

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Kirkwhelpington Parish Council held at 730pm on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 in Kirkwhelpington Memorial Hall

Those Present: R Thornton, (Chairman), E Rogerson, A Purves, M Neale, A Palmer, C Miller (Clerk), J Riddle (County Cllr), seven members of the public.

2022/32 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2022/33 Election of Chairman

R Thornton proposed and seconded as Chairman, and duly elected.

2022/34 Election of Vice Chairman

A Purves proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman, and duly elected.

2022/35 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declaration of Interests.

2022/36 Public questions

There were on Public questions.

2022/37 Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 1st March 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 1st March 2022 be accepted as a true record.

2022/38 Minutes of extra ordinary meeting held Monday 11th April 2022

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2022/39 To receive update on B4RN rural broadband

Ray Windfarm pressing for a timetable of works, however there was no further news on a start date.

2022/40 To consider commemorative plaque for oak tree offered to the village

Plaque to be placed, with wording and materials to be confirmed in due course.

2022/41 Reinstatement of village entrances

Awaiting completion of Gilbert Grove before reinstatement could be actioned.

2022/42 Environmental proposals

A Palmer, volunteers and village gardeners to consider options for rewilding sites.

2022/43 Fence repairs

Not yet actioned.

2022/44 Knowesgate Hotel, speeding traffic

Double white lines through the junction would certainly restrict dangerous practices, however County Cllr stated they could only be placed on either side. Assurances had been given the recent poor condition of A696 would not reoccur. Work had started through the Local Transport Plan 2022-2023 with additional funds provided for u, c roads and footways, with Kirkwhelpington village to be resurfaced later in the year. There was an Increase in bitumen and stone prices, however County Council full surface dressing programme still planned.

2022/45 Problems with dog fouling

Additional signage still on order.

2022/46 To retrospectively approve additional works required to bus shelter(s)

Additional works required to bus shelter(s) approved, due to contractor having repaired incorrect shelter, with both shelters now having been refurbished

2022/47 Finance

2022/47/01 Bank Balance: £17282.68 as at 31/03/22

2022/47/02 The following payments are to be authorised:

- Kirkwhelpington Memorial Hall – W/C maintenance - £255.50
- C Miller – March, April, salary/expenses - £300
- HMRC – PAYE on above - £68.20
- Robson & Cowan – nylon head/cord - £55.98; oil - £16.20; fuel - £83.89
- J Ballantine – bus shelter(s) repair - £1096.50
- NALC – annual subscription - £100.28
- BHIB insurance premium - £536.79

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2022/47/03 To receive National Joint Council for Local Government Services 1.75% payrise for year ending 31/3/21, to be backdated from 1/4/21

Payrise noted.

2022/47/04 To receive acknowledgement of grant from Citizens Advice Northumberland

Acknowledgment of grant noted.

2022/48 Planning Matters

2022/48/01 Planning Applications received

No planning applications had been received.

2022/48/02 Approval of Planning Application received

No approval of planning application had been received.

2022/48/03 Keep the Wannies Wild campaign

Nothing to report.

2021/48/04 To consider proposals for Northside Quarry

Proposals considered in depth at Annual Parish Meeting which had commenced 7pm prior to this meeting, with Planning Officer Kevin Tipple and County Cllr John Riddle present.

2021/48/05 To consider proposed upgrade to existing radio base station, Heugh Nebb, Capheaton

Proposal to approve mobile network coverage, with Parish Council having no objections.

2022/49 Update on Ray Fell Wind Farm/Community Interest Company

Monies available, particularly for green initiatives. There is a current consultation being carried out by Ray Fell Wind Farm CIC to ascertain how the population wish to see funds spent, community benefit being the overarching theme. Application had been submitted to kickstart the Kirkwhelpington Show, further to Covid pandemic, with outcome awaited.

2022/49/01 Proposed bus shelter at Knowesgate

Nothing to report.

2022/49/02 Improvement to lighting at bus shelter in Kirkwhelpington

County Cllr Riddle to look into lighting improvements.

2022/50 To consider parking issues within the parish

Parishioners encouraged to park with consideration. Paths could be segregated for pedestrians/vehicles, however road lining(s) would kill the village look.

2022/51 Lane repair to Albion Terrace

Karbon Homes to action in due course.

2022/51/01 Drainage run off from paddock to Albion Terrace

Jetting machinery had cleared up the area, with field and main drains cleared by County Council. Tree in corner had led to broken pipes with the bottom paddock flooding. Resurfacing of the parish discussed above should not be actioned until the problem is cured.

2021/52 Audit of Accounts year ending 31/3/22

2021/52/01 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor

There were no issues arising from the internal auditor.

2021/52/02 To approve the Governance Statement

It was resolved to approve the governance statement.

2021/52/03 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2021/2022

It was resolved to approve the draft annual accounts for 2021/2022.

2021/52/04 To approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances

It was resolved to approve the Accounting Statement and explanation of variances.

2021/52/05 To approve the Exemption Certificate

It was resolved to approve the Exemption Certificate.

2021/52/06 To approve public right of inspection dates

It was resolved to approve the public right of inspection dates of 13 June to 22 July 2022.

2022/53 To consider Queen's Platinum Celebrations

Village Hall Committee had confirmed the Parish Council did appear to own the village green outside of the hall, and who had proposals to make a small patio in the playing field (discussed at previous meeting), to be called the Jubilee Garden. It was resolved the Parish Council were in principal in favour of this, subject to confirmation of size of patio. Hall Committee would carry out future maintenance.

2022/54 Northumberland Association of Local Councils – The Armed Forces Covenant

The covenant was essentially promoting the welfare of service and ex-service members, particularly in employment, but not considered an area the Parish Council could assist with.

2022/55 Urgent Business/Items for next agenda

Complaints had been received about an outside light behind Glebe House, visible from the road and surrounding area, with concerns of light pollution, being intrusive and not in keeping of the Dark Skies. R Thornton to speak to resident.

Parishioner offered to repair bench in front of East House, which would require removal to their premises, it was believed the feet were tarmacked in, however permission given for it to be moved and repaired.

2022/56 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of Kirkwhelpington Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 5th July 2022 commencing 730pm in Kirkwhelpington Memorial Hall.

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The meeting closed at 840pm
Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

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