

DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2025 AT 7.30p.m. IN KNARESDALE COMMUNITY HALL.

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

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 September 2025 were agreed and signed.

2. Declaration of Interest: None.

3. Matters Arising:

Highway Issues: Signs and road markings warning of pedestrians using the Pennine Way insitu.

The Eals - NCC still to replace the missing 'road narrows' sign and looking at further safety measures that may be justified re the tight bend next to the bridge.

Trees/branches need cutting back throughout the parish.

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.

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, NCC Highways will contact landowner and have requested more details – Cllr Mennie will supply info.

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. Both items to be reported on Fix My Street. Fix My Street to be promoted in The Local News, especially grit requirements.

Cllr Mathieson reported essential work to be carried out on the U7014 Slaggyford to Ayke Road.

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 - still to meet.

Dog Poo Bin (Eals): NCC confirmed it could be added to the route for emptying but they are not keen, where would it be sited, permission to do so, could encourage fly tipping, Clerk to seek costs, possible site to be agreed and whether permission can be agreed before progressing.

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 – info not ready to submit yet.

Maintenance of the bus shelters / seats: – Some maintenance on bus shelters has commenced.

Cundy Fence: After further inspection, there is a grid in place already, Cllrs agreed a fence would not be necessary.

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

Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme 2026-27 to 2028/29, closing date 17th October.

Cllr Mathieson informed the Clerk that both the drainage along the A689 and Burnstones bridge are in the work schedule. As nothing else was agreed or discussed at the Meeting no LTP was submitted.

5. Governance Review:

Governance review documentation discussed and questionnaire completed.

6. Parish Event:

Cllr Higgs to bring proposals to the next meeting for an event in 2026.

7. Grass Cutting: Tenders for the grass cutting for the next two years to be sought, closing date 9/1/26.

8. Planning Applications:

Application No. 25/03391/FUL: Proposal Conversion of barns to domestic annexe and self contained house - Newholme Slaggyford Brampton Northumberland CA8 7PG

Application no. 25/02989/COU: Change of use of dwelling (use class C3) to holiday accommodation (sui generis) The Old Rectory Slaggyford CA8 7PB – NCC granted permission.

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

9. Financial:

Monies: £16,004.39 (includes £548.00 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

LESS: Grass Cutting £1,440.00, Bus Shelter Maintenance £150.00, British Legion Poppy Appeal £50.00, Bank Charges £6.60 = £14,357.79.

Banking: Now with Unity Trust Bank, HSBC account closed.

NCC 2026/27 Precept After discussion and reviewing the budget it was proposed by Cllr Mennie, seconded by Cllr Grieves and agreed by the Council to increase precept by 2% (£104), making it £5,315. The necessary paperwork was signed.

10. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:

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

11. Correspondence:

NCC Local Transport Plan - Workshops

NCC – Updated Elected Members Prevent Handbook and Prevent Induction Handbook.

Governance Review

Tynedale Community Partnership 16 Sept 25

NCC – Winter Services Preparedness and Resilience Report

Nominations for Community Awards - deadline for applications is 28/11/2025. edgefrin.co.uk/tacnbora-tour.

Free trees available from Northumberland County Council

Westmorland and Furness Council - Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP) for the Central Barrow Conservation Area as part of their statutory duty to preserve and enhance the heritage asset, consultation 20th October and 30th November.

Westmorland and Furness Council - Character Area Appraisal and Management Plan (CAAMP) for Penrith Conservation Area as part of their statutory duty to preserve and enhance the heritage asset, consultation Monday 20th October and Sunday 30th November.

Westmorland and Furness Council -Localplan Draft Design Code consultation 3/11-14/12.

Hyperfast GB, Nenthead Drop-in 4th November -Nenthead Village Hall, CA9 3PN 12pm–2pm and 4pm–6pm.

Citizens Advice Northumberland Annual General Meeting 12 noon, Monday 1st December 2025

12. Any Other Business:

None.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 12th January 2026 at 7.30p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.25p.m.