

**DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING  
HELD MONDAY 9TH MAY 2022 IN KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH COMMUNITY HALL**

**Meeting commenced at 7.00p.m.**

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

Apologies: Cllrs T Moore..

Also Present: Six parishioners

1. **South Tyne Railway Update:** Mr Ian Millward gave a clear update on the position of STR, due to lack of funding they no longer have any full time paid staff only a part time administrator, with volunteers keeping things going as best they can. As a result, some maintenance work is overdue and will be chased up. The issues with the footpath and the embankment (part of the railway track) – STR are talking with NCC to resolve the matter, I Hutchinson will chase this up. The field is to be levelled off, the soil would not be suitable for gardens/allotments. The mound at the top of the car park, entrance to the car park, drainage issues, picnic area, Station Buffett Car and the crossing were all discussed. The legal status of the locked gate, north end of station, is for safety reasons. Soil piled up north and south of track is on STR land. STR own Lambley viaduct and Alston Arches. Cllr Minnie thanked Mr Millward for the update.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting** (13th September 2021) were agreed (Clls A Armstrong & J Reed) and signed.

3. **Matters Arising**

South Tyne Railway: Updated by Mr Millward.

Highway Issues: Ongoing drainage issues, watering hole cundy blocked – NCC to be notified.

Watering Hole: Very boggy, NCC are aware of the issues, and it is scheduled in the work plan.

Old School: We are awaiting to hear back from solicitors re costs.

Public Access Defibrillator: The Defib is insitu. Request for training to use the defib, Clerk to source costs. Cllr Armstrong agreed to take on the responsibility of checking the equipment and replacing pads etc as required.

South Tyne Railway (Trail): Cllr Armstrong collecting the necessary witness statements to prove the trail has been walked (Public Right of Way). This will be a long process.

Grass Cutting: As agreed the contractor will cut & strimming x 8 between April - Oct (instead of 6 times), no collection of grass. A Parish Councillor will check up on the work carried out.

The hole/subsidence in the Village: work completed.

Litter Bin Beside Bottle Bank: NCC have agreed to re-instate a wheelie bin. There is also an issue with fly tipping/bin not been emptied at the communal bins above the Station. This is due to bank holidays/shortages of manpower – NCC will be informed.

4. **Financial**

Monies: £9,892.83.

5. **Any Other business**

Speeding: Particularly lorries and delivery vans, the contractor employing the lorries has been contacted and they agreed to speak to the drivers. The 'slow down' flashing signs do not appear to be a deterrent. Once we have the user's manual the Council may be able to collate data which will give readings on usage speeds etc, which could then be used to justify further action by the authorities to stop speeding.

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 8.15p.m.