

# DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.30p.m. IN THE COMMUNITY HALL

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

**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. Minutes (including any ratification of decisions taken) of meeting** held 16th September 2019 were agreed and signed.

**3. Declaration of Interest:** None.

## **4. Matters Arising:**

Highway Issues: ‘Pedestrians on Road’ signs ordered, flashing ‘your speed is’ sign in the pipeline. Potholes – work programmed in for 2020/21, 40+ potholes on the road from the Eals to the Community Hall. Still outstanding - branches require cutting back (narrowing highway), knarr subsidence. Burnstones bridge – still issues with lorries not being aware of the height restrictions and having to reverse/turn around, there are signs informing drivers and this issue has been raised with both Northumberland and Cumbria Highways in the past.

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.

The Hearse House: S Rickett’s advice ‘Church yards are normally square/rectangular shaped and the own everything within that area, hearse houses are most likely within the boundary and is therefore the Church’s. Yes in the past the parish may/would have supported the Church with the building but it would have been in, and will still be in the ownership/responsibility of the Church. Clerk to pass this information on to local Vicar.

South Tyne Railway: Narrowing of the right of way (footpath) – no further update, access (north of the station) to the gate at the top of the Chapel Lonning padlocked – I Hutchinson to investigate. Level Crossing – no further update. M Mennie contacted relevant person (re tidying up field), letter received from David Kent Trustee of STRPS, strimming will take place autumn 2020. As part of the original work verges were planted with wild meadow seed mix and had to left in order for them to become established and for seed dispersal.

## **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 to write to individual concerned still being carried out.

Scarecrow Competition/Industry & Produce Show: In response to the article in the Local News next year’s show will be held on Saturday 19th September, which will be the third Saturday in September.

Public Access Defibrillator - Following a short discussion it was agreed to contact Featherstone Parish Council with a view of purchasing a similar defibrillator. Clerk to contact Knarsdale Estate with costs as they have indicated that will would like to assist with the purchase.

Grass Cutting: Tender specification agreed, 2 year period, closing date Friday 10th January 2020.

## **6. Planning Applications:**

19/03886/FUL: Proposed installation of four ground mounted, solar PV panels - Land North West of Whitlow Cottage Alston, Northumberland – Parish Council had no objections

## **8. Financial:**

Monies: 297.36+ £2,301.34 = £2,598.70.

LESS: British Legion Poppy Appeal £50.00, Community Action Northumberland £25.00, Tynedale Hospice At Home £25.00 = £2,498.70 (includes £1,191 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

**NCC 2020/21 Precept** After discussion and reviewing the budget it was proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Grieves and agreed by the Council to increase precept by 2% (£91), making it £4,654. The necessary paperwork was signed.

**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 12/11/19 at 6.00p.m.

**11. Correspondence:**

NCC Tynedale Area Local Area Council – 12/11/19 Hexham house at 6.00pm

NCC Local Plan – consulting on scoping documents for the affordable housing and planning obligations SPDs

Tynedale Hospice At Home – requesting a donation - agreed

Community Action Northumberland (CAN) – requesting a donation - agreed

Great North Air Ambulance – requesting a donation – deferred until January meeting

Friends of the Earth – climate actions for town/parish councils

Campaign to Protect Rural England autumn newsletter

War Memorials Trust Bulletin – November 2019

**12. Any Other Business:**

Wheelie Bins: Leaves are gathered up and deposited in the bins situated at the Station, this to be monitored.

St Jude's Family Christmas Party – Sunday 8/12 3-5pm: Councillors received an invitation and to confirm if they will be attending.

**13. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 13th January 2020 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.00p.m.