

# DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30p.m. IN KNARESDALE COMMUNITY HALL .

**Present:** Cllrs M Mennie (Chair), A Armstrong, J Grieves, J Reed, J Stynes & W Watson.

**Apologies:** Cllrs JJ Raine (Vice Chair) & 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 July 2023 were agreed and signed.

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

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

Highway Issues: NCC Highways still to arrange a meeting with M Mennie who will show/explain all the issues. Some drainage work has taken place.

Speeding – ‘slow down’ flashing signs/collation of data, Cllr Armstrong still trying to access passwords etc, as yet unsuccessfully.

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) – the additional rail necessary for the safety is still to be done.

Low Bridge sign at Lambley – sign at Brampton and Lambley but not very visible – new sign in the design stage – no update.

Parking Burnstones Junction – Clerk contacted Highways, informed yellow lines unlikely.

Old School: Cllr Mennie to complete and submit the documentation to go for adverse possession and register with Land Registry.

South Tyne Railway: No update re the field.

Tree Preservation Order: Photos forwarded to NCC as requested, fruit trees do not usually get a TPO, Clerk to ask NCC to revisit the request.

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.

Clerk to contact NCC and ask for a wheelie bin to be put insitu for walkers litter/dog poo bags etc.

Public Right Of Way/Witness Statements: Cllr Armstrong no further info.

Maintenance: Maintenance of the bus shelters and seats – Cllr Stynes agree to be the contact.

Notice Boards: Knasdale Estates will replace the old notice boards beside the Community Hall shortly.

Play Park Inspection: It has been arranged for an inspection to take place shortly and thereafter annually.

Watering Hole Path: Cllr Hutchinson reminded the relevant person of the outstanding work and reported back this will be actioned.

Dog Poo: “pick it up” signs have been received.

Church Lonning (Pennine Way) – NCC Rights of Way have agreed to schedule the work in, re footpath surface,

Speeding / Road Signage: An email received re speeding in the 30mh section also the danger to walkers of the Pennine Way (which unfortunately is on the road) were discussed. Highways to be contacted to see if ‘repeater’ signs can be installed. The dangers to pedestrians has been highlighted previously, Highways will be contacted as to whether it is possible to install some warning signage.

**4. Grass Cutting Issues:** A complaint received re mess and safety hazards with grass cuttings all over the main road, side walk and side roads following a cut in August. A resident had just tidied the garden, they spoke to the contractor and he cleared it up. This has not happened when cut previously, the contractor does not collect the grass. The contractor was contacted, the rain after the dry spell resulted in the grass being longer than usual, he was rained off, when he went back to tidy up this had been done. Grass cuttings on roads, pathways and grassed areas is common in all towns and villages, this was more noticeable due to the weather conditions. A car should not have been parked on the green. Tenders for the grass cutting for the next two years will be sought after the November meeting.

**5. King Charles III Coronation** – Cllrs agreed to purchase a traditional three seater from Marmax.

**6. Planning Applications:**

**23/02630/FUL:** Proposed telephone kiosk to house wifi, localinfo and defib – former Methodist Chapel, Kirkhaugh.

**23/02961/VARYCO:** Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on approved application 14/02303/FUL to reflect change from 2no. 3 bedroom holiday lets to 1no. 3 bedroom & 2no. 3 bedroom holiday lets with associated fenestration changes and changes to existing rer offshoot – land south of Whittlow, Alston.

**7. Financial:**

Monies: £14,419.22 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Precept payment £2,433 & £11.48 Wayleave Payment (includes £698 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

LESS: Bank Charges £8.00 = £14,411.22 (includes £698 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

Online Banking: Cllrs and Clerk to process updated documentation to change bank from HSBC to Unity

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

The Standing Orders are being reviewed and will be amended as necessary, with the agreement of the Council.

**9. Tynedale Local Area Council:**

Next meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

**10. Correspondence:**

NCC – Annual Town & Parish Council Conference 5/10/23 in Council Chambers at County Hall  
Long Term Conditions update from Government on strategy

**11. Any Other Business:**

The foul smell issue is still a problem, Clerk to speak to NCC to ascertain how this can be resolved.

Wall opposite the Kirkstyle – bevelling out and fallen down in places, NCC are responsible for the wall and have been informed that this need to be actioned urgently.

Church Parking – if necessary NCC Highways could supply cones which the church could keep and put out for funerals etc.

**12. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 6th November 2023 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.30p.m.