

= **KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024 at 7.30p.m held in**  
**The Gallery, Kirklevington Memorial Hall**

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

**Also in attendance:** Borough Councillors A. Sherris (AS), Mrs E. Hampton (EH) J. Coulson (JS)  
& Mrs J. Beaumont (JB)

**1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –** Becky Rogerson (BR)

**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. AS, JC, & EH declared a non prejudicial interest as members of SBC's Planning Committee

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

Minutes of the April meeting were duly read. **APPROVED NDB, AMc**

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

**5) PLANNING**

**a) Planning Update and Proposed Developments**

**i) Story Homes – Update**

- **NDB** confirmed that we are still waiting for Story to reinstate the fence and grass the area to the side of the PROW at the entrance from St. Martins Way.
- **NDB** reported that the noticeboard that Story have agreed to have put on their site will be placed close to the site of the previous Show Home which is now a house. The Parish Council to provide the notice board and they will install. Whilst looking for a suitable notice board it is clear that it needs to have two A3 windows with glass and suitable locks. One side to be used by The Church and the other by the Parish Council. **APPROVED AMc, JS**
- **NDB** also **reported** that the approved dog bin is to be placed by the Story car park.
- Questions were asked as to the siting of a bin in the Play Area next to the bench and whether it was a suitable place for it to be placed. **AS** reported that this was a problem elsewhere and that there is also a need for a contract to ensure that the bin is emptied.
- **The Yellow Paths** – Following the meeting with Elaine Atkinson of SBC and Story, we are still awaiting action being taken to improve the surface of the paths. **NC** pointed out to the meeting that there is a need for a gully to allow for the water to drain away from the paths in wet weather. **NDB** reiterated that there is an urgent need to get this problem solved before Story Homes leave the site.

- **NC** pointed out that Tarmac still needs to be laid on various roads at the site.
- **NC** confirmed that some street lighting at the site is still not working and requires attention as when switched on it is causing outages in several homes on the site.

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

- The speeding of vehicles to and from the site has been raised several times previously and we continue to monitor.
- Suds – **AMc** reported that he had inspected the suds following heavy rain and the water was now under control. The pumps were working and it was possible to see water entering the suds from the south side. It was also possible to hear the water pumping out of the suds in to the drainage system.
- Flooding outside of the show house still continues. It is hoped that this will be resolved.

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

- The site is now completely open at the entrance from the A67. **EH** reported that she had spoken to Northumbrian Water re the removal of 5 mature trees and confirmed that the trees had been removed by Duchy. The trees were removed on Monday, 20.05.24 but approval of the REM planning application was not made until Wednesday 22.05.24. by SBC. **EH** to speak to Simon Grundy of SBC . Arborist at SBC unaware of removal of trees.

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

**NDB** reported that there have been several fires at the site which were causing a problem to neighbouring homes. Unsure who was lighting the fires but this needs to be investigated.

#### **c) APPLICATIONS**

##### **24/0594/DCH – Land to the West of St. Martins Way, Kirklevington**

Information to discharge condition no. 10 (Sustainable Surface Water Drainage Scheme) of planning approval 21/0156/FUL – Erection of 97 dwellings to include landscaping, drainage, infrastructure and associated works and access from St. Martins Way.

#### **b) DECISIONS**

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

Information to discharge condition no. 10 (Badger Survey) of planning approval 20/24847/OU – Outline application for three dwellings in area to south of existing dwellings. **APPROVED**

##### **94 Forest Lane, Kirklevington, TS15 9ND**

Application to raise the roof height for the creation of a first floor to dormer windows and roof lights to front and rear and erection of a single storey extension to the rear, erection of a porch to front to include application of render **APPROVED**

##### **23/1183/VARY – Land South of Green Lane East of Railway Line, West of A67 Kirklevington**

Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for approximately 300 dwellings (Use Class C3) including landscape, open space and infrastructure. **APPROVED**

**RESERVED MATTER – ALREADY APPROVED**

**22/1846/REM - Land South of Green Lane East of Railway Line, West of A67, Kirklevington**

Reserved matters application for the layout, scale, appearance and landscaping for 246no residential dwellings, including landscape, open space and infrastructure.

**7) PLAY AREA**

• **Play Area Wall**

**LB** reported that she had shown her brother the Play Area wall who is in the construction trade and that he had felt that the wall was stable. She had also met with the owners of Orchard House and they are more than happy to remove the ivy and reported that they are in discussion with SBC re the removal of the TPO condition on some of the trees which was preventing good management of the trees.

- **Grass Cutting** – Due to the extreme wet weather that we have been experiencing the grass at the Play Area has grown rather high and is now required attention from a specialist gardener who has a more robust cutting machine. The **PC** to contact gardener.
- **LB** questioned as to when the hand sanitiser station was to be installed at the Play Area. There is a need to install posts for them to be installed and need to be in sight of the CCTV.
- The swings and other equipment at the Play Area continue to be plagued by pigeon droppings. **AMc** to investigate the purchase of more robust and safe spikes to be placed on the top of the swings. **APPROVED JS, LB**

**8) CORRESPONDENCE**

- Gemma Hillcot – Thank you Voucher – Community Youth Questionnaire
- Gillian Spence SBC -A67 & B1264 YARM – PROPOSED TRAFFIC ORDER – Speed Limit from 60mph to 40mph along length of A67 as specified.
- Kevin Twedde – Double parking Springfield Grove.
- Town Clerk, YTC – Notice of new Chair and Vice Chair YTC.
- Alison, The Crown – Parking Springfield Grove

**9) FINANCE**

**a) Payments**

Mrs R. Mazonas		
Salary May, 2024	£346.82	
Broadband, April, 2024	£27.86	
Printer Ink	£39.98	
Flags – 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary D-Day	£52.93	
2 x £150 Cash Grant Kirkfest	£300.00	
The Church & The School		
Flowers retiring Parish Councillor	£25.00	<u>£792.59</u>
N. DeBadgecoe		£20.00
Voucher – Community Youth Questionnaire		
CLEAR INSURANCE		£1,193.20
Year June 2024 to June 2025		
Mrs H Ferrar		£48.00
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## **b) Accounts Update**

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

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

The **PC** reported that it is a requirement to approve the person who will conduct the internal audit of our accounts for the year 2023/2024. Previously David Claybrook has conducted the internal audit and it was agreed that he be asked to conduct the internal audit for 2023/24 **NDB, AMc**

## **10) VILLAGE ISSUES**

### **a) Community Youth**

- It was reported that following the questionnaire that had been sent out to all residents, Gemma Jones, who had completed and returned her form, was picked out of the returned forms and given a £20 voucher.
- **LB** had written and thanked Corner House for all their support.

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

This is an ongoing issue which we hope will be resolved very shortly.

### **c) Kirkfest 2024 Pre Event Meeting**

A Meeting had been held which **NDB, LB, DH, Andy Alton** and **Rev Brown** had attended to discuss the proposed events. Meeting notes were circulated afterwards by **NDB**. Other events were possible and discussed. We look forward to the weekend.

### **d) BT – Openreach**

**NDB** reported that following a meeting that had been held in the Village Hall and attended by representatives of Openreach and around 50 residents, he was able to clarify that all residents have a voucher to the value of £4,500 which can be pledged to Openreach for the installation of Fibre Cabling to their homes. 100% of vouchers have now been pledged to Openreach following the advertising on Kirklevington Village News and St. Martins Green Facebook pages. It is estimated that by Christmas 2024 the installation of the fibre cables will be complete to all homes.

### **c) Re-Routing of Sewage Pipes**

Work is now progressing with a temporary road being installed to the north of Ash Grove to the A67 lay-by where Northumbrian Water have set up their porta cabins.

### **d) Flooding**

During the extreme rain we have been experiencing, there was extreme flooding on the road by the garage. In previous times this water has been removed by SBC. **AMc** had looked at the drains and questioned as to why they are not taking this water away. **AS** stated that when the drainage system is only a soakaway they are prone to flooding. It is clear that the drains need to be looked at. **JB** reported that she had never seen flooding as far as the bus stop and needs to be resolved.

## **10) ROAD SAFETY**

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

**NDB** confirmed that the proposed change to the speed limit on the A67 was out for consultation and hopefully a final decision will be made very soon.

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

**NDB** confirmed that a decision is still out for consultation. An expected outcome is due in early July.

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

**NDB** confirmed that the Parish Council are actively looking into obtaining approval for a 30mph speed limit on the A67 by The Crown. The length of the 30mph limit is still being considered. The Parish Council are also looking into obtaining more lights on the A67, north from the new houses on Springfield Grove. Some of the excessive signage needs to be removed on the A67. **JB** asked **AS** and **EH** if they knew what the legal requirements were between lamp posts in a 30mph speed area.

### **d) Double Parking on Roads**

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council the concerns of many residents regarding drivers who double park on Forest Lane and Springfield Grove with many parking over footpaths. This not only restricts access along the roads for vehicles it restricts the use of footpaths for pedestrians and mobility users. The matter has been brought to the attention of Alison at The Crown who is happy to put up a sign in The Crown but pointed out that she had, in the past, put cones along Springfield Grove to the side of The Crown car park to stop drivers double parking and was told by Civic Enforcement that they must be removed. Residents of Springfield Grove have suggested double yellow lines but, once again, the response has been that this is not possible. **AMc** questioned as to whether Springfield Grove has been adopted by **SBC**. **AS** to make enquiries.

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

### **1. A67**

### **2. Kirkfest Review**

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

**Monday, 24th June, 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**

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