

= **KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 24th June, 2024 at 7.00p.m held in**  
**The Gallery, Kirklevington Memorial Hall**

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

**Also in attendance:** Borough Councillor Mrs E. Hampton (EH), Mr. A. Alton, (AA) Rev. K. Brown (KB), Mike Wilkinson (MW), Lesley Wilkinson (LW), Lizzie Huggins (LH), & Mrs J. Beaumont (JB)

**1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Ben Houchen Mayor of the Tees Valley, Matt Vickers MP, Andrew Sherris.

**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. EH declared a non-prejudicial interest as members of SBC's Planning Committee, AMc declared a non-prejudicial interest as a resident of The Green re Open Reach Poles for Fibre Cables.

**3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the May meeting were duly read. **APPROVED NC, AMc**

**4) MATTERS ARISING MINUTES** - All issues on Agenda

NDB requested to the meeting that item **10d)** be moved forward and discussed due to members of the public attending the meeting to discuss. **APPROVED**

**10d) BT Poles on The Green**

NDB reported to the meeting that following a meeting held in the Village Hall to discuss the supply of fibre cables to homes within the village, at no point was it mentioned by Openreach that poles be erected. A notice to informed residents had been placed very low down on The Green, making it very hard to read, informing them about the proposed poles. From the Parish Council's point of view we will write to express our dissatisfaction with the proposals. AA reported that he would be expressing concerns to Rob Rowan from Openreach. KB asked the question – 'if we have pledged our vouchers, how do we stand now if we want to withdraw them?'. NDB confirmed that they have more than sufficient pledged vouchers. He also questioned as to why they need poles when it is possible to blow the fibre cables through to homes? At this point gave out the contact details for Rob Rowan – 07483908006 as Rob was happy for this to be circulated. Two further contacts who are also happy for their emails to be circulated are: [wendy-sycamore@openreach.co.uk](mailto:wendy-sycamore@openreach.co.uk) and [fibrecommunitypartnership@openreach.co.uk](mailto:fibrecommunitypartnership@openreach.co.uk). Questions were raised from the public as to why, if they have the number of pledges why they cannot connect the fibre direct to homes and not use poles. Fibre is already in the homes on all the Story and Taylor Wimpey sites. NDB confirmed that not all residents received letters from Openreach due to them being too old. From 1 – 34 residents

on The Green had all received a letter from Openreach. **AA** stated that this was an open ended project with no system to generate a plan. There is a need for a site assessment by Openreach. **KB** asked how poles with wires to houses would affect houses and the road network.

**NDB** confirmed to the meeting that the Parish Council would be writing to Openreach requesting a site visit with plans. **JB** stated that they proposals need to be circulated to as many residents within the village as possible. **NDB** thanked residents who had attended the meeting.

**NDB** also asked the meeting if they were happy for the following item to be moved forward due to residents who were attending the meeting had also taken part in the events. **APPROVED**

### **10a) Kirkfest Event Review**

**NDB** stated that in future we should not host certain games – Blindfold Race – as a child had run into a lamp post and had to go to hospital with concussion and damage to a tooth. In future games on The Green needed to be pre event agreed. **Picnic on The Green** – **NDB** stated that this event needs to return to the 4.00p.m. as it started too late. Beacon in the Play Area – **NDB** confirmed the reasons for not holding the lighting of the **beacon in the Play Area** as being too late for many residents to attend and, in particular, the young residents of our community.

**KB** suggested that we go back to holding a Kirkfest pre meeting with all groups participating to attend to discuss in detail events to be held and their format. **KB** also pointed out that D-Day was a serious event where we remember all those who sacrificed their lives or were injured. She was not sure why the event was held in the Play Area on the Saturday afternoon when the Church had put together with the assistance of Ros Butler an appropriate display in the Church re D-Day for all residents to view on the Saturday afternoon and again on the Sunday morning a service was held to commemorate and remember was held. **NDB** reported the the School fete went well on the Saturday morning. It was clear that less activities need to take place. **Ros Butler** had requested through **KB** and **JS** that she needs a lot more time to put together her history work/displays. **JS** stated there is a need for a Kirkfest committee as all events were social. **NDB** stated that, once again, there was a lack of engagement from many residents who were not willing to take part, help or become involved. He was also able to confirm that all the pizzas had been sold who was around 100. The Ice Cream van sold out but was not sure how the cake stall and card stalls had done.

**NDB** asked the question as to how we could improve the music at The Green and if it was possible to obtain more speakers to space around The Green. **AA** told the meeting that the speaker that was owned by the Village Hall had been purchased initially to be used to allow for people with hearing loss to hear events in the Village Hall when there was no hearing loop. They are now used at many events. **NDB** asked if we need to look into new speakers for future events. **NC** to look into costs for 2 speakers.

### **5) COMMUNITY WEB SITE**

**NDB** stated that it was clear that the [www.kirkcommunity.co.uk](http://www.kirkcommunity.co.uk) web site needs to be updated. He asked the Parish Councillors to look at the existing website and give feedback that can be discussed at next month's meeting. **JS** to talk to **Ros Butler** re the **History page** and **AA** asked what has happened to the archived history that is now at the Dorman Museum? **KB Church page, NDB and PC, Parish Council, AA – Village Hall**. It was asked if there was still a need for the Community Plan to have a page. All these pages need to be looked at and discussed and feedback reviewed.

## **6) PLANNING**

### **a) Planning Update and Proposed Developments**

#### **i) Story Homes – Update**

- Two complaints had been received and forwarded to Story Homes –
  1. A lady had had a fall on one of the footpaths on their green area. A pot hold had formed and this was clearly a trip hazard. The lady was clearly shaken by the experience and received grazes and bruising.
  2. The gardens that back onto the footpath to the west of St. Martins Way is constantly overgrown with weeds. In particular the entrance to the side of 14 St. Martins Way. **EH** confirmed that at a meeting with Story Homes **Elaine Atkinson of SBC** had stated that the area needed to be cleared of weeds and the fence reinstated. **NDB** stated that these issues need to be sorted before Story Homes leave the site.
- **NC** reported that grates had still not been installed at The Story Homes Play Area and also the various culverts on the site needed to be addressed.
- **NDB** reported that a design had been agreed upon for the notice board to be installed on the Story site. It will be installed by Story. The heading to be '**KIRKLEVINGTON**'. This will now be ordered. **APPROVED NC, DH**
- **NDB** reported that the second bin has not been put on the green at the Story site which Story Homes were ordering.

#### **ii) Taylor Wimpey**

**NDB** encouraged everyone to report all issues and in particular infringements of vehicles entering the site.

#### **iii) Duchy Homes – 22/1846/REM**

**EH** reported that following the removal of trees at the entrance and damage and cutting down of the existing hedging, she had taken photographs and insists that they will have to replant the hedge.

#### **iv) Knowles Farm**

Reports have been received re wet concrete being dropped on the road surface. It was also reported that residents of Grove Bank can see their road closed some time in July to allow for the road to be resurfaced. Concern was expressed re residents being able to get in or get out of their drives.

## **c) APPLICATIONS**

### **24/1053/TNOT – The Stables Coffee House and Bistro, Kirklevington**

Notice under regulations 5 of electronic, communications code regulation for the installation of a 10 metre wood medium pole

### **24/1051/TNOT – A67 Opposite The Stables Coffee House and Bistro, Kirklevington**

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### **24/1052/TNOT – A67 Opposite The Stables Coffee House and Bistro, Kirklevington**

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## **24/1025/VARY – Plot 5 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.

## **24/0966/LBC – 52 Forest Lane, Kirklevington, TS15 9ND**

Listed Building Consent for the replacement of 18no windows.

### **d) DECISIONS**

No decisions received

### **7) PLAY AREA#**

#### **a) Wall**

- **AMC** reported that one of the TPOs at Orchard House has a root that is swelling and lifting the wall. Although we could secure the wall this would be very costly to the Parish Council.
- We could claim through the owners of the tree through their insurance but are told that the claim is unlikely to be accepted by the insurance provider.
- The condition of the TPO'd trees at the property are very poor and their removal would be the best solution. The PC to write to SBC's Arborist re the removal of the trees.

#### **b) Hand Sanitiser**

**NDB** questioned the need for paper tissues at the Play Area and, although the Play Area is covered by CCTV, they would or could be subject to miss use.

#### **c) Power Washer**

**NDB** asked the meeting to consider if a hand held, battery operated with a water tank power washer would solve the issue of cleaning equipment at the Play Area? **NDB** to look into costings and this is to be considered next month.

### **8) CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Alton – Grass Cutting Play Area – Community Service Groups
- Catherine Clarke – Estate Planning – Silvertime Legal
- Jonathan Kibble – Timetable at Bus Stop to be put up.
- Elaine Atkinson, SBC – contact details re ECHO team
- Gillian Spence – A67 & B1264 – Proposed Traffic Order Amended
- Ros Butler – Comments re Kirkfest Weekend/D-Day Remembrance
- Paul White – Northumbrian Water – Notice work to be carried out during the summer on Leven Bank Road.
- P. Hewitt – Early start times at Taylor Wimpey site.
- A. Alton – 10m Poles to be put up on The Green by Open Reach.
- A & J Selby – Copy letter of objection sent re Poles on The Green
- A. Alton – Copy letter of objection re the 10m Poles on The Green
- James Ackrill – Picton Parish Council – Speed Limit A67

**9) FINANCE**

**a) Payments**

|   |         |           |
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| Mrs R. Mazonas                          |         |           |
| Salary June, 2024                       | £346.82 |           |
| Broadband, May, 2024                    | £30.06  |           |
| Kirkfest Reimbursement                  | £75.55  |           |
| Laminator Pouches                       | £50.23  |           |
| Printing Paper                          | £9.99   | £512.65   |
| Mrs R Mazonas                           |         | £24.00    |
| Prizes – Fancy Dress – Kirkfest         |         |           |
| D. Hadfield,                            |         | £13.89    |
| Kirkfest Supplies                       |         |           |
| Bunting x 3                             |         | £22.92    |
| A. McLee                                |         | £86.85    |
| Play Area Bird spikes                   |         |           |
| SBC                                     |         |           |
| Play Area Inspections                   |         | £1,395.16 |
| & annual ROSPA report                   |         |           |
| Holt Hire                               |         | £132.00   |
| 2 x Toilets The Green – Kirkfest Picnic |         |           |
| A. Alton                                |         | £13.63    |
| KIRFEST/D-DAY MUSIC                     |         |           |
| ICO – Data Protection Fee 2024          |         | £35.00    |
| HL Property Services                    |         | £100.00   |
| GRASS CUTTING PLAY AREA                 |         |           |
| N. Clement                              |         | £100.00   |
| Forest Helmet P.A.                      |         |           |
| HMRC – PAYE Apr, May, June 24           |         | £259.80   |

**b) Accounts Update**

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

**c) Internal Audit – End of Year Accounts 2023/2024**

The Parish Clerk circulated to all present a copy of the Year End Accounts for 2023/24 which were part of the Internal Audit and Report. DH looked at the figures and approved.

**APPROVED NDB, DH**

**10) VILLAGE ISSUES**

**10a) As above – Item moved to beginning of the meeting**

## **b) Christmas Event**

**NDB** reported that he had booked the village hall for Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2024 for the annual and very popular Christmas Event. Helpers to set up the event will be needed. A message has been sent to Father Christmas and he will be attending. The Kirklevington Village Choir members are to be invited, once again, to begin the evening with Christmas Carols.

## **c) Re-Routing of Sewage Pipes from Ash Grove to Yarm**

**EH** reported to the meeting that **NW** we installing vibration monitors at The Lodge and that The Lodge has been extensively assessed as pipes will be going very close to the property. Work continues to put in place a temporary road from the Lay-by on the A67 to the back of the NW site on Ash Grove. Other work can now be seen progressing.

## **d) BT – Openreach – Telegraph Poles on The Green**

**Item brought forward to beginning of meeting.**

### **11) ROAD SAFETY**

#### **a) Speed Limit Changes A67**

**NDB** reported to the meeting that we are still awaiting final approval of the speed limit changes.

#### **b) Pump Lane Parking**

**NDB** reported that we are still waiting for final approval for the installing of double yellow lines on Pump Lane. This cannot come soon enough as parking on Pump Lane has been of concern with vehicles actually parking facing the wrong way which, presumably, means that they had driven along the one-way road in the wrong direction. This is clearly a Police matter and needs to be reported should this happen again.

#### **c) Speeding Traffic A67**

This is still an issue and hopefully we can obtain approval for speed limit reductions.

#### **e) Accidents on Forest Lane**

**NDB** reported that yet another car accident had occurred on Forest Lane. A two car crash happened at the corner of Pump Lane and Forest Lane. The CCTV at the Village Hall recorded the incident. The Police were involved at the scene.

### **12) MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING**

**Defibrillator on The Green**

**Budget Christmas Event**

### **13) MEETING DATES -Parish Council Meeting**

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at 7.00p.m. – Parish Council Meeting**

**Kirklevington Memorial Hall - The Gallery**

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Jenny. Smith, Dr. Alistair McLee, Liz Blanchard, Becky Rogerson, Neil Clement **Borough Councillor** Mrs E. Hampton – Southern Villages Ward **Borough Councillors** Andrew Sherris, Dan Fagan, John Coulson, Yarm Ward (representing Green Lane), **Mayor of the Tees Valley:** Ben Houchen, Matt Vickers **MP**, Jonathan Nertney **Monitoring Officer SBC, PCSO** Glenn Snow. Gareth Lightfoot – **Press**

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