

**KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 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)  
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

**Also in attendance:** Borough Councillors Andrew Sherris (AS), John Coulson (JC), Mrs J. Beaumont (JB) Mr. Brian Newcomb YTC (BN), Joyce Hardy, YTC (JH), K. Shields (KS), Prison Governor P. Husband (PH)

**1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Parish Councillors Liz Blanchard, B Rogerson, Borough Councillors Dan Fagan, Elsi Hampton, PCSO Glenn Snow.

**2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

**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. **JS**, 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 January meeting were duly read. **APPROVED AMc, DH**

**4) MATTERS ARISING MINUTES**

All issues on Agenda

**5) PLANNING**

**a) Planning Update and Proposed Developments**

**i) Story Homes**

- All homes on the development are expected to have roofs fitted before the end of February.
- The compound appears to be reducing in size.
- The site of the Show House now has a house being built.
- Pump House – Concern is being expressed that it is becoming too high and obstructing the view of the Grade II\* Listed Church of St. Martins and St. Hilary. There does not seem to be any details on the approved planning application. **JS** pointed out that the Church is an ancient Grade II\* building and that it's view should not be obstructed.
- The PROW footpaths continue to be unsafe and waterlogged and this requires attention.
- The temporary PROW to the west of the site from St. Martins Way should now be closed.
- PROW linking into the southern field has still not been connected and work is urgently needed.
- Concern was expressed re the PROW from St. Martins Way south has seen horses using it and also riding along the newly sewn grass. This PROW is not a Bridleway and horses should avoid this route. Bridleways can be found west of the railway bridge and also along Fieldhouse Lane (locally known as Dents Lane) east.
- The issue of anti-social behaviour in the car park does seem to have stopped since the lighting has been connected.

## **ii) Taylor Wimpey**

- **NDB** reported that he was in contact with **Matt Vickers MP** who was in discussion with the CEO of Taylor Wimpey re the numerous issues relating to the site including the SUDs filling up and tankers having to be used once again to empty.
- An inspection of the SUDs has been carried out and now needs to be emptied due to contamination.
- **AMc** stated there is an urgent need for the SUDs to be fenced off for obvious safety reasons.
- **JB** questioned as to what the contaminants are and where have they come from within the SUDs and **NDB** agreed to make enquiries.
- Questions were asked as to what the impact will be on the natural springs that are around the area of the SUDs pond?
- **AMC** once again questioned the household insurance impact on neighbouring homes and as to whether Taylor Wimpey or SBC had contacted them.
- Taylor Wimpey have contacted the Parish Council with details of the expected tanker movements and requested that the Parish Council advertise these details on the local Facebook pages.
- Questions were asked as to when we can expect to see a permanent pumping station being built at the site.
- **NDB** agreed to make representation to all agencies involved for answers.

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

- An application has been received from Northumberland Water re the removal of hedges at the site and including the Yarm Independent School Playing field in order to site the new sewage pipes which will link up with the Conyers sewage pipes. **AS** has confirmed that he placed his objections to the removal of so many hedges on the Planning Portal.

## **iv) Knowles Farm**

- No issues reported at this present time

## **c) APPLICATIONS**

### **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.

### **24/0152/FUL – 94 Forest Lane, Kirklevington, TS15 9NF**

Application to raise the roof height for the creation of a first floor to include 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.

### **24/0134/CPL – Sewage Treatment Works, Ash Grove, Kirklevington TS15 9NQ**

Application for a proposed certificate of lawful development for an underground sewage pipeline to include any associated works.

### **24/0114/HRN – Land at Yarm School Playing Fields, Green Lane, Kirklevington TS15 9EH**

Hedgerow removal notice to remove 4 no hedgerows.

### **23/2286/X – Orchard House, Pump Lane, Kirklevington TS15 9LQ**

Application for 50% canopy removal of 1no. Ash Tree and 1no. Sycamore of Tree Preservation Order 326 (00.8.5.326)

## **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

### **No Decisions Received**

#### **(v) PIZZA OUTLET – DRIVING RANGE**

**AS** reported that he had spoken to Elaine Atkinson of SBC re this outlet and asked if it required planning permission. She had informed him that she was happy with the outlet being at the Driving Range and no further action is required.

#### **6) HM PRISON, KIRKLEVINGTON GRANGE**

**NDB** welcomed **PHIL HUSBAND (PH)** who is the Governor of Kirklevington Grange. **PH** gave a short update as to how the prison is being run, numbers of prisons, categories of prisoners, community work and confirmed that the prison would remain an Open Prison. The café, garden centre and car valeting service all still continues to be well supported and provides good work experience to the inmates and he encouraged everyone to use these facilities. These facilities are open to the general public. **AMc** asked for confirmation that no sex offenders or murders would be housed at the prison. **PH** stated that it was the goal of the prison to get every inmate into employment before leaving the service. All inmates go through a 12 week assessment before they can become involved with community work or go out into the workforce.

**PH** brought to our attention that three units had had to be taken down due to cladding issues which has resulted in a loss of 100 inmate places. The prison are looking to replace these buildings very shortly with double stack buildings and an application has been placed with SBC for approval. The Parish Council would be included in any discussions relating to the new buildings.

**PH left the meeting.**

#### **7) PLAY AREA**

##### **a) Play Area Noticeboard**

**NDB** reported to the meeting that the Noticeboard that had been ordered for the entrance to the Play Area was damaged on arrival which was clearly due to poor handling by the delivery company. After consultation with Shelley the suppliers they were happy to collect the damaged noticeboard and would be claiming from the delivery company. A new noticeboard to be dispatched shortly. Dodd's Fencing were due to put the new noticeboard up for us but this work has been delayed for the time being.

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

**AMc** reported that a decision by SBC for the cutting back of the trees, which included TPOs, is expected by the 18<sup>th</sup> March. Alex Carson who is due to carry out the tree work has now agreed to change the date for the work to be started.

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

**NDB** stated that this wall has been repaired many times in the past at considerable expense. A solution to the walls condition to be taken once the tree work has been completed.

##### **d) Dog Walkers using Play Area**

The **PC** confirmed that had obtained 2 NO DOGS ALLOWED signs and was in the process of obtaining fixing brackets.

## **8) CORRESPONDENCE**

- Phil Hardie – 40mph Speed Limit – Speed survey A67
- P. Hewitt – Illuminated Signs Taylor Wimpey Site – Times for sign to be on.
- A. Alton – Village Hall Defibrillator – Familiarisation Sessions – 6.02.24 & 20.02.24
- Mia Clayton , SBC – Planning Application – Canopy removal TPOs – Orchard House
- Keith Jackson – Annual RoSPA independent inspection of Play Area
- Mayor of Stockton on Tees – Annual Charity Dinner Dance – 16.02.2024
- P. Hewitt – Flooded roads flowing at Taylor Wimpey site with Tanker removing water.
- Alex Carson – Due to long delay in planning application being possibly decided – 18.03.24 – Alex has deferred the work to be carried out.
- Rob Morrow – PROW condition west of St. Martins Way and south of existing PROW connection.
- Gillian Spence, SBC - A67 & B1264 Kirklevington/Yarm – Proposed Traffic Order Amendment
- Scott Robinson – Suds issues Taylor Wimpey site
- Rachel Shelley – Issues with Notice Board
- J. Smith – Pizza Outlet Driving Range
- A McLee – Northumbrian Water checking sewage pipes within village
- Mayor’s Office – Afternoon Tea – Preston Park – 20.03.24
- Scot Robinson, Taylor Wimpey – Request to place details of tanker movement from the site to empty suds on parish web site and Facebook pages.
- Richard Shelley – Organisation to take back damaged Notice board and organise for new sign to be produced and delivered.
- R. Andrews – Parking of vehicles on pavements

## **9) FINANCE**

### **a) Payments**

Salary February, 2024	£326.02	
Broadband, January, 2024	£27.86	
No Dogs Allowed Sign Play Area	£66.48	<u>£420.36</u>
Kirklevington Memorial Hall		£400.00
Rent April 23 – March 2024		
N. DeBadgecoe		£44.97
Heavy Duty Cable Reel Tidy – Play Area Maintenance		

### **b) Accounts Update**

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

### **c) Tucker Bequest**

The **PC** reported that she had now received the statement to the end of December, 2023 for the Tucker Bequest account. She would now make an application for a cheque for all money in the account to be made out to The 1590 Trust (Kirklevington Primary School's Account) together with a payment of £180.00 as a grant from the Parish Council. As part of the terms of the Tucker Bequest money goes to Kirklevington Primary School specifically for the purchase of books.

## **10) VILLAGE ISSUES**

### **a) Community Youth – Update**

**NDB** made it clear to the meeting that costings need to be considered before any decision is taken as to the funding of this project. As part of the next newsletter to residents they will be notified of the possibility of a Community Youth Group. There is a clear need for numbers from the youth of the parish who are likely take up and use the group regularly. Lots of questions to be answered – storage of equipment – risk assessment - insurance – staffing – DBS checks – first aider - availability of venue and days available. To be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting in March.

### **b) 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.

### **c) Black Bags**

The Parish Council have become concerned re unsightly habit of some residents to place black bags on the road side to the front of their properties at a time when there is no collection due for several days. Residents should keep all refuse within their property and not put out until bin collection day.

### **d) Hedges**

The **PC** to report all hedges that are of concern and obstruct the safe walking of residents on village footpaths.

### **e) Allotments**

**NDB** informed the meeting that he is receiving requests from several residents re the availability of allotments in the Parish. There are some allotments on Green Lane which is part of our Parish but they are all taken at this present time. **NDB** muted the possibility of looking for some land to provide some additional allotments and asked for ideas as to where we could possibly find some suitable land within the village.

### **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 following the walk along the A67 by himself together with Phil Hardie and Andrew Corcoran of SBC, a proposed Traffic Order Amendment is being drawn up by Gillian Spence of SBC for their consideration. If approved this will see a reduction in the speed limit from the village to the Crossroads roundabout to 40mph.

**NDB** also informed the meeting that would be continuing to press for the speed limit by The Crown on the A67 to be reduced 30mph.

### **b) Pump Lane**

- **NDB** reported that a consultation is in the process. **AS** confirmed that the funding for the double yellow lines on Pump Lane has been ring fenced from the Ward Council Budget prior to the ward review changes.
- **A reminder, once again, that there is an additional car park to the south of Pump Lane.**

### **c) Forest Lane – Speeding**

- It has been noticed that the SID has now been mended and placed to the west of Forest Lane. Unfortunately it appears to have been put in the wrong way round.
- Speeding along Forest Lane from the Railway Bridge through the village in both directions is becoming a bigger problem than ever. We know that the village is being used as a rat run by many motorists travelling from the A67 and making their way to areas west of the village. Discussions were held as to what action could or should be taken to slow these vehicles down and all suggestions will be looked into.

### **d) Pavement Parking**

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

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

### **All issues on Agenda**

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

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 at 7.00p.m. – Kirklevington Memorial Hall**

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