

KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 16th September, 2024 at 7.00p.m held in
The Balcony, Kirklevington Memorial Hall**

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

Also in attendance: Mrs J. Beaumont (JB), Mr J. Shields (JS) & Mrs K. Shields (KS)

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councilors A, Sherris & Mrs E. Hampton

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.

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the August meeting was duly read. **APPROVED DH, AMc**

4) MATTERS ARISING MINUTES - All issues on Agenda

5) ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

DH reported to the meeting that unfortunately he would have to stand down as Vice Chair of the Parish Council but would remain as a Parish Councilor.

NDB thanked **DH** for all his support and help and was pleased that he would remain as a Parish Councilor.

NDB asked for nominations for the Vice Chair and **NC's** name was put forward and he was happy to become Vice Chair – **APPROVED NDB, LB**

6) COMMUNITY WEB SITE

NDB reported that the website was slowly being changed. **LB** confirmed that she supported all the changes that had already been made. **NC** confirmed that he had been tidying up the existing pages but that we still need to go forward with additional changes. He suggested that all the organisations who use the Village Hall could possibly provide a picture of their activities which could be uploaded to the website. He also suggested that the Village Hall, Whats On page needs to be updated.

7) PLANNING

a) Planning Update and Proposed Developments

i) Story Homes

- **NDB** reported that the details of the Maintenance Agreement have been uploaded to the village Facebook pages.

- The entrance from St. Martins Way has now been cut down and we await further work being carried out to the area.
- The temporary footpath to the west and behind the houses on St. Martins will shortly be closed now that the original PROW has re-open.
- The fence to replace the original fence at the St, Martins Way entrance is due to be installed shortly.

AMc made the comment that there is a need for planting water resistant plants by the culverts.

ii) Taylor Wimpey

- It was reported that the Site Manager, Lee Dewing has been given an award for the best kept site.
- The suds seem to be functioning after some heavy rain, but we still need to continue to monitor.

iii) Duchy Homes – 22/1846/REM

Groundworks have commenced at the site, and it has been noticed that they are managing to keep within the site and avoid road obstructions at this present time.

iv) Knowles Farm – No issues reported.

c) APPLICATIONS

24/1507/DCH – HM Prison, Kirklevington Grange, Kirklevington TS15 9PA Information to discharge conditions no5 (Bat Survey), no9 (Discharge of Surface Water) and no10 (Construction Management Plan) of planning approval 24/O278/FUL – Retrospective application for 3no detached modular buildings and full planning permission for the construction of 6no two story detached modular buildings, the erection of 2no plant rooms, a generator area, a switch room and associated works.

24/1025/VARY – Plot 5 Knowles Farm, The Groves, Kirklevington TS15 9NG

Section 73 to vary condition no. (approved plans) of planning approval 23/1252/VARY

20/2845/DCH – St. Martins Green, Story Homes, Thirsk Road, Kirklevington TS15 9NR

Application to discharge conditions 3 (Affordable Housing Scheme), 4 (Public Open Space), 9 (Archaeology), 10 (Site Levels), 11 (Energy Statement), 12 (External Materials) 16 (Surface water drainage) on application 15/1643/OUT

d) DELEGATED DECISIONS

24/1219/PABRE – Moor House Farm, Kirklevington, TD15 OAD

Prior notification for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 7no. dwellings.

NOTICE TO RECOMMEND REFUSAL – PLANNING OFFICER & HIGHWAYS

24/1206/FUL – Apple Tree House, Springfield Grove, Kirklevington, TS15 9LU

Erection of a single-story garage extension to side.

APPROVED

24/0928/VARY– Plot 6 Knowles Farm, Grove Bank, Kirklevington, TS15 9NG

Section 73 application to vary condition no1 (Approved Plane) of planning approval 21/0648/REM – Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the erection of 10 dwelling houses.

APPROVED

24/0329/FUL – Knowles Farm, Forest Lane, Kirklevington, TS15 9NG

Erection of 2 no. dwellings

APPROVED

24/0278/FUL – HM Prison, Kirklevington Grange, Kirklevington TS15 9PA

Retrospective application for 3no. detached modular buildings and full planning permission for the construction of 6 no. two story detached modular buildings, the erection of 2 no. plant rooms, a generator area, a switch room and associated works.

APPROVED

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/O156/FUL – Erection of 97 no. dwellings to include landscaping, drainage, infrastructure and associated works and access from St. Martins Way.

APPROVED

8) PLAY AREA

a) Wall/TPOs

Following a discussion with **Mark Nozedar of SBC** who stated that to remove the TPOs on the trees would require a legal application and that this needs to be applied for by the owners of Orchard House and that any work carried out on the trees would also be the responsibility of the owners of Orchard House.. **AMc** confirmed that at some point the Ash Tree would have to be removed due to Ash Die Back. **LB** to speak to the owners to see what the costs would be to make an application and also remove the trees. **NDB** confirmed that the Parish Council would be happy to support any application. It was agreed by all Parish Councilors present that we should hold fire and not go forward with carrying out any work on the wall at this present time but would monitor.

b) Hedge

Following an issue re cars exiting from Pump Lane onto Forest Lane having problems viewing to the east, work has now been carried out to cut the hedge well back and, in particular, the corner. We need to consider other options and work on the hedge next year.

c) Grass Cutting

NC reported to the meeting that he had taken the Parish Councils lawnmower for a service and also to get a quote for some work that needs to be done. The lawnmower needs considerable work to be carried out and it is clear a decision needs to be made as the cost is expected to be high. **NDB** to speak to Andy Alton re the cutting of the Village Hall grass but a decision needs to be made as to whether we get the repairs done, buy a new lawnmower or get the lawn at the Play Area cut by an outside gardener.

d) Play Equipment

It has been reported that some of the gym equipment is showing some signs of rust and this needs to be addressed. The bird spikes on the swings have also been damaged and **AMc** to look into what the options are to prevent this happening. The **PC** confirmed that the Play Equipment is checked every

2 weeks are part of an agreement carried out by SBC which allowed us to make sure that the equipment is keep in good condition.

7) CORRESPONDENCE

- Mark Wardle, SBC – Christmas Lighting
- Andy Alton – Blind Spot, Pump Lane/Forest Lane exit.
- Evan Hart – PROW – Clearing of vegetation around school

8) FINANCE

a) Payments

Mrs R Mazonas		£346.82
Salary August, 2024		
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Salary September, 2024	£346.82	
Broadband July, 2024	£24.99	
Broadband August, 2024	£26.73	
Printer Ink	<u>£20.98</u>	£419.52
HMRC		£259.80
PAYE 3 months July, Aug, Sept		
Cleveland Local Councils Association		£306.73
Annual Subscription 2024 -2025		
Elmtree Fabrications Ltd		£84.00
Defibrillator Bracket		
London Hearts		£1,507.20
Defibrillator, Carry Case & Cabinet		
Mrs. R. Mazonas		
Reimbursement purchase of :		
Replacement Computer	£529.00	
Microsoft 365 subscription	<u>£53.99</u>	£582.99
HL Property Services		£520.00
Grass & Hedge Cutting Play Area		
E. Clement		£17.18
Petrol & Strimmer Line		
Mrs L. Blanchard		
Grant - Craft & Chat Group		£45.50
Christmas Crafts		

b) Accounts Update

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

c) Risk Assessment

Decision deferred until October meeting for Parish Councilors and Parish Clerk to review Risk Assessment in detail and for the Parish Clerk to look at NALC templates.

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 there is still a need for a survey within the village re overhanging hedges. Some hedges that have matured over the years have now become wide and are encroaching over footpaths making it very difficult for walkers and, in particular, residents with prams and wheelchairs to use the paths.

c) Children's Game Night

LB brought to the meetings attention that she was organising a Children's Games Night on the 12th of October in the Village Hall for children aged 6 – 12 years old. After a discussion a grant of £100 towards the cost of the event and any future event was **APPROVED NDB, DH**

d) Halloween

NDB confirmed that the very popular **Halloween Trail** is to be organized once again.

- **The Halloween Trail** to be advertised in the Newsletter that is to go out shortly.
- **LB** to put together a **Letter Quiz Hunt** where participants search for letters to form a Halloween anagram which would be a word or a sentence.
- **The PC** to put together certificates for all participants with special certificates for 1st 2nd and 3rd winners.
- **NDB** stated that prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners would be given out as in previous years.

d) Remembrance Sunday – 10.11.2024

NDB requested that the Parish Council give a grant of £50 to The Church to cover the cost of refreshments in the Village Hall after the service, laying of wreaths and 2 minute silence.

APPROVED DH, JS

e) Openreach

After several enquiries from residents there is a need for dates and a timescale for the work being carried out to install fibre broadband. **NDB** to speak to the Project Manager.

f) Food Wagon – A67 Lay-by

JS questioned asked if the Food Wagon that is now in the Lay-by on the A67 has approval and licenses. Borough Councilor A. Sherris and Mrs E Hampton are already investigating. **JS** drew to the attention of the meeting that items are being left in the lay-by after the van has left and concern re the deterioration of the grassed area where the van is being parked.

g) Trees – A67 Lay-by

NC questioned whether the trees at the lay-by need to be cut back due to the anti-social behaviour that occurs at the lay-by

h) Christmas Crafts

LB made a request to the Parish Council to fund the crafts that are being made by the Craft Group to go in the Village Hall at Christmas at a cost of £45.50. **APPROVED NDB, DH**

ROAD SAFETY

a) Speed Limit Changes A67

NDB reported that following the approval of the changes to the speed limit from the Crossroad Roundabout to the south of Kirklevington Riding Stables to 40mph, we await the installation of new speed signs.

- He also confirmed that he would be is still pushing and looking to get the speed limited reduced around the bends by The Crown to 30mph as a priority in the near future.
- We have also identified the need for some additional lighting to the north on the A67 past the bus stop and are in the process of obtaining costings.
- NDB reported that we are looking into the possibility of installing gateways on the A67 from the south behind the 40mph signs and also to the north near to the 40mph sign which will be removed shortly. He confirmed that we would be looking at gateways that would not require much maintenance and with high visibility signage.

a) Double Yellow Lines, Pump Lane

- NDB reported that there had been some positive feedback from residents who recognized the need for restrictions to be in force on Pump Lane.
- Unfortunately, one event that was held in the Village Hall saw the drivers of cars park on the double yellow lines and also park facing in the wrong direction. It was brought to the attention of all the Parish Councilors that these issues need to be reported asap and that anyone can report to civicenforcement@stockton.gov.uk
- We are now looking into a report from Rev Kate Brown that The Church were not fully consulted by SBC before the work to install the yellow lines. However there is an exclusion re parking on the yellow lines for funerals, weddings and, of course, blue badge holders.

b) Speedwatch

Unfortunately, Borough Councilor E. Hampton had been unable to attend the meeting but would now be discussing Speedwatch at the October meeting. PC to put on the Agenda.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING

Speed Watch, Risk Assessment , Lawnmower/Grass Cutting

13) Meeting Dates

Monday, 7th October 2024 at 7.00p.m. in The Balcony, Kirklevington Memorial Hall.

Circulation: Parish Councilors Nigel. DeBadgecoe, Neil Clement (Vice Chair), Damian Hadfield, Jenny. Smith, Dr. Alistair McLee, Liz Blanchard, Becky Rogerson, **Borough Councillor** Mrs E. Hampton – Southern Villages Ward

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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