

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD MONDAY 15TH MAY 2023 IN KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH COMMUNITY HALL

Meeting commenced at 7.00p.m.

Present: Cllrs M Mennie, JJ Raine, A Armstrong, J Reed & W Watson.

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

Also Present: Six parishioners

1. **Minutes of the last meeting** (9th May 2022) were agreed and signed.

2. **Matters Arising**

South Tyne Railway: Lack of funding, shortage of volunteers, resulting in maintenance issues, i.e. levelling the field.

Highway Issues: Ongoing drainage issues, Clerk to request NCC Highways to meet with M Mennie who can show/explain all the issues.

Old School: Advice received is the Parish Council go for adverse possession and register with Land Registry.

Public Access Defibrillator: If the Defib is required you are talked through the procedure. South Tyne Railway proposal to site a second Defib installed at Slaggyford Station has not materialised.

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: The present system seems to be working OK.

Litter Bin Beside Bottle Bank: wheelie bin still not re-instated, NCC to be contacted again.

Speeding: Still an issue, the 'slow down' flashing signs do not appear to be a deterrent. The supplier to be contacted as we are unable follow the user's manual 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.

3. **Financial - Monies**: £10,519.18.

4. **Hanging baskets/planters** – Responsibility/maintenance of the Parish Council's brackets, chains and hanging baskets, which have been up for a number of years was discussed, if there is any concern they will/should be taken down, some have been already. If the WI or any parishioners wished to use the brackets/chains they should be aware of this, the Parish Council will not be responsible for the watering of hanging baskets/planters. The Parish Council agreed to continue a small financial contribution towards plants etc.

5. **King Charles III Coronation** - It was agreed to purchase a seat, this would replace a seat which is beyond repair.

6. **Any Other business**

Parish Council Vacancy – this was advertised as advised. Mr Jon Stynes has been co-opted.

Notices are displayed on the Community Hall noticeboards, covering all areas of the parish.

Standing Orders – to be updated, following Parish Council acceptance will be posted on website.

Village Green – There is no vehicle access over or around the green.

Dog poo is a problem – more 'Pick It Up' signs needed. Also a sign for the bin.

Chapel Lonning/Pennine Way – drainage issues, Clerk to contact Cllr Hutchinson/NCC Rights of Way.

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 8.05p.m.