

= **KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 18th March, 2024 at 7.00p.m held in
The Gallery, Kirklevington Memorial Hall**

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

Also in attendance: Borough Councillor Mrs E. Hampton (EH), Mrs J. Beaumont (JB)

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Borough Councillors Dan Fagan, Andrew Sherris, John Coulson
NDB reported that Sally Aitchison, MBE had offered her resignation as Parish Councillor due to work and family commitments. He expressed his regret but thanked Sally for all her support. The PC to organise a thank you gift.

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

EH 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. JS resident and farmer of Grove Farm declared a non-prejudicial interest as part of Farming Business with land NW to install sewage pipes on.

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the February 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

- Parish Councillors present asked as to how many houses were still to be occupied. **NDB** confirmed that the development was near completion with the expectation that the site would be fully completed by the end of the summer.
- **EH** has contact Matt Blewitt of Story Homes re the condition of the footpaths at the site which are dangerous for walkers. Elaine Atkinson has been asked to have a look at the footpaths and assess.
- **NDB** questioned whether the roads were up to standard as per approved planning .
- **NDB** brought to the attention of the meeting that the PROWs are flooded in several parts and have still not been connected to the field to the south.
- **JS** brought to the attention of the meeting that the manhole to the side of the exit road from the Story site onto the A67 was still raised above the road and a potential danger to drivers.
- It has been noted that the ground at the entrance to the Story site from St. Martins Way has not been cleared and grassed over. It is also noted that the gate which was between St. Martins Way the site has not been reinstated which is leaving the site open when it only should be hosting the Public Footpath.

ii) Taylor Wimpey

- **NDB** informed the meeting that **Matt Vickers MP** is still in conversation with Taylor Wimpey and, although it is too late to get an alternative road into the site, it is a conversation that needs to continue. **NDB** had spoken to the land owners to the south and they are still open to allowing for an alternative road to access the site.
- **NDB** informed the meeting that the SUDS are now empty and that hopefully there will be no more large and heavy tankers entering the site. **JS** confirmed that there would always be water issues at the site due to the aquifer and natural springs.
- **EH** confirmed that she had authorised the speed checks on St. Martins Way which has shown a significant slowing of vehicles entering and exiting the site. It is hoped that this will continue once the speed checker cables are removed and this will be monitored.
- **NDB** confirmed that he had been looking into purchasing some speed cameras that can be put on lamp posts and is checking to see what the weight limit might be on the posts.
- **NDB** suggested that if vehicles did not slow down and drive at a considerate and safe speed consideration may be needed to introduce speed bumps.
- It has been noted that scaffolding is being put up on the houses on a Sunday which is a restricted work time at the site.
- **NDB** confirmed that **Scott Robinson of Taylor Wimpey** was actively keeping him informed of all issues which is appreciated.

iii) Duchy Homes – 22/1846/REM –

Hedges have now been removed at the site on the A67 to allow for Northumbrian Water to access the site and begin their work to install the new sewage pipes.

iv) Knowles Farm

- Concern is still being expressed re the state of the road on Grove Bank.
- Concern had also been raised re reversing vehicles from and to the site not having a banksman to guide.

c) APPLICATIONS

24/0442/ohl – Low Forest Barn, Forest Lane, Kirklevington, TS15 9PY

Exemption notice to install a 9 metre wooden pole

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

Retrospective application for 3 no. detached modular building and full panning permission for the construction of 6 no. two storey detached modular building the erection of 2 no. plant rooms, a generator area, a swith room and associated forks.

24/0357/FUL – Land South of Green Lane, Kirklevington, TS15 9EH

Application to widen existing access and associated works.

24/0329/FUL – 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.

d) DELIGATES DECISIONS

24/0180/FUL – 9 Britannia Avenue, Kirklevington, TS15 9FA

Proposal to remove and reposition existing timber boundary fence 1.5m from the footpath and screen fence with a landscaped hedge.

APPROVED

24.0114/HRN – Land at Yarm School Playing Fields, Green Lane, TS15 9EH

Hedgerow removal notice to remove 4 no. hedgerows

APPROVED

23/2063/FUL – 29 St. Martins Way, Kirklevington, TS15 9NR

Erection of a single storey rear extension (garage conversion)

APPROVED

23/0403/OUT – Grove Stables Forest Lane, Kirklevington, TS15 9PY

Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 2 no. residential units (Demolition of existing stable block).

REFUSED

e) APPEALS

Appeal Ref: APP/H0738/W/23/3330760

Grove Stables, Forest Lane, Kirklevington, Stockton-on-Tees TS15 9PY

Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 2 no. residential units (Demolition of existing stable block).

DISMISSED ON APPEAL

7) PLAY AREA

• **Play Area Noticeboard**

NDB confirmed to the meeting that we are still awaiting delivery of the replacement notice board.

- **No Dogs Allowed Notices** – The PC confirmed that she had obtained notices which are to be placed on both gates but was still to obtain the fixing brackets.
- **Overhanging TPOs** – AMc confirmed that we are still awaiting approval from SBC for this work to be carried out.
- **Wall – Play Area** - NDB stated that a decision needs to be made as to what to do with the wall between the Play Area and Orchard House. Once the tree work has been carried out this will be looked at.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- Susan Hunter, One-way road Pump Lane – Vehicles driving the wrong way along Pump Lane
- LLFA (Lead Local Flood Authority) – Taylor Wimpey Drainage Consultant to look into all issues.
- James Hamilton, Taylor Wimpey – Notification of 6 tankers per day to drain Suds Pond.
- Mayor's Office – Afternoon Tea
- Jess Steel, Stakeholder Engagement Manager | Prison Supply Directorate – Teams meeting details 19.03.2024
- E. Hampton – Speeding St. Martins Way – Speed cables to be installed.
- Anna Smith – Enquiry re Allotments
- Keith Jackson, SBC – Annual Play Area Inspection Contract
- Paul White, Communications Consultant – Capital Delivery – Norhumbrian Water - Work to upgrade sewer network and laying 3km of new 9km pipeline.
- Civic Enforcement – Parking on pavements
- Mayor's Office – Invitation to Annual Council Meeting – 3rd April, 2024
- PRESS RELEASE FROM STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL: ARE YOU READY TO VOTE AHEAD OF ELECTIONS THIS MAY?

- Phil Hardie – Speed Limit, Kirklevington – Teams meeting 25.03.2024
- Dianne Buckton, SBC – Precept Figures/Council Tax – forwarded to Clare Harper, Assistant Director for Finance, SBC.

9) FINANCE

a) Payments

Mrs R. Mazonas		
Salary March, 2024	£346.82	
Broadband, February, 2024	£27.86	<u>£376.68</u>
Mrs R Mazonas		£188.95
Replacement Printer		
HMRC – 3 months PAYE		£259.80
N. DeBadgecoe		£225.82
WEB SITE DOMAIN RENEW/ PREMIUM PLAN CORE (3 YEAR RENEWAL		
Mrs L. Blanchard		£47.92
Kirkfest – Prizes Races		
A. McLee		£20.80
Padlocks for Play Area (3)		
D. Hadfield.		£52.75
Litter Picking Equipment		
Duke of Edinburgh Community Work for Parish Council		
SBC – 2 x Benches – The Green & Pump Lane		£4,262.40

b) Accounts Update

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

c) Signatories

The **PC** requested that the Parish Council's current account requires new signatories. It was agreed that **NDB and DH** become new signatories and the appropriate paperwork will be organised by the **PC**.

APPROVED JS, LB

10) VILLAGE ISSUES

a) Community Youth – Update

NDB confirmed that he would be including in the Newsletter, which is due to go out shortly, a questionnaire that **LB** has drawn up for residents with young people to complete and indicate their interest in a Youth Group being set up.

b) Newsletter

NDB confirmed that the latest Newsletter would be circulated to residents before Easter.

c) Kirkfest 2024

After a long conversation the suggested following initial programme for events was agreed:

Thursday 6th June, 2024, 9.45p.m. – 80th Anniversary D.Day Landings – Lighting of Beacon -

Saturday 8th June, 2024, Morning – Kirklevington School Summer Fair

Saturday 8th June, 2024 – Afternoon – The Church/Messy Church Tea Party (To be confirmed)

Saturday 8th June, 2024 Late Afternoon/Evening – Picnic on The Green with Music

Sunday 9th June, 2024 10.00a.m. – Church Service

Sunday 9th June, 2024 – Games on The Green

Sunday 9th June, 2024 Afternoon – Cream Tea

d) Facebook

NDB asked the Parish Councillors present to consider as to whether we should continue with allowing comments on the Kirklevington Village News Facebook Page? This is due to the numerous defamatory and incorrect postings etc.

e) Northumbrian Water – New Sewage Pipes

AMc informed the meeting that he had spoken to **D. Greensmith of Northumbrian Water** and can confirm that the planning application has now been submitted to **SBC**. **AMc** also confirmed that access to the Ash Grove site would be via a temporary road to the north of the site which links via the Spring Bank corner lay-by. The Ash Grove site will be extended to the north and they are to take readings of noise levels. Spring Bank corner will be hosting site cabins and heavy pipework. It is the intention of Northumbrian Water to restore all hedges. **AMC** had asked as to what plans there were re the planting of trees at the existing Ash Grove site.

JB informed the meeting that **Andy Alton, Chair of Kirklevington Memorial Hall** had spoken to **John Rose of Northumbrian Water** and was able to confirm that the Crathorne sewage pipes will not be rerouted and would continue to come through the village. The Trustees of the Hall felt that this was a wasted opportunity.

EH circulated to the meeting a sheet that set out the following:

- Certificate of lawfulness applied for. The work constitutes 'permitted development' and therefore does not require planning permission. The Local Authority has no powers to refuse.
- All surveys have been completed for the current situation regarding existing underground pipes.
- A planning application will be submitted in the future regarding the Ash Grove site as a small area will be required to introduce an underground pumping station and storage tank. The local authority will therefore be able to consult with residents and will have the opportunity to make a planning decision in respect of the change of use from agricultural field to Northumbrian Water operational land.
- It is proposed that the construction of the pipe will begin in late March/early April 2024 and is expected to take 15 months, however unexpected delays can occur. Typical working hours will be Monday to Friday 8.00a.m. to 5.00p.m. and will work around the school day and school holidays will be coordinated
- The proposed pipe will be approximately 2km in length and will be completely underground.

EH circulated two maps for Parish Councillors to view.

f) Benches

NDB reported that we are still awaiting the installation of a bench on The Green close to the bus stop and also on Pump Lane.

11) ROAD SAFETY

a) Speeding and Speed Limits A67

- **NDB** reported that the reduction in the speed limit has been agreed by SBC but we still await it being signed off.
- **NDB** confirmed that he continues to work towards the speed limit by The Crown being reduced to 30mph. No objections received from SBC but it will have to go for approval.
- **NDB** is looking for a speed reduction from Crathorne Interchange once it has been constructed to the village entrance.
- **NDB** has been looking into erecting village Gateway signs at both end of the A67.
- **NDB** expressed concern re the two recent accidents by The Crown on the A67 which demonstrated the continued need for a speed reduction at this point. Residents to be encouraged to report all incidents as only serious incidents are recorded by The Police.
- **NDB** confirmed that the Arriva bus should not be laying over in the lay-by by the side of Field House Lane (known as Dents Lane) as this causes a sight issues with vehicles exiting the lane.

b) Pump Lane

- A reminder, once again, that there is an additional car park to the south of Pump Lane.

c) Speeding

Speeding along Forest Lane is unacceptable and all residents and non residents should slow down and consider those trying to exit their drives, cyclists, children walking to school and the safety all.

d) Pavement Parking

NDB reported that we have received several complaints from residents re the parking of vehicles on pavements in and around the village and these issues are to be reported to **Civic Enforcement** at **SBC** for them to be investigated. The parking of vehicles on pavements along Forest Lane where there is only a single pavement running down the side of the road is particularly concerning and should be discouraged.

13) MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING

All issues on Agenda

14) MEETING DATES -Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 22nd APRIL, 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, 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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