

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 29TH JANUARY 2021 VIA WHATSAPP VIDEO CALL 7.15p.m.

Due to Coronavirus the Parish Council is not able to hold normal meetings therefore because of digital/broadband issues a video meeting was held via WhatsApp. This was a short meeting to deal with financial matters, urgent matters are being, and will continue to be, addressed as they arise by Parish Councillors notifying the appropriate authority. Items that can be deferred will be actioned once meetings are able to resume.

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

Apologies: Cllrs A Armstrong, J Reed & W Watson.

2. Declaration of Interest: None

3. Minutes (including any ratification of decisions taken) of meetings were agreed and will be signed when normal meeting resume.

4. Matters Arising:

Highway Issues: The flashing 'your speed is' sign on the Alston side is still not working, Highways have been informed.

Drainage (car park entrance): NCC have carried out work and will re-charge STR.

Flooding continues to be a concern at the Station, NCC have been informed.

Burnstones bridge –request for more visible 'height restriction' signs on A689 road at Lambley still not actioned.

5. Parish Council's Projects:

Culvert drain on the Village Green: Cllr Mennie checks and clears drain as necessary.

Village Green Fence: No update.

Public Access Defibrillator - Defibrillator in situ by the Community Hall, grateful thanks to Knarsdale Estate for their financial assistance in purchasing this equipment.

6. Financial:

Monies: 297.82+ £2,478.96 = £2,776.78 PLUS 2nd Precept Payment £2,327.00 = £5,103.78.

LESS: Grass Cutting (April-Oct) £770.00, Clerk's Salary & PAYE (12mths) £750.00, Cup Engraving (2019) £9.50, British Legion Poppy Appeal (Donation) £50.00, Community Action Northumberland (donation) £25.00, Tynedale Hospice At Home (Donation) £25.00, Great North Air Ambulance (Donation) £75.00, Christmas Lights £14.99, Mole Control £50.00 & Instillation of Defib £126.00 = £3,208.29 (includes £1,047 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

NCC 2021/22 Precept After discussion and reviewing the budget it was proposed by Cllr Mennie, seconded by Cllr Moore and agreed by the Council not to increase the precept, to leave at £4,654. The necessary paperwork to be signed.

7. Correspondence:

Richard MacDonald (History Group) seeking donation- more info requested.

St Jude's Church – email re Hearse House fencing/signage – Cllrs agreed to defer until meetings resume to allow a full discussion.

8. Any Other Business:

Grit heaps: Cllr. Hutchinson to contact Highways.

Tree on Village Green: Cllr Mennie to cut back some of the branches.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 8th March 2021 depending on Cllrs availability/or deferred to a later date.

Cllrs agreed to defer Annual Meeting until such time as restrictions allow an open meeting can be held.

Meeting closed at 7.55p.m.