

Minutes of meeting of Kirkwhelpington Parish Council held at 730pm on Tuesday 4th January 2022 in Kirkwhelpington Memorial Hall

Those Present: R Thornton, (Chairman), E Rogerson, A Purves, K Fortune, M Neale, A Palmer, C Miller (Clerk)

2022/01 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2022/02 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

2022/03 Public questions

There were no public questions.

2022/04 Minutes of previous meeting held Tuesday 2nd November 2021

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 be accepted as a true record.

2022/05 Matters arising from previous meeting held Tuesday 7th September 2021

2022/05/01 B4RN rural broadband

Nothing to report.

2022/05/02 Tree issues; to consider location for oak tree offered to the village

The preferred location would be at the road end which would be noticed by all who enter the village, and it was therefore resolved the tree would be placed on the opposite side of the road from the bus shelter. R Thornton to contact tree surgeon to ascertain best time for planting.

2022/05/03 Strengthening of village entrances

To be considered when development works complete, vehicles continue to damage the verges.

2022/05/04 Environmental proposals

Nothing to report.

2022/05/05 Fence repairs

Repairs still to be actioned.

2022/05/06 Parish sewage works

Northumbrian Water had confirmed the development of 17 new homes would not make any difference to the way the pumping station performs. If there are persistent odour issues, they will investigate, however they have no concerns with recent site performance and the manager will ensure the site operator increases visit frequency to ensure there are no ongoing issues, and look for sources of odour escape.

2022/05/07 Knowesgate Hotel, speeding traffic and rat infestation

It was believed the hotel had been sold. Rat infestation had been actioned. Traffic calming controls added to the Local Transport Plan requests 2022-2023.

2022/05/08 Old National Trust Headquarters, Cambo

The old Headquarters were to be occupied by the Let Estate Building Supervisor, with the trust making a modest investment in ensuring the space is adequate.

2022/05/09 Problems with dumped hedge cuttings

Warning signage had been placed.

2022/05/10 Problems with dog fouling

Additional warning signage had been ordered for Albion Terrace. No Dogs Permitted signage for play area required, as opposed to the current No Dog Fouling signage, and it was resolved replacement signage would be organised.

2022/06 Finance

2022/06/01 Bank Balance: £18778.70 as at 31/12/21

2022/06/02 The following payments are to be authorised:

- Kirkwhelpington Memorial Hall – W/C maintenance - £255.50
- C Miller – November, December, salary/expenses - £291.67
- HMRC – PAYE on above - £62.40

It was resolved to approve the payments.

2022/06/03 To consider request for grant from Tynedale Hospice at Home

It was resolved to grant £200.

2022/06/04 To approve budget 2022-2023

It was resolved to approve the budget 2022-2023.

2022/06/05 To approve precept requirements of £6500.00 for 2022-2023

It was resolved to approve the precept requirements of £6500.00 for 2022-2023.

2022/07 Planning Matters

2022/07/01 Planning Applications received

No planning applications had been received.

2022/07/02 Approval of Planning Application received

No approval of planning applications had been received.

2022/07/03 To consider request from Corsenside Parish Council to officially support the Keep the Wannies Wild campaign

A Palmer declared an interest.

As there are no legal grounds on which to challenge the appeal decision there is nothing more the County Council can officially do, however there is some hope that the strong moral case against the proposal, for environmental and other reasons, may have some sway and gain traction, particularly given the proposal cannot go ahead without sourcing enough external funding. Corsenside PC were requesting the PC keep the matter on the agenda and consider lending their name officially to the Keep the Wannies Wild campaign, the aim of which would be to show that the campaign is representing the views of local people and acting on behalf of the local Parish Council's. There were 2000 members on the Keep the Wannies Wild campaign.

After discussion it was resolved to support the campaign.

2022/08 Update on Ray Fell Wind Farm/Community Interest Company

New tranche of funding open, with a drive on publicising the funds as there had not been many applications submitted.

2022/08/01 Proposed bus shelter at Knowesgate

Landowner for proposed location of bus shelter still unknown.

2022/08/02 Improvement to lighting at bus shelter in Kirkwhelpington

County Cllr J Riddle was to look into the possibility of improved lighting at the bus shelter.

2022/09 To consider parking issues within the parish

M Neale to organise article for Chimes publication.

2022/10 Lane to Albion Terrace

No response had been received from Karbon Homes regarding the lane to Albion Terrace falling into disrepair. It was resolved R Thornton would initially contact nearby residents who could be partially responsible for the upkeep of the lane.

2022/11 To consider CPR training in the parish

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the proposal would be considered later in the year.

2022/12 To receive notice of Race to the Castle Event 28 & 29 May 2022

Notification of Race to the Castle planned for 28th & 29th May 2022, with 1500 participants.

2022/13 Urgent Business/Items for next agenda

- Bus shelter in village required reroofing/refelting, with repair required as soon as possible. There were several contractors in the vicinity who may be interested in quoting. K Fortune to compile specification, and Clerk to officially request quotations.
- Tree on Walk Mill road damaged during Storm Arwen, and leaning against a tree on the other side of the road, affecting the telephone line. Clerk to report to British Telecom.
- Netting had been placed on a fenceline bordering properties near to the new development, with resident complaints received, however this was a private matter between householders.
- Snow clearance concerns had been discussed with a County Council Cabinet Member at the previous meeting. The road between Colwill and Kirkharle crossroads had not been actioned at 230pm this afternoon, and Clerk would report to County Council.
- Storm Arwen had resulted in some properties being without electricity for 11 days, and there had been problems with disorganisation during the emergency. Public enquiries had been organised and Clerk would circulate details. With no wi-fi, broadband and mobile service, problems had become particularly serious. With all land-lines to become digital, any future problems would be exacerbated. The Village Hall Committee could apply to become a community hub and Community Action Northumberland could advise on the process.

2022/14 Date of next Meeting

The next meeting of Kirkwhelpington Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 1st March 2022 commencing 730pm.



Claire Miller, Parish Clerk

The meeting closed at 845pm