

# DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2024 AT 7.30p.m. IN KNARESDALE COMMUNITY HALL .

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

**Apologies:** Cllrs 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 8th January 2024 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, Highways contact details passed for them to deal with direct.

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 – This is a serious safety issue, will point the issue out to G Harrison.

Old School: Cllr Mennie re-submitting 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, NCC have supplied a price to site a bin, council agreed the price and Clerk to follow up on the one by the bottle bank..

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.

**4. Grass Cutting Tender:** Three tenders sent out, only one returned. All Cllrs were in agreement to award the work to Ted Nancarrow for the 2 year period (2024 & 2025).

**5. King Charles III Coronation** – Seat received, will be sited dependant on other commitments and weather.

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

22/01591/FUL: Conversion of existing attached byre into ancillary habitable accommodation including: living area, bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and ground floor WC. The conversion also includes a small entrance hall to allow internal access to the byre. Ayle Cottage, Alston CA9 3NH – NCC Granted Permission

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**23/04332/VARYCO:** Variation of condition 2 on approved application 23/01449/FUL in order for a minor alteration to the plans for the approved chalet as the chalet company has discontinued the model for which planning permission given. Land North East of High Row Known as High Row Yurts Alston CA9 2NJ – NCC Granted Permission.

**7. Financial:**

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

LESS: Great North Air Ambulance £50.00, Tynedale Hospice £25, Clerk's 12 months' Salary (including HMRC payment) + expenses £817.10, Mole control £50.00, Bank Charges £17.00 = £11,449.28 (includes £698 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

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

**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 – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**10. Correspondence:**

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

NCC – Posters to recruit staff and raise awareness for the requirement to bring photo ID to polling stations

NCC Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts/Polling Places, completed by 31/1/25.

Telford Coaches 680A Nenthead – Brampton – Carlisle Service info/poster.

**11. Any Other Business:**

Drain (near Heatherlea) broken drain, been reported twice (using the app), NCC's responsibility, a safety issue especially in icy conditions.

**12. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 13th May 2024 - Annual Open Meeting at 7.00p.m.  
followed by the Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 8.35p.m.

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