, what section is leased to STR, what section is still with NCC or Sustans, what steps are necessary to claim it as a right of way and report back at next meeting.

5. Parish Council’s Projects:

Play Park: Regular visual inspections being carried out – no concerns highlighted.

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

Village Green Fence: Encroachment of Village Green, Northumberland County Council wrote to individual concerned, if this is not rectified within the stated period of time then NCC will take further, Cllr Hutchinson to follow up.

Public Access Defibrillator - Defibrillator and external cabinet agreed, Clerk to contact Knarsdale Estate with costs as they have indicated that will would like to assist with the purchase, discuss further at next meeting.

Grass Cutting: Three tenders sent out and returned, these were opened and discussed. All Cllrs were in agreement to award the work to Ted Nancarrow for the 2 year period (2020 & 2021).

6. Planning Applications:

None.

8. Financial:

Monies: 297.36+ £2,201.34 + £50.00 donation towards Christmas lights = £2,548.70.

LESS: Great North Air Ambulance £50.00 = £2,498.70 (includes £1,191 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

9. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:

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

10. Tynedale Local Area Council:

Next meeting - Hexham House, Hexham on 14/1/20 at 6.00p.m.

11. Correspondence:

Local resident - £50.00 (Christmas lights) in appreciation of villagers patience and understanding.
NCC Tynedale Area Local Area Council – 14/1/20 Hexham house at 6.00pm
NCC – Libraries consultation
NCC – Northumberland Local Plan Notification of Examination Hearings
NCC Keep Tidy posters
Fortitude Running Events – Isaac’s Tea Trail

12. Any Other Business:

None.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 9th March 2020
Annual Meeting at 7.00p.m. followed by the Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.30p.m.

Signed: Date:

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