

KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 18th December, 2023 at 7.00p.m held in
Kirklevington Memorial Hall**

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

Also in attendance: Borough Councillors Elsi Hampton (EH) A. Sherris (AS) & Mrs J. Beaumont

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Jenny Smith, PCSO R. Shepherd, Borough Councillor Dan Fagan,

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

EH & AS declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of SBC's Planning Committee. **DH** declared a non-prejudicial interest as employed in a Government Department.

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the November meeting were duly read. **APPROVED DH, BR**

4) MATTERS ARISING MINUTES

All issues on Agenda

5) REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL TIMES FOR 2024

NDB asked all members present at the meeting if they were happy with the start time and day of meetings i.e. 7.00p.m. and on a Monday. All members present were happy with the time/day.

6) PLANNING

a) PLANNING UPDATE

i) Story Development

- It has been reported that activity has been seen on a night at the Story car park. Concern has been expressed that this could be of an anti-social nature. The lighting is very poor at the car park at this present time. The matter to be monitored and the local PCSO, Enforcement Team and COPA to be informed.
- The well used footpath to the rear of St. Martins Way continues to be very slippery which is resulting in walkers using the grassed area which is spoiling the recently seeded area. This has been brought to the attention of Story Homes on many occasions.
- Street lighting on the Story site is still not fully up and working and needs to be addressed. Wires continue to be seen sticking out of the ground in various locations.
- The MUGA appears now to be complete and ready to be used, (it is not ready to be used officially as it is surrounded by HERSA fencing and the infant play area still needs to be constructed but people are using/playing there since the wind brought the fence down).
- Who will monitor the site during the Christmas shut down period?
- The issue of the hedge that needs to be reinstated has been raised with Story Homes.

ii) Taylor Wimpey

- One flag has now been removed from in front of the show house. This flag was not part of the previously approved application. Approval of the retrospective application was deferred by SBC at their recent planning meeting.

- Taylor Wimpey have been asked as to who will be monitoring the site during the Christmas shut down period but no response has been received to date.

iii) Duchy Homes – 22/1846/REM – We still await information re commencement of work.

iv) Knowles Farm

- It was reported that a long and large low loader truck was seen trying to enter the Taylor Wimpey site at 7.00a.m. on Sunday morning. Unfortunately it was at the wrong site and continued to the Knowles Farm site. This is very concerning as no Sunday working is allowed at any of the housing developments.

b) APPLICATIONS

23/2001/COU – Moor House Farm, Kirklevington, Yarm, TS15 0AD

Change of use from grain store to 19 no. stable livery yard to include external alteration.

c) DELEGATED DECISIONS

20/2540/FUL – Hedgeside, Leven Bank Road, TS15 9JL

Change of use of land to domestic for the erection of single storey extension for the creation of swimming pool and gym to include external alterations. Erection of detached garden storage building to rear and erection of 2m high wall to front. **APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS**

6) PLAY AREA

a) Play Area Noticeboard

The meeting were shown a picture of the proposed notice board and, after a short discussion, all members present were happy with the design and wording. **LB** to go back to Shelley to approve and obtain the final quote.

b) Overhanging Trees

An application has now been put in to SBC for work to be carried out on the overhanging trees from Orchard House. Some of the trees do have TPOs on them and approval is required. **NDB** thanked **AMc** for his work in organising this application. A Tree Surgeon has been found and a date for the work has been agreed which may need to be changed should the application approval not come through in time.

c) Wall between Play Area and Orchard House

AMC reported that he had spoken to Mr. and Mrs Bennett at Orchard House re the work that needs to be carried out on the wall that has developed a crack. Behind the wall there is a TPO which needs to be taken into consideration and protected from any damage being caused and in particular to the roots. Discussion had taken place as to the possibility of removing the wall and replacing with a fence. **NDB** suggested that, should the wall need to be removed, a fence be built with a gap underneath to prevent damage to any roots. Mr. and Mrs Bennett are keen to keep their property boundaries secure and pet friendly. **JB** suggest that a fence be built in front of the existing wall for protection as removing the wall could cause damage to the roots. The **PC** to write to **Mark Nozedar of SBC** for his advice. .

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- Simone Bennett – Thank you grant Kirklevington Primary School Raffle
- John Coulson – Conyers Youth Club
- Rob Morrow – Speed Surveys A67
- S.Dodds, SBC – Carriageway Resurfacing – Forest Lane West of Railway Bridge
- Mrs Peacock, Kirklevington Primary School – Thank you letter re grant

- E. Atkinson, SBC – Sunday working Knowles Farm development and low loader entering wrong site (TW)
- DHSC Defibrillator Scheme Update – A. Alton Kirklevington Memorial Hall
- P. Hewitt – Lorry leaving site at restricted times when school children walking through village.
- PCSO 8109 Rachel Shepherd - ‘Over to You’ survey request to place on community web site and also Facebook pages.
- R. Bleach – Concern re attempted doorstep parcel thefts.
- Suzanne Lloyd, SBC – Precept 2024/25
- A. Carson - Application for Tree Works – Play Area – date for work
- D. McGowan, SBC – Clarification that it is a requirement that all residents over 18years should be placed on the Register of Electors and that the correct residence is shown.
- Christine Waters – Dead deer on Forest Lane west of bridge. Signage needed.

9) FINANCE

a) Payments

Salary December, 2023	£346.82	
Broadband, November, 2023	£27.86	
Litter Picker – Volunteer Pickers	£21.21	
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HMRC		£291.00
PAYE – 3 months Oct, Nov, Dec 23		
N. DeBadgecoe		£18.15
Ink Cartridges		
SBC – Exentral		£162.00
Uncontested Election Costs		
3 x Wards		
Mrs R Mazonas		£396.15
Christmas Event Expenses		
Kirklevington Memorial Hall		£375.00
Part funding of Defibrillator		
Mrs S. Bennett		£100.00
Grant – Raffle Prizes – Kirklevington Primary School		
Value Products Ltd.		£57.78
New Parking Sign		
A. Kirkwood		£100.00
Grant – Plants Tubs A67		
SLCC		£112.00
Membership Fees 2024		

b) Accounts Update

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

c) Grant

- **NDB** reported that he had pre meeting approved a grant towards the cost of the new defibrillator at the Village Hall. The Village Hall had obtained a 50% grant towards the defibrillator and together with the William Hall Trust both had contributed 25% each.

APPROVED LB, AMc

- **NDB** had approved pre meeting a grant of £100 to be used to purchase raffle prizes for the raffle to be run by Kirklevington Primary School to fund out of school activities for Y6. At the Christmas Fair which was to be held in the Village Hall. **APPROVED DH, LB**

10) VILLAGE ISSUES

a) Christmas Event Review

- Although numbers were slightly down on what was expected it was agreed to keep the refreshment purchases the same in 2024.
- The purchase of large baubles to be placed on the Play Area Christmas Tree was suggested.
- The need to review and agree the timings of events for 2024 to make the events flow better.
- More helpers are needed for setting up throughout the day with both decorating and putting up the Grotto.

b) Community Youth – Update

A report was circulated to members from **LB** and **BR** covering possibilities for providing a youth group, funding and Corner House. **LB** indicated that there is a need to support youth activities. Corner House is a charity set up to organise youth clubs. There would be a need to raise funds and a suitable venue would be needed to host one in Kirklevington. Corner House provide discussion groups, crafts etc. The Youth Mentor Programme for 14 plus year olds also provide training and residential. An initial meeting would need to be organised with volunteers and leaders. **BR** indicated that events for youth to engage in were needed.

- Need for Corner House to come to Parish Council and community to discuss
- Register of interest to establish a need
- Costings
- Trial Period
- Mail shot/ Facebook pages
- Availability of the Village Hall
- Questionnaire – Needs of youth
- Qualified Leaders
- Parent participation

NDB reported that there is already a Youth Group in Challoner House which runs every fortnight. He also questioned as to where the funding would come from. What grants are available?

LB agreed to speak to Andy Alton of Kirklevington Village Hall to ascertain the availability of the Village Hall to accommodate a Youth Group.

The following group of Parish Councillors to work on organisation – **LB, BR, SA**

The **PC** to put this item on the Agenda for January, 2024.

c) Kirkfest 2024

NDB confirmed that the date for the **2024 Kirkfest Event** would be **8/9th June, 2024**. The Parish Council to work with the school and other groups. A meeting date to be organised to discuss events to be organised in the New Year.

10) ROAD SAFETY

a) Speeding and Speed Limits A67

NDB reported that he had held a meeting with **Andy Corcoran (AC) and Phil Hardie (PH) of SBC** to discuss the speed limits on the A67 and the proposed 40 –60 -40 – 60mph from the Crossroads roundabout to the Crathorne interchange which is proposed. He had brought to their attention the excessive speeds of vehicles on the A67 by The Crown and the accidents that had already occurred. They had walked the A67 and **AC** and **PH** clearly recognised that there is an exit/entrance from what was Judges, two exits/entrances from the lay-by to consider, a blind summit, bus stop entrance/exit, Forest Lane exit/entrance, Fieldhouse Lane exit/entrance, Story Homes entrance/exit with a protected right turn and Town End Farm entrance/exit within a very short distance. Advice from the Police would be needed but it was clearly felt that a 40mph speed limit was needed between the Crossroads roundabout to the northern entrance of Kirklevington village on the A67 and a 30mph speed limit from the northern entrance to the village and onwards to beyond the Town End Farm exit, followed by a 40mph speed limit to the Crathorne interchange. **AC** and **PH** to take this back to SBC.

b) Pump Lane

AS reported that he had received an email from R. Morrow of SBC indicating that he would be immediately looking into the painting of the double yellow lines on Pump Lane.

c) Forest Lane – Speeding

AS reported that although this was of great concern, part of the agreed Knowles Farm 106 Agreement would be providing traffic calming in the near future.

12) MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING

a) TPO and Wall – Play Area

b) Precept/Budget 2024/25

c) Youth Group **d) Speeding**

13) MEETING DATES -Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 15th January, 2024 at 7.00p.m. – Kirklevington Memorial Hall

Circulation: Parish Councillors Nigel. DeBadgecoe (Chair), Damian Hadfield (Vice Chair),

Jenny. Smith, Dr. Alistair McLee, Liz Blanchard, Sally Aitchison, Becky Rogerson. **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**, Monitoring Officer SBC Jonathan Nertney, PCSO Glenn Snow.

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