

KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 7th October 2024 at 7.00p.m held in
The Balcony, Kirklevington Memorial Hall

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

Also in attendance: Borough Councilors Mrs E. Hampton & Mr. A. Sherris,
Mrs J. Beaumont (JB),

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A. McLee

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, **LB** declared an interest as running business in the village. Borough Councilors A Sherris & Mrs E. Hampton declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of Stockton Borough Council Planning Committee

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the September meeting were duly read. **APPROVED NC, JS**

4) MATTERS ARISING MINUTES - All issues on Agenda

5) COMMUNITY WEB SITE

NDB was able to confirm that together with **NC** they were still working on the web site and continuing to make improvements. **JB** confirmed on behalf of **AA** – **Kirklevington Memorial Hall** and herself that they were happy with the changes and that the calendar was working well.

6) PLANNING

a) Planning Update and Proposed Developments

i) Story Homes

- It was brought to the meetings attention that **NC** had now become Chair of the Residents Group on St. Martins Green.
- **NDB** confirmed that the notice board which is to be put on St. Martins Green has now arrived and that he had delivered the board to Story's compound for installation.. **Matt Blewitt of Story Homes** is aware of its arrival, and we hope to see it installed very shortly.

- **NC** was able to confirm to the meeting that Story Homes were now beginning to leave the site and that the only thing left at the site now was a storage container.
- It is still a concern that the bin in the Play Area is overflowing and needs to be emptied on a more regular basis. **AS** stated that it is the responsibility of Story Homes to set up a contract with SBC to get it emptied. Very kindly Bob Brannan of SBC helped to tidy up the area and emptied the bin even though, at this present time it is not the responsibility of SBC.
- It is clear that the bin in the Play Area needs to be relocated as it is too close to the area.
- We still await the installation of a bin in the car park and this needs to be organized by Story Homes.

ii) Taylor Wimpey

NDB reported that apart from the regular breaches of movements by vehicles during the school times and also heavy site vehicles entering the site before 7.00a.m. which continue to be reported to Elaine Atkinson of SBC no other issues have been brought to our attention.

iii) Duchy Homes – 22/1846/REM

Work has clearly begun in earnest with groundwork being carried out.

iv) Knowles Farm – No issues reported.

c) APPLICATIONS- NO APPLICATIONS OR DELEGATED DECISIONS RECEIVED

7) PLAY AREA

a) Wall/TPOs

- **LB** reported to the meeting that the owners of Orchard House have applied to SBC to have the TPOs removed from the two trees in their garden.
- It was suggested that a meeting be organized with **Neil Hoskins** and **Mark Nozedar from SBC** to discuss the issues and look at the trees.

c) Grass Cutting

- **NDB** reported to the meeting that the Village Hall have now purchased their own small lawnmower which can be used to cut the lawn to the front of the Hall and would no longer need to use the Parish Council's lawnmower.
- After a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council need to put tenders out to find a regular company/person to cut the Play Area grass next year. To be organized in the new year **APPROVED DH, BR**
- **NC** felt that the following needs to be considered; **1)** Get the existing lawnmower both serviced and repaired as a back-up for Parish

Councilors to use if and when required or **2)** Get quotes for a new lawnmower with a mulcher. **NC** agreed to find out the price for a new lawnmower and he would report back to the November meeting.

d) Play Equipment

Following the regular 2-week inspection of the Play Equipment by SBC at the Play Area there is a need to address the ground under the swings and also replace some of the boards on the large slide/climbing equipment. This to be addressed.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- Mark Wardle – Christmas Tree Lighting
- Andy Hampson – Engagement Team – Regional Economic Crime Coordination Canter- Fraud issues and support.
- Jacqui Ferguson, SBC – Remembrance Day Service information
- Forvis Mazars – Small Authorities External Audit Team – Completion of External Audit.
- Jonathan Kibble, SBC – Arriva No. 7 bus not stopping and arriving at Conyers to pick up.
- R. Swann, Story Homes – Reply re outstanding issues at the site to be resolved before completion of site.
- K. Hewitt – Taylor Wimpey Site – Deliveries and vehicular movements outside of agreed times.
- K. Jackson – Play Area Inspection Report

9) FINANCE

a) Payments

Mrs R Mazonas		
Salary, October 2024	£346.82	
Broadband September 2024	£24.99	£371.81
Mrs L. Blanchard		£100.00
Grant – Kid’s Quiz & Games Night		
The Church of St, Martin & St. Hilary		£ 50.00
Grant – Refreshments – Remembrance Day		
The Church of St. Martin & St. Hilary,		£100.00
Grant – Christmas Angels – Wool		

b) Accounts Update

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

c) Risk Assessment

The Risk Assessment continues to be reviewed and will be brought back to the meeting when completed.

d) External Audit – Financial Accounts 2023/24

The **PC** was please to inform the meeting that the External Audit Report had been received and that there were no issues that had arisen. All of the accounts for the year together with the Report can be found on www.kirkcommunity.co.uk website on the Parish Council Finance page.

e) Children’s Games and Quiz Night

Following a very poor response to the proposed Children's Games and Quiz Night, which was organized by **LB**, the grant is to be returned to the Parish Council

9) VILLAGE ISSUES

a) Defibrillator – The Green

NDB confirmed to the meeting that the defibrillator has arrived, but we are waiting for **SBC** to install a post and electrics on The Green near to the bus stop.

b) Hedges in the Village

NDB reported to the meeting that several hedges that had become overgrown and were restricting access to footpaths had now been cut back. Unfortunately we still await the cutting back of other trees which were an issue. **Neil Hoskins of SBC** has conducted a survey of all the hedges within the village and will continue to monitor those hedges that still need to be cut back.

c) Halloween

DH to organize the map, The **PC** to organize the prizes, certificates and prizes for the anagram quiz together with posters and advertising on the Facebook pages.

d) Remembrance Day – 10.11.2024

BR was happy to lay the wreath at the Church on behalf of the Parish Council

e) Openreach

Following the start of the work by Openreach to install Full Fibre Broadband to homes in the village there were several complaints about roads being blocked and no organization or signage re the need for a one-way system for traffic. **NDB** telephoned the Head of the Team and we can hopefully now see clear road notices to indicate single traffic.

f) Northumbrian Water

EH reported that all the necessary work has now been carried out at The Lodge and that the pillar at the entrance to Hall Drive has now been repaired.

f) Food Wagon – A67 Lay-by

AS was able to confirm to the meeting that the food wagon at the lay-by has the necessary license to trade.

g) Vegetation/Trees – Lay-by A67

NC indicated that there was a need to request that the vegetation under the trees at the lay-by should be removed and the trees cut back to allow for a clearer view into the lay-by.

ROAD SAFETY

a) Speed Limit Changes A67

NDB reported that the 40mph speed limit signage had been installed on the A67.

b) Pump Lane – Double Yellow Lines

Following the double yellow lines being painted to the side of the road along Pump Lane we hope that we can now see overflow drivers parking in the Story car park.

c) Speeding Traffic

NDB had circulated the data obtained from the SID camera which indicated that the volume of traffic using Forest Lane had increased.

e) Speed Watch

EH reported to the meeting that Hilton had held a Speedwatch presentation and that the outcome of the meeting was that volunteers are needed to monitor vehicles and collect data. She indicated that we would need to hold a presentation if we were in favour of looking into Speed Watch. PCSO Racheal Shepherd is happy to come along to any presentation to discuss with residents. It was agreed that a date needs to be organized in the spring and **EH** is to speak to Racheal.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING

Speed Watch, Risk Assessment, Lawnmower/Grass Cutting, Safeguarding.

13) Meeting Dates

Monday, 11th November at 7.00p.m. in The Balcony, Kirklevington Memorial Hall.

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Borough Councilors Andrew Sherris, Dan Fagan, John Coulson, Yarm Ward (representing Green Lane), **Mayor of the Tees Valley:** Ben Houchen, Matt Vickers **MP**, Jonathan Nertney

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