

# DRAFT MINUTES OF KNARSDALE WITH KIRKHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY 12TH JULY 2021 AT 7.30p.m.

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

**Apologies:** Cllr W Watson.

**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 24th May 2020, 13th July 2020 & 29th January 2021 were agreed and signed.

**2. Declaration of Interest:** Planning – I Hutchinson.

### **3. Matters Arising:**

Highway Issues: Drainage still a problem in various places including car park entrance/Station, beside the Community Hall, road beside Side house.

Burnstones bridge stones displaced – no update. Cllr Hutchinson still seeking clarification on track status – public right of way or a permission right of way. Low Bridge sign at Lambley to be re-sited to a more visible position still to be addressed. Parking on the road at Burnstones Bridge still a problem.

Old School: Still awaiting S Ricketts comments.

The Hearse House: Cllr Mennie and the Vicar have had discussions regarding relevant paperwork dated 1928/1932, the outcome being the Vicar stated it is not in ownership of the Church. After discussion M Mennie proposed the Parish Council take ownership and register the Hearse House with Land Registry, seconded by T Moore and agreed by all the Cllrs present. The site is to be made safe, a couple of parishioners have done some work and do not want any reimbursement. Cllr Hutchinson is to supply Cllr Mennie with the necessary info for the Land Registry documents Cllr Mennie to contact the Vicar for a written letter/statement that they agree to the Parish Council taking ownership prior to any documentation being filed.

South Tyne Railway: Level Crossing – no planning agreement signed off. The transfer of the train track to STR has not taken place.

Encroachment of Village Green: No update.

Litter Bin beside the bottle bank: Cllr Hutchinson contacting the relevant NCC department.

### **4. Planning Applications:**

None

### **5. Financial:**

Monies: 297.83+ £4330.40 = £4,628.23 (includes £972 ring fenced Transparency Grant).

**6. Grass Cutting:** A complaint received from a parishioner was discussed, the contractor only cuts 6 times between April – October (monthly), they do not visit the area more frequently. The Cllrs agreed the grass cutting was awarded to the contractor and the Council would not make payments to any other party, however if parishioners wished to cut areas voluntary that was their choice.

### **7. Transparency, Open-ness & Accountability:**

Nothing to report, policies, procedures etc – will continue to be reviewed and amended as necessary.

### **9. Tynedale Local Area Council:**

Next meeting - 13/7/19

### **9. Correspondence:**

NCC Northumberland Local Plan Examination – proposed main modifications 9/6 4/8.

**10. Any Other Business:**

No 'Doggy Bags' notices to be placed on the communal recycle bins Cllr Hutchinson to see if there is any.

Highways: Cutting roadside vergers, trees encroaching on roads, trees obstructing the speed sign (Alston side). Cllr Hutchinson to feed back to NCC.

Watering Hole: Very boggy, work had been due to be carried out but unfortunately this has been overlooked, Cllr Hutchinson will raise it with the relevant people.

Village Green: Oak tree needs pruning, Cllr Mennie to obtain a cost. Hanging baskets, unfortunately there is no one to look after the baskets but if anyone would like to take on the responsibility of one or more they are welcome to do so. Seats: the Council agreed to ask for tenders to carry out maintenance work on all the seats within the parish as well as the two bus shelters. Goal Posts: Cllr Grieves will assess the situation and if necessary remove the nets/ posts.

Dyke opposite the Kyrkstyle: This is the owners responsibility not NCC The seat needs attention, this will be included in the tender.

**11. Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 13th September 2021 – Annual Meeting at 7.00p.m. followed by the Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.05p.m.