

**KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 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)  
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

**Also in attendance:** Borough Councillors Elsi Hampton (EH) John Coulson (JC), Mrs J. Beaumont & Mr. Brian Newcombe YTC

**1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Parish Councillor Sally Aitchison, Liz Blanchard, Borough Councillors Dan Fagan, Andrew Sherris, PCSO Glenn Snow.

**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.

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

Minutes of the December meeting were duly read. **APPROVED AMc, BR**

**4) MATTERS ARISING MINUTES**

All issues on Agenda

**5) MEETING R. MORROW SBC**

- a) **NDB** reported that he had held a meeting with R. Morrow of SBC recently and had brought to his attention several issues that needed to be looked into within the Parish and resolved.
- b) Sunken road on The Green that has only had a temporary repair but requires attention as it showing signs of sinking once again.
- c) Pot Holes requiring urgent attention with some having now been filled.
- d) PROW – Squirrels Leap – Being fixed with shuttering and tarmac surface.
- e) PROW – link from Story Car Park to school gate –to be filled with dolomite.
- f) Possible permit to install double yellow lines along Pump Lane. The money for this work has already been ring fenced. Initially a consultation process with residents will need to be conducted.
- g) Road signage in and around Pump Lane needs to be repainted.
- h) The drain at the top of the beck on Pump Lane is too high and needs to be adjusted
- i) The work carried out by the Probation Service on Pump Lane may be the last as the Probation Service are now cutting back such work, which is a shame.

***Mrs J. Beaumont left the meeting.***

## **5) PLANNING**

### **a) PLANNING UPDATE**

#### **i) Story Development**

- The MUGA has already begun to be used.
- **PROW** - The surface of the prow in and around the Story development continues to be slippery and needs to have an alternative top surface applied.
- **PROW** – The prow from St. Martins Way south requires attention to allow for walkers to connect with the prow at the hedge and into the field.
- Following the reporting of possible anti-social behaviour at the car park, street lighting has now been turned on.
- Wire is still protruding in two places from footpaths at the site and needs to be removed.
- The building of the Pump House has begun and concern has been expressed that it is sited in line with The Church and needs to be looked at. No obstruction of the view of The Church was a condition of planning.

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

- Early start times at the site still continue to be of concern and to be brought up with both the developers and SBC.
- Extreme concern has been expressed re the speeding vehicles on the approach road to the site by site workers both on a morning and on an evening entering and exiting the site. The times coincide with the Ariva bus taking students to school and the bus returning on an evening which is concerning. It can be seen that the nearer to 8.00a.m. on a morning the faster the vehicles speed.
- Site vehicles continue to use Strathmore Drive to access and exit. This road is unsuitable particularly as the Ariva bus enters the road half hourly. Although the planning approval approved this route it is unsuitable and unsafe. Signs have been erected by Taylor Wimpey directing traffic via The Green but continue to be ignored.
- Taylor Wimpey are unhappy that signage directing site vehicles via The Green is being either damaged or interfered with.
- **EH** reported that at the SBC Planning Meeting when the planning application - **23/1709/ADV** was discussed she drew to their attention that the times for the illuminated signage to be lit was incorrect on the application.

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

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

- Concerned is being expressed re large vehicular movements from the site without a banksman.
- Grove Bank continues to be very dirty with various pot holes require attention.

### **b) Street Names & Post Codes –**

**JS** drew to the meeting attention that very similar street names are being used within the Parish. Not all housing has postcode as yet and both mail and parcels are being delivered to the incorrect addresses. Ash Drive and Ash Grove in particular are causing confusion.

**c) APPLICATIONS**

**24/0038/VARY – Plot 7 Knowles Farm, Grove Bank, Kirklevington TS15 9NG**

Section 73 to vary condition no1 (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) DELEGATED DECISIONS**

**23/1709/ADV – Land Off St. Martins Way, Kirklevington**

Retrospective advertisement consent for 4no non illuminated flag/flagpoles, 1no non illuminated fascia signs, 4no non illuminated leader board signs, 11no non illuminated wall signs, 1no internally illuminated monolith sign and 1no non illuminated double sided hoarding sign **APPROVED**

**6) PLAY AREA**

**a) Play Area Noticeboard**

NDB confirmed that LB had ordered the notice board and hopefully it will arrive shortly. Dodds Fencing to be contacted to arrange for it’s installation.

**b) Application to SBC to cut back TPOs**

AMc reported that the application has been put in with SBC for the cutting back of the trees and hedging from Orchard House. Two of the trees have TPOs on them hence the reason for an application. Alex Carson who is to undertake the work is being kept updated as to the progress of the application in order that a date for the work can be arranged.

**c) Wall between Play Area and Orchard House**

There is a need for somebody to look at the wall. Any work carried out on the wall will have to take into consideration that the TPOs at Orchard House are not damaged and that includes the roots.

**d) Signage – NO DOGS ALLOWED**

Concern has been expressed by residents that they have seen dog walkers using the Play Area. The PC to find suitable signaged for both the Pump Lane gate and The Church gate.

**7) CORRESPONDENCE**

- RJ Hodgson – FOI request – Planning Inspectorate
- PK Hewitt – Retrospective Planning Application Taylor Wimpey
- PCSO R. Shepherd – Notification of new PCSO to support Southern Villages
- H. Wilson – Concern re dogs being walked in Play Area

**8) FINANCE**

**a) Payments**

Salary January, 2024	£3 46.82	
Broadband, December 2023	£27.86	
Petty Cash	£20.00	
Printing Paper	£23.99	<u>£418.16</u>

**b) Accounts Update**

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

### **c) Precept & Budget 2024/25**

The **PC** distributed details of present spending and predicted spending needs for 2024/25. After a long discussion it was agreed to request a sum of £24,500 for the Precept. This sum should result in a small reduction for residents on their Council Tax for 2024/25 as was the case in 2023/24.

### **APPROVED NDB, RB**

### **9) VILLAGE ISSUES**

**a) NDB** reported that PCSO Rachel Shepherd would no longer represent our Parish but would be moving on to support a different parish. The **PC** to write and thank Rachel for all her support.

We are now to be supported by **PCSO Glenn Snow** and we look forward to meeting him.

### **b) Community Youth – Update**

To be discussed at February meeting

### **c) Kirkfest 2024**

It was agreed that a meeting needs to be held before Easter to discuss the event with all groups wishing to be involved. Posters to be put up and information placed on the Newsletter.

### **d) Kirklevington Grange Prison – Community Work**

**JC** drew to the meetings attention that the new Governor at Kirklevington Grange Prison would very much like to hold a meeting with representatives of the Parish Council to discuss opportunities for selected prisoners who can come out into the community and provide community support.

### **10) ROAD SAFETY**

#### **a) Speeding and Speed Limits A67**

**NDB** reported that it is expected that a speed survey will be carried out very shortly. **Andy Corcoran & Phil Hardie** in discussion re the possible speed limit changes.

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

See 5(f) above.

#### **c) Forest Lane – Speeding**

This continues to be of great concern to residents and we will continue to look into possible solutions to the problem.

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

#### **a) TPO and Wall – Play Area**

#### **c) Youth Group d) Speeding e) Black Bags f) Hedges**

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

**Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 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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