

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30p.m. IN KNARESDALE COMMUNITY HALL.

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

Apologies: Cllrs J Styne, W Watson & 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 July 2024 were agreed and signed.

2. Declaration of Interest: None.

3. Matters Arising:

Highway Issues: Mr Harrison, NCC Highways, and Cllr Mennie still to organise a meeting convenient to both.

Blocked Drains (Hangshaw Junction): resulting in house flooding, Knarr Bridge (Road): drain cover needs urgent attention. Eals Foot Bridge: A tree is causing a blockage which has led to flooding and is putting the bridge in danger. The Eals Road Bridge: erosion of the riverbank needs attention. Cllr Hutchinson has informed the relevant personnel at NCC.

Roadside verges –alongside the Kirk Style, Highways contact details have been given for them to deal with direct – Cllrs will check with Kirkstyle for an update. The parking is still an ongoing problem.

Speeding – ‘slow down’ flashing signs/collation of data, Cllr Armstrong has managed to assess the programme recently, hopefully this will allow us to collate data which will give readings on usage speeds etc, which could then be used to justify further action by the authorities to stop – no further update.

Parking Burnstones Junction – This is a serious safety issue, a potential serious accident waiting to happen and will be highlighted when Cllr meets with G Harrison, NCC.

Scheduled work on Burnstones bridge – has not started, probably in 2025 work schedule and will require a ‘road closure’. 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. Kissing-Gate – needs repair, the post has rotted away. Cllr Hutchinson has informed NCC Rights Of Way.

Steps on Pennine Way/Burnstones bridle path: lethal and need urgent attention, Cllr Hutchinson has informed NCC Rights Of Way.

Old School: still awaiting information to complete documentation for re-submission to go for adverse possession and register with Land Registry.

South Tyne Railway: No update re the field.

South Tyne Trail: vehicles using it as a road, accessing it from Burnstones, travelling at speed – churning up surface and a danger to walkers – still no update from NCC Rights of Way as to what action they are taking to stop this.

Wheelie Bins: NCC have agreed a price and will arrange the installation of two bins (South Tyne Trail/Burnstones & Bottle Bank) as soon as possible, the bins will be added onto the route for emptying. Still to be installed.

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 – Clerk to chase up.

Play Park Inspection: 2024 inspection has been carried out, advisory actions required.

King Charles III Coronation: – Seat now in situ and looks good.

Hearse House: Church has carried out some remedial work, they are aware of the issues but due to lack of funds are unable to do more work.

Grass Cutting: – Cllrs to contact Contractor and clear up any misunderstanding as some of the area has been missed, the Cundy does not seem to have been checked at each cut.

5. Planning Applications:

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Proposal Install a shepherd hut in the garden for personal use as home office and occasional use by the family as accommodation - High Luzley Slaggyford Brampton Northumberland CA8 7NW confirm that Northumberland County Council REFUSED permission.

6. Financial:

Monies: £12,089.60 PLUS 2nd Precept payment £2,554.50 = £14,644.10 (includes £623 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

LESS: Bank Charges £21.00 = £14,623.10 (includes £623 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

Online Banking: Final documentation being collated.

7. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:

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

8. Tynedale Local Area Council:

Next meeting – 10th September 2024.

9. Correspondence:

NCC Annual Joint Town & Parish Conference – 3/10/24

NCC Bus Service Improvement Plan – Safe & Accessible Infrastructure

NCC 12 week period of consultation on its Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan, any comments before the 18th of October 2024.

Westmorland and Furness Local Plan – Consultation 8th July - 9th September 2024.

Early Conversation on the Westmorland and Furness Local Plan: 8/7 – 9/9/24.

Westmorland and Furness Council has prepared a Marina Village Residential Opportunity Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). This sets out the Council's development, design, and infrastructure requirements for the Marina Village site, located off Salthouse Road to the southeast of Barrow Town Centre, 22/8 – 19/9/24..

Cumberland Council Planning Policy Update.

Cumberland Local Plan & St Cuthberts Local Plan.

Copeland Local Plan 2021-2038.

Believe: Public EV charging.

B4RN: Full fibre for rural Northumberland – area sits between two B4RN areas, therefore no plans.

10. Any Other Business:

Bridge (Snope Burn) has been damaged and needs attention.

Clerk to organise Lifesaving Training through NCDC. **NOTE** free sessions Tues 12/11 7-9pm and Wed 13/11 2-4pm in the Community Hall.

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

Meeting closed at 8.50p.m.