

= **KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 22nd April, 2024 at 7.00p.m held in
The Gallery, Kirklevington Memorial Hall

Present: Nigel DeBadgecoe (Chair) (NDB)
Damian Hadfield (Vice Chair) (DH)
Jenny Smith (JS)
Alistair McLee (AMc)
Becky Rogerson (BR)
Liz Blanchard (LB)
Neil Clement (NC)
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

Also in attendance: Mrs J. Beaumont (JB)

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Borough Councillors Elsi Hampton, Dan Fagan, Andrew Sherris, John Coulson

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

DH declared a non-prejudicial interest as employed in a Government Department. JS resident and farmer at Grove Farm declared a non-prejudicial interest as part of a Farming Business with land NW installing sewage pipes on.

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the March meeting were duly read. **APPROVED JS, AMc**

4) MATTERS ARISING MINUTES - All issues on Agenda

5) NEW CO-OPTED PARISH COUNCILLOR

NDB introduced **Neil Clement (NC)** to the meeting who had shown an interest in filling the vacancy of Co-opted Parish Councillor. Neil introduced himself to the meeting and his interest in becoming an active member of the Parish Council. Following the completing of the necessary forms, **NDB** welcomed Neil to the Parish Council.

5) PLANNING

a) Planning Update and Proposed Developments

i) Story Homes

NDB reported to the meeting that he along with Elaine Atkinson of SBC and EH had held a meeting with Richard Swann, Story Planning Manager to discuss the snagging issues at the site which need to be addressed before the completion of the site. A summary of issues was as follows:

- Story Homes to review and look into improving the footpath running south of St. Martins Way and on the PROW from St. Martins Way to the southern edge of the site. It was stated by Story that the path had been built according to the agreed plans. **NDB** had confirmed to Story Homes that the existing condition of the footpaths were a Health and Safety issue and that the footpaths need to be given a top coat screening. It was also pointed out that the steps were also unsafe and they agreed to look into this. Story Homes reported that the wooden shuttering to the side of the footpaths was, in fact, holding in the rainwater which was causing many of the issues.

- The entrance from the St, Martins Way at this present time remains open following the removal of the fence/gated entrance at the commencement of the development and the need to reinstate the fence up to the PROW (Public Footpath) is required. The reinstatement of the fence would prevent this unapproved entrance being used by vehicles and horses.
- It was requested that when the PROW entrance is reinstated it should allow only for pedestrians/pushchairs/wheelchairs by installing a narrowed tapered gateway.
- Story were, once again, drawn to the dangerous wires that are poking out at Story site green area and requires attention.
- Story stated that landscaping is still not complete. **NDB** has requested that all trees being reinstated at the site.
- Story are looking to install a multi-use bin on the Story site green which can be used for dog waste.
- Once the PROW from St. Martins Way to the southern edge of the site is connected and complete the temporary PROW will no longer be required.
- **NDB** had made a request to Story Homes if a site could be made available for a notice board. The Parish Council would be happy to finance the purchase of such a notice board.

JB asked if the steps were to be removed. **NDB** was able to confirm that they would be improved. **NDB** informed the meeting that the last 3 houses were now in the process of being completed. **NDB** confirmed that the risen grate to the entrance of the Story site has now been levelled. **NDB** has spoken to several people re the bench that has been situated on the corner of Pump Lane to the side of the Story site and can confirm that the planting of bulbs will be carried out in the autumn.

ii) Taylor Wimpey

- **NDB** reported to the meeting that the SUDS basin issues appear to be resolved and drainage restrictions should now be removed.
- **Matt Vickers MP** had reported back to the Parish Council that it was not in the best interest at this stage to continue to pursue an alternative access route from the site

iii) Duchy Homes – 22/1846/REM –

At this present time no work has commenced at the site except for the work being carried out by Northumbrian Water to install the new sewage pipes.

iv) Knowles Farm

No further information to report.

c) APPLICATIONS

24/0627/DCH – Far End Farm, Worsall Road, Kirklevington TS15 9PE

Information to discharge condition no.10 (Badger Survey) of planning approval

20/2847/OUT – Outline application for three dwellings in area to south of existing dwellings.

d) DECISIONS

24/0357/FUL – Land South of Green Lane, Kirklevington, TS15 9EH

Application to widen existing access and associated works.

APPROVED

24/0134/CPL – Sewage Treatment Works, Ash Grove, Kirklevington, TS15 9NQ Application for a proposed certificate of lawful development for an underground sewage pipeline to include any associated works.

APPROVED

24/0038/VARY – Plot 7 Knowles Farm, Grove Bank, Kirklevington, TS15 9NG

Section 73 to vary condition no.1 (approved plans) of planning approval 21/0648/REM – Reserved matters application for appearance landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 10 dwelling houses.

APPROVED

23/2286/X – Orchard House, Pump Lane, Kirklevington, TS15 9LQ – PLAY AREA

Application for 50% canopy removal of 1no. Ash Tree and 1 no. Sycamore of Tree Preservation Order 326 (00.8.5.326)

APPROVED

7) PLAY AREA

- **Play Area Noticeboard**

NDB reported that the new noticeboard has now been installed and a big thank you goes to Dodds fencing who kindly installed the noticeboard for us.

- **Play Area – Trees/Grass**

The trees have now been cut back by Alex Carson which has made a big difference to the Play Area and hopefully the equipment will now remain cleaner. Alex also gave the Play Area grass a first cut which was needed following the long period of rain which had resulted in the grass growing vigorously.

- **Play Area Wall**

LB to have a discussion with owners of Orchard House to discuss the wall issue and will report back. **NDB** questioned as to what can be done re the condition of the wall and stated that any intervention work need to be a long term solution. Concern was expressed by several Parish Councillors re the age and the need to retain such an ancient wall. The **PC** to contact **SBC** to find out if the wall was protected and what action we are permitted to take.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- Simon Lewis – ROSPA report
- Steven Coverdale, Trees on Tess Project Officer - Trees on Tees Community Forest Funding and Grants information
- Matthew Blewitt / Evan Hart, SBC /Rob Morrow SBC, Story Homes – Public Footpath Story site
- Peter/Katie Hewitt – Tanker movements and mounting of pavements with bus having to take action to avoid.
- A. Alton – New Zealand’s answer to getting traffic to slow down.
- Copy letter from Richard Bradford, SBC re fly tipping incident north end of Saltergill Lane – Various agencies involved
- Peter/Katie Hewitt – No reply received from Elaine Atkinson re breaches re restricted times for work to be carried out at the Taylor Wimpey site.
- Events Stockton Borough Council – D-Day 80th Anniversary, 6th June information.
- Peter/Katie Hewitt – email to **NDB** re lack of response from **SBC** re various issues at the Taylor Wimpey site.
- Elaine Atkinson - Story Site Pump Station 22/0072/ENF - facility has been approved by **NWL** who will take on adoption
- Egglecliffe and Egglecliffe Parish Council – Invitation to Annual Meeting 25/05.2024

- Jess Steel – The Grange Prison, Kirklevington – Additional information re the work to be carried out at the Prison re Rapid Deployment Cells Project.

9) FINANCE

a) Payments

Mrs R. Mazonas

Salary April, 2024	£346.82	
Broadband, March, 2024	£27.86	
Printer Ink	£33.99	
A3 Paper	£12.99	<u>£ 421.66</u>
Alex Carson		£850.00
Tree and Grass Cutting Play Area		
Shelley Signs Ltd		£1,686.00
Notice board Play Area		

b) Accounts Update

The **PC** circulated the monthly updates to all Parish Councillors for their information

10) VILLAGE ISSUES

a) Community Youth – Update

LB reported to the meeting that a reminder had gone out on the Facebook pages to remind residents to complete and return the questionnaire. There has only been a very low number of replies. It was questioned as to whether Corner House could attend Kirkfest to promote.

b) Newsletter

A newsletter has recently been sent out and a further newsletter to be sent out shortly to promote all the Kirkfest events.

c) Kirkfest 2024

The **PC** to organise notices to be put up very shortly. **NDB** to organise a meeting, with all invited, to discuss the arrangement for the Kirkfest weekend.

d) Beacon – 80th Anniversary D-day

After consideration it was decided to **CANCEL** the lighting of the beacon on the Thursday evening of the 6th June due to the late timing of the actual lighting. It was felt that such a late timing would exclude most young people from the event, parents with young children and clash with the Ladies Group evening. The Parish Council to organise for an appropriate flag to be flown at the Play Area.

e) Northumbrian Water – New Sewage Pipes

NDB reported that the work to re-route the sewage pipes would be commencing very shortly and would take approximately 17 months to complete.

f) Incident

It had been reported that a resident had seen on their camera system a man trying both house and car doors at 5.58a.m. This matter had been reported to the Police.

g) Facebook Page

Due to inappropriate comments being posted on the Kirklevington Village News Facebook Page and the need to continually monitor such comments, it was decided to turn off the facility for comments to be made.

11) ROAD SAFETY

a) Speed Limit Changes A67

NDB confirmed that we are still awaiting information from SBC as to when we can expect the changes to the speed limits on the A67. There will be a consultation period. He also confirmed that we will be looking to have the existing 40mph speed limit close to the village reduced to 30mph.

b) Pump Lane Parking

NDB confirmed that we are still awaiting the results of the consultation.

c) Speeding Traffic St. Martins Way/The Green/Strathmore Drive.

It was reported that during the period when the speed check equipment in place on St. Martins Way it was noticed that vehicles reduced their speed significantly. Unfortunately, once the equipment was removed several vehicles at certain times of the time travelled at unacceptable speeds

13) MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING

A67

Kirkfest

14) MEETING DATES -Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, 23rd May, 2024 at 7.00p.m. – Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday, 23rd May, 2024 at 7.30p.m. – Parish Council Meeting

Kirklevington Memorial Hall - The Gallery

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