

# DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.30p.m. IN KNARESDALE COMMUNITY HALL .

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

**Apologies:** Cllr 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 11th September 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.

Wall opposite the Kirkstyle – Some work undertaken, NCC say the responsibility is now with the owner of the field.

Speeding – ‘slow down’ flashing signs/collation of data, Cllr Armstrong still having difficulty in accessing the programme.

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.

Drain blocked (gate on left-roots in culvert) resulting in road flooding just past Sanders Close, also on the corner near the Community Hall.

Parking Burnstones Junction – Will continue to monitor, will point the issue out to G Sanderson..

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

South Tyne Railway: No update re the field.

Tree Preservation Order: No update.

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 contacted NCC requesting 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 – contact has taken place but due to other commitments assessment of work required still to take place.

Notice Boards: New notice boards in situ, letter of thanks to be sent to Knarsdale Estates..

Play Park Inspection: Inspection has taken place, report received, advisory actions required, these will be addressed.

Fowl Smell: This has been resolved but will continue to monitor.

**4. Grass Cutting Issues:** Tenders for the grass cutting for the next two years to be sought, an amended map will be attached.

**5. King Charles III Coronation** – Seat ordered.

### **6. Planning Applications:**

**23/011449/FUL:** Remove existing yurt dwelling and replace with timber chalet dwelling including improvement to existing access and parking area – Land North East of High Row, Alston 0  
**Council Granted Permission.**

**23/02630/FUL:** Proposed telephone kiosk to house wifi, local info and defib – former Methodist Chapel, Krkhaugh. **NCC Refused Permission.**

**23/03758/VARYCO:** Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on approved application 14/02303/FUL to allow changes to internal arrangements to become 1 no. 3 bedroom & 2no.2 bedroom holiday accommodation units – land south of Whittlow, Alston. Council had no objections.

**7. Financial:**

Monies: £14,411.22 (includes £698 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

LESS: Grass Cutting £1,440.00, Poppy Wreaths £50.00, Play Safety Ltd £90.00, Marmax £392.84, Bank Charges £18.00 = £12,427.38 (includes £698 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

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

**NCC 2024/25 Precept** After discussion and reviewing the budget it was proposed by Cllr Mennie, seconded by Cllr Grieves and agreed by the Council to increase precept by 5% (£243), making it £5,109. The necessary paperwork was signed.

**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 – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**10. Correspondence:**

None.

**11. Any Other Business:**

None.

**12. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.50p.m.