

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7.30p.m. IN KNARESDALE COMMUNITY HALL.

Present: Cllrs M Mennie (Chair), Al Armstrong (Vice Chair), J Cummings (Part), J Grieves, J Higgs & R Mathieson (NCC).

Apologies: Cllrs JJ Raine & J Reed.

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

The Eals: to have a blind spot mirror erected (or similar) – mirrors not something NCC erect. A dog poo bin placed near the parking bays at Eals Bridge – Clerk to check with NCC whether a bin could be added to their route for emptying prior to installing.

1. Minutes (including any ratification of decisions taken) of meetings held 14th July 2025 were agreed and signed.

2. Declaration of Interest: None.

3. Matters Arising:

Highway Issues: Email received from NCC Highways confirm that signs and road markings are due to be installed in Slaggyford in the coming weeks to warn of pedestrians using the Pennine Way. At Eals the missing 'road narrows' sign is to be replaced and will look at further safety measures that may be justified re the tight bend next to the bridge. Also, the speeding issue at the community hall. Roadside verges –alongside the Kirk Style, Highways contact details have been given for them to deal with direct – no update. The parking is still an ongoing problem. Speeding – 'slow down' flashing signs/collation of data – no further update. Both signs now working. Various temporary road closures due to installation of the new broadband, access to be maintained for residents and businesses where safe and possible to do so. Still awaiting clarification on track status – public right of way or a permission right of way. Drainage – water on A689 getting worse, especially at Side House, Clerk to write to landowner. Cattle grid – past the station on the road to Far House – road sinking – no update. Hollow Ash Tree (same road) – needs attention, NCC responsibility as within a meter of the highway – no update. Cllr Mathieson suggested Cllr Mennie arrange to meet with Andy Olive / Dave Dover, who know and work this area, and point out the various issues and possibly agree solutions more readily.

Steps on Pennine Way/Burnstones bridle path: NCC Rights Of Way due to inspect that section of the Pennine Way in a few weeks' time.

Old School: Cllrs Mennie & Higgs Gathering statements of facts.

Maintenance of the bus shelters / seats: – Cllrs all agreed for Mr Ray Fendrick be awarded the work.

Play Park: Annual inspection carried out, report discussed, low risk maintenance work to be done.

Cundy Fence: Cllrs to have a site visit to ascertain the most feasible way to progress. Cllr Mennie was given the authorisation to engage a contractor to carry out the work within an agreed cost.

4. Local Transport Plan 2026/27 to 2028/29:

Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme 2026-27 to 2028/29, closing date 17th October. Drainage along the A689, especially beside Side House, also drainage on Tows Bank, during the winter the water/ice is a serious problem. Burnstones bridge was also discussed. Cllr Mathieson suggested waiting until further details are available following NCC info sessions.

5. Parish Event:

Cllrs were in agreement it was too short notice to organise anything for this year. Cllr Higgs to bring proposals to the next meeting for an event in 2026.

Co-opted Cllr Cummings was welcomed to the meeting.

6. Planning Applications:

Application No. 25/02989/COU: The Old Rectory Slaggyford Brampton Northumberland CA8 7PB
Change of use of dwelling (use class C3) to holiday accommodation (sui generis).

Suspected Breach of Planning Rules: Gun Dog Park under review by NCC, Council copied into additional correspondence, no update from NCC.

7. Financial:

Monies: £13,506.89 (includes £548.00 ring fenced Transparency Grant) PLUS 2nd Precept Payment
£2,605.50 = £16,112.39

LESS: Play Park Inspection £96.00, Bank Charges £12.00 = £16,004.39.

Online Banking: Documentation forwarded, awaiting acceptance.

8. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:

Website: no further info re HugoFox, new service provider, or .gov.uk email required by 1st April 2026.

9. Correspondence:

Leader of the Council, Councillor Glen Sanderson - Invitation for Town and Parish Councillors to attend a meeting re Budget and Corporate Priorities – Hexham 8/10/25 6-7.30pm

Northumberland Local Plan 'Call for Sites' Consultation, closes 30/9/25.

Sport Tynedale: Request for financial support in 2025/26

Local plan westmorland and furness Planning policy consultation notification

Draft Arnside and Silverdale National Landscape Management Plan 2026- 2031 Public Consultation

Arnside & Silverdale National Landscape – closing date 17/10/25.

Cumberland Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation – closes 31/10/25.

National telecare campaign partner toolkit

10. Any Other Business:

None.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 10th November 2025 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.15p.m.