

# **Kirklington Parish Council Meeting**

**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council held online (Zoom) on Mon 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (commencing 7.00pm).**  
***Due to COVID-19 Lockdown this meeting was held online.***

**Present:** Bob Radford (RSR)(Chair), Ian Woolridge (IW), Andrew Twidale (AT), Martin Smith (MS), Sarah Sturgeon (SS), Patrick Mitchell (PM), Cllr Penny Rainbow (PR), Cllr Malcolm Brock; Helen Cowlan (HC) (Clerk).

**Public:** Andrew Cutts-McKay (AC), Jake Shelton (JS), Jane Armstrong (JA), Hugh Middleton (HM).

## **1. WINGS review**

AC and JS introduced themselves – AC is the Principal and JS is the Residential Manager and Safeguarding Lead. IW advised that the key driver of the discussion was to review a long history of issues (especially for residents on Hall Farm Lane), and establish why they occur and what WINGS propose to do, to prevent similar occurrences happening in the future.

JS acknowledged the fact that Covid had disrupted plans to improve engagement within the community and apologised for the disruptions, especially those over recent months. Referrals are reviewed and any potential conflicts, or issues that would not fit with the WINGS' policies, could prevent the student being taken on. Equally, if behavioural thresholds are broken, for example through criminal damage, their placements can be terminated; as was the case recently, when excessive damage was caused to property in the Village. Generally, children are referred to WINGS with various behavioural issues, some of which can be quite severe. WINGS staff offer support through educational, emotional and behavioural support techniques. Careful management of activities, trips, rewards and family contact is often effective, however, COVID has meant many activities have been cancelled, and the children have really felt the impact of many restrictions preventing normal school activity. Whilst it is anticipated that the easing of restrictions will help, bad behaviour has always had a 'trigger point' to be managed. WINGS would like to be able to develop links within the community to help the students feel part of it, and to see residents as 'real' people.

JS advised that they are very conscious that residents may only see the things that go wrong, and may not be aware of all the skills and positive attributes that the children have to offer. Building a sense of community provides something that the students can take back to their own communities. The School is keen for the students to develop positive impressions of the Emergency Services, and develop trust with adults. WINGS is planning a second Public Services Day for the Police, Ambulance Service and Fire Brigade to attend and interact with the students.

IW asked what plans are in place to ensure children do not leave the site unsupervised. JS advised that 'anti-vandal' paint has not been a successful deterrent, and gave an overview of plans to build fencing, and plant suitable vegetation, within the School boundaries to deter students climbing / leaving the site. Quotations are being arranged as a priority.

IW asked whether or not every incident should be reported to the Police as has been advised previously, and whether or not that had an impact on behaviour. JS advised that whilst instances at WINGS are lower than at some other sites, it doesn't make it acceptable. However, due to the fact that Policing teams are often involved in the removal of children from their (sometimes toxic) homes, a Police presence can often aggravate situations and doesn't have the impact that it may normally have. However, residents should continue to report incidents.

IW asked the correct process that should be used to contact WINGS with issues out of hours. JS and AC confirmed that there have been technical issues, however, there is now an on-call system to ensure a Senior member of staff can be contacted directly on a dedicated mobile phone (main landline diverted to this out of hours).

IW advised that the Kedleston Group media has suggested an expansion of services to cover those vulnerable to gang cultures and County Lines, and asked if this would impact the village. JS advised that they were not expecting students linked to being at risk from big city gangs, and that the strict referral process would take into account needs of the community. AC confirmed that strategy meetings are held to review each individual's case.

RSR expressed concerns about claims that students have had access to drugs on site. JS confirmed a zero-tolerance stance on drugs and that student placements would be terminated.

JA confirmed that their work with students was admirable, however, staff don't appear to have the power to take any direct action when students are climbing, leaving the site and are causing issues – and asked why this hasn't been a priority for longer. Although unable to comment on strategies taken prior to him joining the School, JS acknowledged that dealing with students when they are at a height is difficult and that they try to manage behaviour to prevent them getting to that point as they, along with the Police, cannot physically remove students.

JA said that a previous meeting with the Estate Manager had suggested that the only option was to install fencing which hadn't yet happened. JA highlighted concerns about gaps through which students can climb and access private land, and that the Estates Manager had cited cost as being prohibitive. AC confirmed that the fencing and planting has been agreed. JS confirmed that improvements will be made.

JS and AC confirmed that they are absolutely committed to making improvements, are keen to work with KPC and residents, and would welcome feedback and ideas. IW confirmed that KPC are very willing to help facilitate wherever possible.

RSR formally thanked IW for his work with liaising with WINGS. JA also thanked IW, and KPC for support.

**Actions:**

- JS / AC to provide regular updates on progress via email and / or attendance at KPC meetings – it was suggested that the first review could be at June's meeting (date tbc).
- JS to provide HC with direct on-call phone number to circulate to residents along with his email address.
- HC to include JS and AC on emails sent to residents, and for agendas / minutes (which are also available on the website).
- JS to let HC have details of activities and timings for the Emergency Services Day to circulate to KPC and residents.

**All actions grouped under action log number 21-16.**

**2. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Bruce Laughton (BL).

**3. Declaration of interest**

None.

**4. Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes from the last ordinary meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021, and the planning meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021, were agreed as a true record and RSR confirmed that HC should sign on his behalf. Proposed RSR, seconded IW.

**5. Adjournment for matters to be raised by the public for future consideration, and County/District Councillor items**

- *School parking* – HC gave an overview of an email from a resident (already circulated) requesting an update about the previously proposed pilot scheme to review parking, and what the next steps are to improve the traffic and parking situation on Southwell Road. **Action – HC to contact NCC to establish what their current position is and proposals for moving forward, without just moving the problem to another area (17-53).**
- *Belle Eau Park* – HM thanked KPC members, and local Councillors, for help in resisting Yearsley's planning application. HM provided an overview of attempts made to clarify whether or not Belle Eau Park 'should' be classed as an industrial estate as this could materially affect decisions made as part of the planning process. PR confirmed that the issues has been raised with BL who is awaiting a response, and that a Councillor at Bilsthorpe (Along with the Clerk) are also aware. AT advised concerns that removing signage could create greater problems if drivers then find it harder to locate and access the site. HM confirmed that the signage is, in principle, not the issue but more the inclusion of the working stating 'industrial estate'. MB believes that the Planning Committee took the view that the site was not an industrial estate and was a factor within the review of the recent application. **Action – HC to email BL to offer support / request contact details to chase (21-17).**
- *Fallows End* – MB confirmed that the planning application has been called in, and a panel will decide whether or not it needs to be reviewed at Committee level. There are proposed changes to the Scheme of Delegation which may lead to a change in processes, and updates will be provided as they become available.
- *Vaccinations* – HC enquired about the apparent slowing of vaccination rates after an initially positive started. MB advised that some slippage has been experienced due to supply issues – placing focus on those most vulnerable getting their second injections may also have created an understandable delay with some getting their first dose.

**6. Planning (HC)**

- i) 21/00227/TWCA – Linden House, Southwell Rd – *works to trees (schedules submitted in January).* **Outcome: No objection (info only).**

## 7. Action points review (HC/all)

Number	PC member	Subject	Date Raised	Status
16-45	HC	<u>Ivy Farm</u> <p>The initial planning request has been withdrawn, however, KPC's objection (with full reasoning) has been submitted in the hope that developers will consider points if / when plans are reviewed / resubmitted.</p> <p><b>Action: no further action at this time - awaiting next steps.</b></p>	Nov-16	ongoing
17-53	HC	<u>School - Parking issues/ related CIL</u> <p>HC has received an email from a concerned resident about lack of progress with parking and traffic issues on Southwell Road - response given to acknowledge and confirm that attempts will be made to try and establish current position.</p> <p><b>Action: HC to contact NCC to establish what their current position is and proposals for moving forward, without just moving the problem to another area.</b></p>	Oct-17	ongoing
19-57	HC	<u>School Playing Field</u> <p>All actions have been completed. The draft usage agreement for the School playing field was submitted to NCC some time ago and no further updates have been received.</p> <p><b>Action: HC to contact NCC again to find out next steps.</b></p>	Nov-19	ongoing
20-01	RSR/HC	<u>Footpath hardcore</u> <p>Landowner has confirmed that additional stone will be added to level out the path, and reduce impacts of mud, whilst maintaining a natural feel to the area. Works to be completed when weather permits, at no cost to the Parish Council (for which KPC is very grateful).</p> <p><b>Action: HC to send formal thanks once works have been completed.</b></p>	Jan-20	ongoing
20-25	HC/IW	<u>Flooding / drainage projects</u> <p>No further updates received at the moment. RSR advised the works have been completed down near The Mill - used cameras, made repairs, flushed through. HC confirmed that works have also been completed along Southwell Rd, and Church Lane.</p> <p><b>Action: No further action at this time as awaiting proposals / confirmation from NCC; will monitor situation in terms of the dyke at the back of Ivy Farm to ensure responsibilities for upkeep are clarified and upheld.</b></p>	Oct-20	ongoing
20-26	HC/PR	<u>Potholes</u> <p>IW confirmed a key pothole has been repaired and this has positively impacted noise levels. Awaiting updates on resurfacing dates.</p> <p><b>Action – review at next meeting.</b></p>	Oct-20	ongoing
21-01	HC	<u>Bridge repairs</u> <p>The bridge on footpath 7 (behind the stable block) is cracking and rotting. The one near the old Police house near Greet Farm is also in need of attention</p> <p><b>Action: HC to chase repair.</b></p>	Jan-21	ongoing

21-02	BL	<u>Robin Hood Road Signs</u> There are two signs for Robin Hood Caravan Park on Lockwell Hill (near the Go-Kart track). <b>Action: HC to chase removal.</b>	Jan-21	ongoing
21-05	HC	<u>Speeding lorries</u> All actions have been completed. No responses received as yet. <b>Action – HC to inform local Policing team / PCSO and request speed checks. HC to enquire if any information is provided by the interactive speed signs. HC to liaise with PC who has been trying to make contact.</b>	Jan-21	ongoing
21-09	HC	<u>Training Course</u> <b>Training course completed.</b>	Feb-21	closed
21-10	HC	<u>Festival</u> HC has spoken with NSDC and who have given reassurances about processes and that KPC will be consulted as part of that. HC has been advised that proposals have been submitted to NSDC so awaiting further updates. <b>Action – HC to consider how best to contact residents which may be most affected (unless being done by NSDC/organisers).</b>	Feb-21	ongoing
21-11	HC/SS	<u>Rubbish / littering</u> SS has not received a response to queries. PR confirmed that SNG has been disbanded at the moment but will hopefully resume. SS has seen further evidence of drug use. <b>Action – HC to pass on details of PC who has been trying to make contact.</b>	Feb-21	ongoing
21-12	HC	<u>Local Policing Team</u> No response received as yet with regard to concerns raised. HC has been made aware of a local PC who would like to make contact. <b>Action – HC to make contact with PC, forward issues and invite to PC meetings.</b>	Feb-21	ongoing
21-13	HC	<u>Parish Council Vacancy</u> AT will take over responsibility for defibrillator; SB will remain involved with the Village Hall for the time being. <b>Action – HC to arrange for formal advertisement of vacancy.</b>	Feb-21	ongoing
21-14	HC	<u>Planning</u> All planning matters have been responded to.	Mar-21	closed
21-15	HC	<u>Dog Warden</u> <b>Action – HC to submit feedback to NSDC</b>	Mar-21	ongoing

#### 8. Financial matters (IW)

- i) Balances current account £18002.89 (inc £14500.00 CIL), deposit account £5323.17. Excluding CIL, balances total approx. £8000 which is closer to the target of keeping 1.5 times the annual precept in reserves. The provisional year-end figures show a net income of £910 (inc some of the COVID funding that is still available for use).
- ii) Clerk payment – payment for March including costs for training and a gift - proposed AT, seconded RSR.
- iii) No payments are due before the next meeting (annual insurance can be reviewed at May's meeting).

#### 9. Traffic report (IW)

One incident near the end of Hall Farm Lane where a lorry went over the white line and caught a refuse lorry (didn't stop). No obvious injuries although the driver of the refuse lorry was shaken. No further information available.

**10. NALC Training Course (HC)**

HC provided an overview of the training which was a useful refresher covering key points of the planning process. NALC expect to be able to offer further training sessions in the future which cover the topic in more depth.

**11. Returning to Face-to-Face Meetings (HC)**

The Government guidelines which enable meetings to be held remotely (online) will end on 7<sup>th</sup> May. However, as Parish Council meetings need to allow for members of the public to attend, and the easing of restrictions may mean this isn't possible until later in June, it was agreed that May's meeting will be held earlier to ensure it can be held online. KPC, and the Village Hall Committee, will review guidelines to ensure that the Hall can be re-opened (and meetings held) safely – and will agree a date for face-to-face meetings to resume.

**12. Vice Chair (HC)**

It was unanimously agreed that MS will be Vice-Chair. RSR advised he may not be available for a few dates over the next few weeks.

**13. Correspondence (HC)**

- i) NCC Draft Local Validation Checklist Consultation – *no comments to submit.*
- ii) Webinars – *updates on recent free online events – emails have been circulated.*
- iii) NSDC Litter Picking Trial – *trial for a free bin to be provided for litter pickers to use, and which will be emptied by NSDC free of charge. ACTION – HC to contact NSDC to confirm uptake, and update residents accordingly (encouraging safety) (21-18).*
- iv) NCC / NSDC newsletters – *all updates have been circulated to PC / residents as needed.*

**14. AOB (HC)**

None.

**15. Date of next meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 7.00pm**

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*Helen Cowlan*

.....Clerk

Meeting ended 21.00