

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30p.m. IN KNARESDALE COMMUNITY HALL .

Present: Cllrs M Mennie (Chair), JJ Raine (Vice Chair), J Reed & W Watson.

Apologies: Cllrs A Armstrong, J Grieves, J Stynes & 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 6th November 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. Drain blocked (gate on left-roots in culvert) resulting in road flooding just past Sanders Close, also on the Corner and the bottom of the hill near the Community Hall.

Roadside verges – all chewed up alongside the Kirk Style, to speak to Highways for a possible solution.

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.

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

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

South Tyne Railway: No update re the field.

Tree Preservation Order: Clerk to contact NCC again.

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, no update.

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.

Play Park Inspection: 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 received, will be sited dependant on other commitments.

6. Planning Applications:

None.

7. Financial:

Monies: £12,427.38 (includes £698 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

LESS: Bank Charges £19.00 = £12,408.38 (includes £698 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

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

Signed: Date:

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 – 9th January 2024.

10. Correspondence:

BHIB Insurance – Clear Councils

NCC Town & Parish Spring Conference – 14th March at County Hall, 5-8pm

North Pennines National Landscape Annual Forum 13th Dec, 7-9pm

11. Any Other Business:

None.

12. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 11th March 2024 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.15p.m.

Signed: Date:

Website: <https://northumberlandalc.uk/knarsdale>