

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

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

**Apologies:** Cllr J Styne.

Two parishioners were in attendance.

**Public Question** –Must be submitted in writing prior to Parish Council meetings to allow for a detailed and accurate response.

**1. Improving the maintenance and enhancement of public areas in Slaggyford:** Parishioner invited to meeting to discuss/elaborate. Grass cutting/strimming – unfortunately the Contractor’s ride on mower broke down halfway through a ‘cut’ and there has been a wait for delivery of a new replacement mower (due next week) – this should resolve the issues. The grass will not be collected as this is not financially viable. Litter Picking – if volunteers want to organise a litter pick, not on the main road due to health and safety issue, around the village the clerk can arrange with NCC for bags, litter pickers, maybe high viz vests and a central point from which the bags will be collected on the scheduled collection. The Parish Council have previously agreed a contribution towards flowers for the planters within the parish.

**2. Minutes (including any ratification of decisions taken) of meetings** held 13th May 2024 were agreed and signed.

**3. Declaration of Interest:** None.

**4. Matters Arising:**

Highway Issues: Mr Harrison, NCC Highways, has been in contact and to arrange to meet with M Mennie who can show/explain all the issues.

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.

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 – 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, Cllr Hutchinson to contact NCC Rights Of Way. Kissing-Gate – needs repair, the post has rotted away

Steps on Pennine Way/Burnstones bridle path: lethal and need urgent attention, Cllr Hutchinson to contact NCC Rights Of Way – no update.

Old School: documentation ready 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.

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.

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

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

King Charles III Coronation: – Seat received, will be sited as soon as other commitments allow.

Hearse House: The roof is falling in and the double doors are not secure, in need of attention. Vicar informed by emailed.

## **5. Planning Applications:**

**24/01611/VARYCO:** Variation of condition 2(Aproved Plans) application 22/01591/FUL to rebuild the outbuilding to its original length, proposed entrance porch to extend southwards to include doorway into plant room. The roof over the plant room to be raised to follow the raised roof over the cloak, and a new doorway to be incorporated into the east wall of the store in the outbuilding – Ayle Cottage, Alston CA9 3NH. NCC Granted Permission.

**24/02105/FUL & 24/02164/LBC:** Install a shepherd hut in the garden for personal use as home office & occasional use by the family as accommodation – High Luzley, Slaggyford CA8 7NW.

**24/02164/LBC:** Install a shepherd hut in the garden for personal use as home office & occasional use by the family as accommodation – High Luzley, Slaggyford CA8 7NW – withdrawn.

## **6. Financial:**

Monies: £12,903.28 (includes £623 ring fenced Transparency Grant) PLUS £11.80 Powergrid payment = £12,915.08.

LESS: Playsafety Ltd £93.80, NCC 2 fixed Wheelie Bins £713.88, Bank Charges £18.00 = £12,089.60 (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 – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

## **9. Correspondence:**

Parishioners – improving the maintenance of public areas in Slaggyford

NCC Notice of Polling Districts & Polling Stations Review.

B4RN: Full fibre for rural Northumberland – Clerk to enquire details for this area.

Citizens Advice Northumberland – requesting a donation – none given.

Calvert Kielder – requesting a donation - none given.

## **10. Any Other Business:**

Eals Foot Bridge: There is a tree 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.

Blocked Drains (Hangshaw Junction): resulting in house flooding.

Knarr Bridge (Road): drain cover needs urgent attention.

Cllr Hutchinson will inform the relevant personnel at NCC.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 9th September 2024 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.05p.m.