

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.30p.m. IN KNARESDALE COMMUNITY HALL

Present: Cllrs M Mennie (Chair), JJ Raine (Vice Chair) & A Armstrong.

Apologies: Cllrs J Grieves, J Reed, W Watson & I Hutchinson (NCC)

Cllr Mennie opened the meeting with the sad news of the death of Cllr Thomas Moore, paying tribute to his long service as a parish councillor, his input and knowledge over the years has served the local community well, he will be missed. The Parish Council send his wife and family their deepest condolences at this sad time.

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 3rd October 2022 were agreed and signed.

2. Declaration of Interest: None.

3. Matters Arising:

Highway Issues: Scheduled work has been done, although there is still issue outstanding.

Burnstones bridge – work has been scheduled to start, still awaiting clarification on track status – public right of way or a permission right of way. Heavy vehicle have been seen travelling across the bridge which is dangerous – no update.

Railway bridge over the Knarr (South Tyne Trail) – still to check if the necessary work has been completed.

Low Bridge sign at Lambley – sign at Brampton and Lambley but not very visible – new sign in the design stage.

Street light (Church/ Kirkstyle) not working, possibly due to work being carried out, will monitor.

Winter maintenance – salt distribution programme ongoing.

Old School: Cllr Mennie to contact Neil Masson (NCC Legal) – no update.

South Tyne Railway: Clerk to contact re the field no update.

Tree Preservation Order: pear tree at The Eals – nothing further to report, NCC still considering TPO.

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 contact NCC Rights of Way again to ascertain what action they are taking to stop this – no update.

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

Maintenance: Still unable to find anyone to carry out the maintenance work on the bus shelters and seats.

Notice Boards: Knarsdale Estate to be approach re their proposed donation.

Defibrillator: Not possible to organise any training, if machine is required clear verbal instruction is given.

Play Park Inspection: Clerk to source a qualified person required to carry out an annual inspection.

4. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Trees: Cllr Mennie to organise/arrange planting at the appropriate time.

5. Planning Applications:

None.

6. Financial:

Monies: £13,413.84 including 2nd Precept payment (includes £773 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

LESS: Grass Cutting £1,620.00, Poppy Wreaths £50.00, PAYE £200, Bank Charges £9.00 = £11,534.84 (includes £773 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

Online Banking: Cllrs and Clerk processing documentation to change bank from HSBC to Unity Trust.

NCC 2023/24 Precept After discussion and reviewing the budget it was proposed by Cllr Raine, seconded by Cllr Armstrong and agreed by the Council to increase precept by 2.5% (£119), making it £4,866. The necessary paperwork was signed.

7. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:

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

8. Tynedale Local Area Council:

Next meeting – 15th November 2022.

9. Correspondence:

NCC – Notice of consultation – Public spaces protection order for the control of dogs, anti-social behaviour, crime& policing act 2014, Part 4 – extend for a further 3 years until 30 Jan 2026

NCC – Town, Parish & Community Council Conference Tues 24th Jan, 5-7pm, The Mart Hexham – to request a later start time to accommodate councillors who work.

NCC – Northumberland Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Show People Local Plan

Northumberland SLCC – ROSPA Training

10. Any Other Business:

None.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 9th January 2023 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

Signed: Date:

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