

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 9th January 2023 7.30pm

Present: Bob Radford (RSR)(Chair), Ian Woolridge (IW), Andrew Twidale (AT), Sarah French (SF), Graeme Wheatcroft (GW), Patrick Mitchell (PM), Cllr Malcolm Brock (MB), Cllr Penny Rainbow (PR), Helen Cowlan (HC) (Clerk).

Public: none

1. Apologies for absence

Martin Smith (MS) due to illness. Apologies were accepted by the Parish Council.

2. Declaration of interest

None.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes from the ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 7th November 2022 were approved as a true record – proposed GW / seconded RSR.

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

- *District Council Cabinet System Review* – MB gave a summary of the six-month review of the cabinet system that is now in place. Initial feedback seems to be mixed but will continue to be reviewed, part of which will ensure balance between policy progression and scrutiny.
- *Elections* – voters will be required to show photographic ID, or an alternative (see guidelines), which is inline with much of Europe, however, there have been concerns about there being a balance between minimising fraud and impact on voter numbers.
- *(De)centralisation and mayoral appointment* – there may be many benefits but success can be dependent on who is appointed so it will be reviewed.
- *A617/Kelham improvements* – IW enquired if NCC will be getting funding for road improvements, however, MB had not seen any updates on / information about this at the moment.
- *A617 diversion impacts* - AT raised concerns that with Eakring Rd has seen an increase in traffic (as a result of diversions due to accidents), which is putting even more pressure on a road which already has poor maintenance. It was felt that the road is unsafe due to lack of investment – lack of road markings, drainage issues and poor repairs being part of the problem. Recent repairs were observed to have lasted less than four months, and concerns were raised that there don't appear to be repercussions for this. **Action – MB to raise concerns with NCC (20-26).**
- *Glass recycling consultation* – PR confirmed that the consultation on the provision of kerbside glass recycling collections should be launched shortly.

5. Planning:

- i) 22/02323/HOUSE Middle Corkhill Farm, Corkhill Lane – demolition of store on side elevation, erection of single storey side extension. First floor eaves raised with new roof structure and internal alterations. **Outcome: no objection to proposals (unanimous).**
- ii) 21/02043/FULM Land off Nottingham Rd, Southwell - Erection of new food store and associated new access, parking servicing, drainage, landscaping and highways works. **Outcome: no objection to proposals subject to Highways and Environment Agency being satisfied (unanimous).**
- iii) 22/01189/LBC Mill Farmhouse, Southwell Rd – Listed Building Consent for internal and external alterations (see application). **Outcome - consent granted (info only).**
- iv) 22/02334/FUL Land at Highfields, Station Rd – installation of 16 ground mounted solar panels. **Outcome: no objection to proposals (unanimous).**

HC to submit responses to NSDC.

Additionally, MB advised that the appeal for a new garage at Home Farm had been dismissed due to it being incongruous and out of character for the area, as well as being distracting in terms of the views of / from the Church.

6. Action points review

Number	PC member	Subject	Date Raised	Status
16-45	HC	<u>Ivy Farm</u> HC and PR have contacted NSDC to request help in contacting the landowners to clear land and liaise with neighbour for access. Action: contact established with TVIDB and GW will liaise/organise site visit.	Nov-16	ongoing
19-57	HC	<u>School Playing Field</u> Feedback on the document: clarify if it meant that motor vehicles, rather than 'wheeled' vehicles, should not access to make sure bicycles / pushchairs retain access; politely challenge proposals to charge for use of field as the School isn't charged for use of the Church / Village Hall facilities. Action: HC to contact Tracy to see if an agreement can be put in place between School and PC while waiting for response from NCC.	Nov-19	ongoing
20-25	HC/IW/GW	<u>Flooding / drainage projects</u> HC/IW/GW are in contact with NCC with intention to agree a site visit to review village issues. Action: awaiting response from NCC.	Oct-20	ongoing
20-26	HC	<u>Potholes/road issues</u> Eakring Road repairs have been made but it is uncertain how long they will last. Potholes have been reported as flagged previously. Action – HC to report new issues as received.	Oct-20	ongoing
21-22	HC/PR	<u>National Grid</u> Action - HC to try and contact office of Chairman of National Grid; PR to request a speed check / Speedwatch in the area	Sep-21	ongoing
22-10	HC	<u>Speeding on Southwell Rd</u> Hockerton have been chased for info. NCC have advised that although the areas don't suggest a priority for checks, monitoring can be requested from mid-Jan (due to current volumes of such requests). Action - Clerk to ask again for speed monitoring in January (The Mill and A617)	Apr-22	ongoing
22-12	HC	<u>Policy Review</u> Action - HC to amend 'last reviewed' dates on policies and ensure up to date on website.	May-22	ongoing
22-13	HC	<u>Hedges</u> all reported issues appear to have been resolved - new issues will be raised as needed.	Jun-22	closed
22-16	HC	<u>Top Dam</u> Water level has fallen and exposed land - possible issue with gauge / equipment. Landowners have been contacted so action closed for now.	Jul-22	closed

22-17	HC	<u>Civility and Respect Project</u> Action - HC to review information, draft a policy to agree at a future meeting.	Sep-22	ongoing
22-19	HC/GW	<u>Highways</u> General information received from Highways. Action - GW to draft letter which could be used if PC decide to follow up, may refer back to NCC.	Nov-22	ongoing
22-20	HC	<u>Police surgeries</u> Staff changes and holidays mean this needs to be agreed. Action - Clerk to email residents to establish appetite and then agree dates accordingly as needed, once availability established.	Nov-22	ongoing
22-21	HC	<u>Planning training</u> Information from training circulated, including information about 'material considerations' to assist when assessing planning applications.	Nov-22	closed
22-22	PR	<u>Insurance</u> NSDC have suggested that volunteers / residents avoid the main A617 and report issues for them to deal with to ensure safety. Although a scheme to 'host' litter picking 'hubs' may become available in the future, at the moment equipment can be borrowed / returned on an adhoc basis - interest has been registered.	Nov-22	closed

7. WINGS (IW/all)

No known issues in terms of impacts to residents. IW will be making contact to establish changes to management / contacts. Recent Ofsted inspection reports have highlighted concerns so should be reviewed.

8. Financial matters

- i) Balances – current account £5088.01 and deposit account £7621.26.
- ii) Clerk payment – November's and December's payments authorised along with holiday pay – proposed RSR, seconded PM.
- iii) Church donation 2022/23 – a donation towards maintenance of £1200 for the Church, £300 for the war memorial, and £246 towards the replacement of the organ (to use the remainder of CIL funding) was agreed. Proposed RSR, seconded AT (unanimous agreement).
- iv) Precept 2023/24 – an overview of the budget for the current financial year, and predictions for the following financial year, were provided and considered. Taking into account likely increases in costs (inc hall hire and elections) it was agreed that the precept would be increased by £200 to £6700. This is the equivalent of £1 per year per average Band D property (3.1%). Proposed RSR, seconded SF (unanimously agreed).
- v) CIL funding – additional CIL funding has been received from two planning applications / project that were granted permission. An additional £13161 has been received and placed in the deposit account. Consideration should be given to possible expenditure, including ringfencing for defibrillator costs.
- vi) Review any payments due – no major expenditure expected.

RSR formally thanks IW for hard work and provided comprehensive financial reports and information – unanimously supported.

9. Traffic Report (IW)

No known issues within village boundary although there was an accident near Hexgreave (technically, not within the Parish). Total accidents within the village boundary for 2022 totalled 10.

10. Christmas Tree (RSR)

Correspondence has been received from the Church Warden to formally thank the Parish Council for the Christmas tree which looked splendid and many positive comments of appreciation had been made. It is understood that Colin McGarrigle will be Church Warden after the AGM.

11. GTSF (HC)

Correspondence has been received from the organisers in response to feedback from residents that was shared (about the 2022 Festival). A number of changes are being put in place for the Festival this year that should mitigate and / or minimise issues resulting from the last, including sound reduction measures and management procedures. The organisers would welcome local businesses approaching them if they have products / services that would fit the event, and they will be considered. Additionally, residents within the Kirklington postcode boundary will be offered a discount of 25% of ticket prices for which thanks were given. **Action – Clerk to email residents to promote the event and advise how discount can be claimed (23-01).**

12. A617 closures (AT)

Issues covered under item 4.

13. Meeting venues (HC)

If the Hall refurbishment means that it is not possible to hold February's meeting in the Hall, the Church may be used. Additionally, the Clerk suggested that depending on the date of the meetings in May, it may not be necessary to have a meeting in June, but this will be reviewed and agreed nearer the time.

14. Correspondence (HC):

All correspondence had been circulated – no items required particular note and / or action.

Additionally:

- formal thanks were given to PM for putting up / taking down lamppost poppies.
- damaged plank on the footpath bridge, near the kissing gate, at the back of the horse fields. **Action – HC to report to NCC (23-02).**
- electric fencing has fallen / moved in the same area. **Action – AT to make landowner aware (23-02).**
- footpath pothole / poor surface near the Church – footpath pothole near the gates (opposite Forge Close) needs attention due to causing a resident to fall. It was initially reported to NCC who pushed back to the Church stating it was within their boundary. The Church Warden is reviewing with the diocese to review records and identify who should have responsibility. **Action – HC to make contact to review progress (23-03).**

15. Date of next meeting

6th February 2023 at 7.30pm.

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