

# DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 14TH MARCH 2022 HELD AT 7.30PM

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

**Public Question** –Must be submitted in writing prior to Parish Council meetings to allow for a detailed and accurate response. None received.

**1. Minutes (including any ratification of decisions taken) of meetings** held 10th January 2022 were agreed and signed.

**2. Declaration of Interest:** None.

### **3. Matters Arising:**

Highway Issues: NCC Highways have carried out some work, including clearing cattle grid/drains/ditches, still drainage issues beside the Hall and along the main road. Road markings deferred until scheduled resurfacing done.

Burnstones bridge stones displaced – no update. Cllr Hutchinson still to obtain clarification on track status – public right of way or a permission right of way.

Railway bridge over the Knarr (South Tyne Trail) only a single rail (previously 3 Rails), Clerk to contact NCC again and forward photos.

Low Bridge sign at Lambley – NCC still to resolve the issue.

Old School: Following advice received Cllr Mennie to contact a solicitor.

South Tyne Railway: Clerk has contacted STR, will try and arrange for someone to come to the May Meeting.

Encroachment of Village Green: No update.

Litter Bin beside the bottle bank: NCC informed the Parish Council this was removed to stem fly tipping. NCC have been informed that the Parish Council would like the wheelie bin re-instated.

Village Green: The trees/shrubs by the layby are in need of pruning – awaiting update from NCC.

Tree Preservation Order: pear tree at The Eals – Clerk to forward info to NCC.

South Tyne Trail: vehicles using it as a road, accessing it from Burnstones, travelling at speed – churning up surface and a danger to walkers – Clerk to contacted NCC Rights of Way again and what action they are taking to stop this.

Cllr Armstrong gave an update on the Public Right Of Way/Witness Statements.

### **4. Planning Applications:**

20/00585/FUL: Partially re-route and upgrade existing track & creation of Car parking area – Land North West of Smiddy Cleugh, Lambley – **NCC refused permission.**

Cllrs Grieves, Reed & Watson declared an interest and left the room. Cllrs Mennie, Armstrong & Raine commented on the following two applications.

22/00355/LBC: LBC for change of use agricultural land to garden, creation of croquet lawn & bocce court, new French doors to building, stone faced rear retaining wall and underground wine cellar – Knaresdale Hall, Slaggyford CA8 7PD – Cllrs had no objections.

22/00354/FUL: as 22/00355/LBC above – Cllrs had no objections.

Kirkstyle Inn & The Rectory, Slaggyford: Clerk to contact Planning re demolish of Kirkstyle Inn building & addition of dormer windows to The Rectory for an update following comments from parishioners.

Cllrs Grieves, Reed & Watson re-joined the meeting.

### **5. Financial:**

Monies: £10,671.93 PLUS £39.91 Wayleave Payment & £14.99 donation = £10,726.83.

LESS: Clerk's Salary/expenses & PAYE (12mths) £799.00, Bank Charges £35.00 = £9,892.83 (includes £848 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

Online Banking: Cllrs agreed to change bank from HSBC to Unity Trust, Clerk to process documentation.

**6. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:**

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

**7. Tynedale Local Area Council:**

Next meeting – March 2022.

**8. Correspondence:**

Cllrs gave permission for a memorial bench to be situated on the Village Green, as per letter received from a parishioner.

NCC Northumberland Local Plan – Inspectors’ Report

NCC Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan Consultation – 7/3/22–15/4/22

Gleam UK – Government consultation on the Glover Landscapes Review stop ‘off roading’ in areas of outstanding natural beauty.

Citizens Advice Northumberland requesting donation – no donation.

Age UK Northumberland donation – no donation.

Age UK Northumberland – Scam Awareness – promote in Local News

Northumbria Police – Northumbria Connected – promote in Local News

**9. Any Other Business:**

Footpath (Public Watering Hole) Clerk to contact NCC following complaints by parishioners of quad bikes using the footpath as a right of way and churning it up (photo forwarded to NCC).

Queen’s Platinum Jubilee: A discussion ensued as to how to mark the occasion, planting a couple of mature trees suggested. Final decision to be made at the May Meeting.

Notice Boards: Knarsdale Estate have tentatively offered to donate a new notice board to be sited beside the Community Hall.

**10. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 9th May 2022

Annual Meeting at 7.00p.m. followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

**CLOSED MEETING**

**11. TENDERS:**

Maintenance: No Tenders/Quotes received.

Meeting closed at 9.25p.m.