

Minutes of meeting of Kirkwhelpington Parish Council held at 730pm on Tuesday 7th September 2021 in Kirkwhelpington Memorial Hall

Those Present: R Thornton, (Chairman), E Rogerson, K Fortune, M Neale, A Palmer, C Miller (Clerk), two members of the public

2021/59 Apologies for Absence

A Purves

2021/60 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

2021/61 Public questions

Parishioners had concerns with vehicles speeding at Marycastle, stating turning into the road is dangerous and there should at least be Slow signage/markings. Concerns had been reported to County Council Highways who advised the comments had been taken into account, and the request would need to go through the Local Transport Plan database. The Parish Council had previously asked for a 40mph speed limit to cover the whole of Knowesgate, and if the Parish Council did not include the request in their LTP requests 2022-2023, R Thornton would speak to County Cllr Riddle who may be able to finance signage.

2021/62 Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 6th July 2021

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held Tuesday 6th July 2021 be accepted as a true record.

2021/63 Matters arising from previous meeting held Tuesday 6th July 2021

- **B4RN rural broadband:** Public interest from Kirkwhelpington had not hit the target level. The village is not too badly served, and there had been issues with door step canvassing not being welcomed.
- **Grasscutting:** No issues with grasscutting.
- **Tree issues:** Clerk had again reported dangerous ash trees to Northumberland Estates, with acknowledgement received, however no work had appeared to have taken place.
- **Strengthening of village entrances:** Nothing to report due to Eastlands development being some way off from completion.
- **Environmental proposals:** R Thornton to contact Cambo school and A Palmer to contact Northumberland Wildlife Trust in due course, regarding assistance/advice with environmental proposals in the parish.
- **Northumberland Rivers Trust – River Wansbeck Catchment:** No Parish Cllr had attended the event, which had been reported as being more suitable for children.
- **Encroaching honeysuckle:** Encroachment occurring on path and causing problems in wet weather, K Fortune to carry out site visit, E Rogerson to speak to tenant if required.
- **Fence repairs:** Fence repairs still to action.
- **Vehicles using Kirkwhelpington Bridge:** Satnavs were directing vehicles over the bridge, however there were no extra large vehicles accessing the area and no major incidents had occurred.
- **Parish sewage works:** Northumbrian Water had visited the site to find there had been some overflows caused by heavy rainfall and although this only affected the site there was a bit of an odour present. However it was agreed the site had been overflowing for many months.
- **Knowesgate Hotel, speeding traffic and rat infestation:** Clerk had reported problems to County Council, however the problem with rubbish/rats was worsening.
- **Cutting of grass verges on byways:** Byways had now been trimmed to a high standard.
- **Old National Trust Headquarters, Cambo:** Clerk had contacted National Trust with no response received.

2021/64 Correspondence

Notice had been received regarding a cycling event travelling through the parish.

2021/65 Finance

2021/65/01 Bank Balance: £19262.80 as at 31/08/21

2021/65/02 The following payments are to be authorised:

- PMF Products Ltd – replacement goal nets - £78.90
- Kirkwhelpington Memorial Hall – W/C maintenance - £255.50;
- C Miller – July, August salary/expenses - £270.00
- HMRC – PAYE on above - £58.80
- St Bartholomews Kirkwhelpington – rent of church for May meeting - £15.00
- Plexus Medial – Spanglefish – annual web-site hosting fee - £103.00
- Robson & Cowan – fuel - £135.84

It was resolved to approve the payments

2021/65/03 To consider request for grant from Sport Tynedale

It was resolved no grant would be given.

2021/66 Planning Matters

2021/66/01 Planning Applications received

No planning applications had been received.

2021/66/02 Approval of Planning Application received

No approval of planning application had been received.

2021/66/03 To receive request from All Saints Construction regarding options for the locality of sales signage visible from A696

Kirkwhelpington Developments had written officially to the Parish Council for assistance in locating landowners willing to enter into agreements with displaying of sales signage. It was resolved to reply to state the Parish Council would not be willing to make suggestions due to data protection issues.

2021/67 Update on Ray Fell Wind Farm/Community Interest Company

Community Interest Company to put new business plan together. Applications now open for the next tranche of funding. It was interesting to note the National Youth Agency had recently stated children were unrepresented in rural areas.

2021/67/01 Proposed bus shelter at Knowesgate

Land Registry had advised an ordnance survey map was required, marked with the land in question. The payment of £7 had been cashed, however the Land Registry had no record of this, and the Parish Council would need to contact their bank in order to claim a refund. N Neale to attempt to find information on landowner through Companies House. R Thornton to arrange map.

2021/67/02 Improvement to lighting at bus shelter in Kirkwhelpington

County Cllr advised improved lighting at the bus shelter should be requested through the Local Transport Plan database, and to state the reasons being due to road safety, and proposals would be an extension of existing lighting.

2021/68 Wildlife & Countryside Act, 1981: Review of the Definitive Map and Statement of Public Rights of Way, Informal pre-order consultation

R Thornton had contacted County Council regarding right of way between Ottercops and Elsdon, and the upgrade meant the route could now be used by a tricycle or horse drawn vehicle.

2021/69 To consider parking issues within the parish

There were problems within the village due to a vehicle parking on a corner, with overhanging hedging exacerbating problems, with the hedge having been cut, but not fully. Concerns to be included in Chimes magazine, with M Neale to compile report covering various Parish Council matters.

2021/70 To consider projects for inclusion on Local Transport Plan 2022-2023

It was resolved to include the following items in the Local Transport Plan 2022-2023

- Safety barriers on both sides of Little Harle corner.
- Further traffic calming measures at Knowesgate, such as 40mph limit/continuous white lining through the whole hamlet; slow signage at Marycastle East & West.
- Extension of existing lighting at Kirkwhelpington bus shelter due to road safety issues.

2021/71 To consider invite for County Council Cabinet Member to meet with Parish Council

The new administration at County Council were planning on meeting with all Parish Council's within their four year term, with the option to request a meeting in the near future. It was therefore resolved to request a meeting with the Highways cabinet member.

2021/72 Urgent Business

- A parishioner had offered an oak tree to the Parish Council which was currently in their garden. Matter to be discussed further at next meeting, with article for location suggestions to be placed in Chimes magazine.
- Complaint about rubbish at Knowesgate received, previously discussed.
- Hedge cuttings had been dumped in lane, R Thornton to arrange "no garden rubbish signage."
- Dog fouling on village green problematic, R Thornton to arrange "no dog fouling signage."

2021/73 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of Kirkwhelpington Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 commencing 730pm in Kirkwhelpington Memorial Hall.



Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 845pm.