

# DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 13TH MARCH 2023 AT 7.30p.m. IN KNARSDALE COMMUNITY HALL

**Present:** Cllrs JJ Raine (Vice Chair), A Armstrong & W Watson.

**Apologies:** Cllrs M Mennie (Chair), J Grieves, J Reed & I Hutchinson (NCC)

Several parishioners were in attendance.

**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 meeting** held 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were agreed and signed.

**2. Declaration of Interest:** None, other than the Planning as noted.

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

Highway Issues: Scheduled work on Burnstones bridge – has not started, still awaiting clarification on track status – public right of way or a permission right of way. Heavy vehicles still seen travelling across the bridge which is dangerous – no further 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 – no update.

Street light (Church/ Kirkstyle) working.

Drainage issue at Community Hall, all the drains require attention – Cllr Hutchinson to be asked to speak to Highways.

Church Lanning (Pennine Way) – very boggy, raised manhole cover (Water Board) – this is possibly due to the track condition. NCC do not own the Chapel Lanning/Pennine Way but are responsible for the maintenance of the right of way as foot access only.

Re parishioner's letter – NCC contacted, they have no knowledge of promising any hardcore, maintenance for landowners accessing their fields is their responsibility.

Old School: Cllr Mennie contacted Neil Masson (NCC Legal), e-mail sent – no further update..

South Tyne Railway: Clerk still unable has not had a response re the field.

Tree Preservation Order: pear tree at The Eals – NCC have requested photos.

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 no further info.

Maintenance: Maintenance of the bus shelters and seats – still trying to find someone to do the work.

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

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

Watering Hole Cllr Hutchinson to be asked to remind the relevant person of the outstanding work.

Cllr Watson to liaise with the Water Board re a leak.

**4. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Trees:** Cllr Mennie arranging planting.

### **5. Planning Applications:**

**23/00778/FUL (NCC)** Propose demolish to existing outhouses to north and replace with a one and a half storey lean to extension – Merry Knowe Cottage, Slaggyford CA8 7PN.

### **6. Financial:**

Monies: £11,534.84 (includes £773 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

LESS: Clerk's 12 months' Salary (including HMRC payment) + expenses £795.95, Mole control £50.00, Bank Charges £8.00 = £10,500.79 (includes £773 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

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

**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 – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**9. Correspondence:**

Hanging baskets/planters – Email received from Slaggyford WI they would like to take on planting the village tubs in Slaggyford and around the community hall with the Parish Council being responsible for the watering. Clerk replied “the matter of the hanging baskets/planters have been discussed in the past and the Parish Council had no issue if volunteers wanted to plant them up but the issue is volunteers being responsible for the watering as the Parish Council could not take on this responsibility”. A further email re responsibility for the maintenance of the brackets for hanging baskets (which will be the Parish Council’s). After a lengthy discussion the Council deferred any decision re the maintenance until a survey of the condition, and whether or not they need to be taken down, of the brackets, chains and hanging baskets belonging to the Parish Council which have been up for a number of years. The Parish Council have no knowledge of the 4 baskets around the village green new in 2022 which was mention in the email, therefore it is unlikely they will be the responsibility of the Parish Council. Also discussed was financial assistance for compost plants etc. The Parish Council will make the necessary decision at the next meeting.

**10. Any Other Business:**

Road verges Kirkstyle/Church was discussed, Parish Council have no objection to work being carried out by the Estate if agreeable to the Church/NCC.

King Charles III Coronation – a seat perhaps, to be discussed and agreed at next meeting.

**11. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 15th May 2023 - Annual Open Meeting at 7.00p.m.  
followed by the Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.05p.m.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

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