

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 6th February 2023 7.30pm

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

Public: none

1. Apologies for absence

Bob Radford (RSR) due to a prior commitment. 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 9th January 2023 were approved as a true record – proposed IW / seconded GW.

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

- *Resident email* – a resident raised concerns about safety near The Mill (due to a number of incidents) which was echoed by Councillors, and this was discussed in terms of options that may be available for example, signs to warn of oncoming vehicles in the middle of the road – trying to balance warnings but without ‘too many’ signs making each ineffective. SF confirmed that ‘slow down for horses’ signs have been installed in that area. **Action – BL to speak to Highways JH to review site and make recommendations based on what they know will work (23-04).**
- *Council Tax* – BL advised that Council Tax is due to be agreed with an anticipated increase of 4.8% (comprising 2% ringfenced for adult social care and 2.8% general fund) due to inflationary pressures. No drop in services is expected. BL acknowledged that there will always be a difficulty in balancing needs as the priority has to be social care (for old and young).
- *Highways* – the new CEO of Via is starting to implement changes. The number of patching gangs has doubled and efforts are being made to improve quality of repairs, but this has been impeded by impacts of weather – the cold spell has led to repairs having to be made urgently and quickly in some cases. MB advised that there will be (re)surfacing works for The Ropewalk, Southwell.

5. Planning:

- 3/21/02282/CMA Kirklington "A" Wellsite, Hockerton Road - Variation of conditions 1 and 3 of planning permission 3/21/00282/CMA - to retain the site for a further 12-month period for the purposes of geothermal testing in conjunction with the nearby Whip Ridding Farm wellsite. **Outcome: no objection to proposals (5 stated no objection and 1 abstained).**
- 23/00075/S73M Field Ref No 4804, Southwell Rd – Variation to 21/01219/FULM conditions to amend opening times to allow further opening of the dog field. **Outcome: unanimously votes no objection subject to immediate neighbours being satisfied with proposals.**
- 22/02407/TWCA Old School Cottage, Church Lane – crown reduction and lift (yew tree). **Outcome - consent granted (info only).**

HC to submit responses to NSDC.

6. Action points review

Number	PC member	Subject	Date Raised	Status
16-45	HC	<p><u>Ivy Farm</u> TVIDB have advised that dyke at the back of the property has been cleared. No further updates received about plans for the property.</p> <p>Action: awaiting info re plans for site.</p>	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> NCC have provided a number of updates including proposed concrete apron to divert field water to northern dyke. Action: awaiting response from NCC.	Oct-20	ongoing
20-26	HC/MB	<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; MB to raise concerns about Eakring Rd with NCC.	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> Speed / traffic monitoring checks have been requested for A617 and the Mill end of the Village. Action - awaiting updates from NCC	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
22-17	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> Concerns have been directed to NCC Highways for review. Action - awaiting outcome.	Nov-22	ongoing
22-20	HC	<u>Police surgeries</u> Action - revisit once Hall renovations are complete.	Nov-22	ongoing
23-01	HC	<u>GTSF</u> Action - HC to circulate feedback response, and discounted ticket information, to residents	Jan-23	closed
23-02	HC/AT	<u>Footpath/electric fencing issues</u> Action - HC to report bridge damage to NCC; AT to report issue with electric fencing to landowner.	Jan-23	closed
23-03	HC	<u>Footpath damage A617 near Church</u> Damage to footpath caused a resident to fall. It has been identified that NCC have responsibility so further request made for attention / repair. Action - HC to chase response	Jan-23	ongoing

7. WINGS (IW/all)

A recent meeting between IW and Principal (JS) confirmed that although the Head of Education has changed JS is still in position. A poor Ofsted report had been anticipated, however, big changes have been made in education provision. After a period without incident, there have been two incidents – one break-in and one where chickens were let out of pens – contact has been made with affected residents. Unfortunately, issues with Historic England have meant that plans for improving fencing were rejected and the budget had to be diverted to other areas. There are currently 36 pupils on site, of which 6 are daytime only, and 11 are from within the County. Overall, the meeting highlighted a number of positive improvements and it was felt, overall, that the future is encouraging.

8. Financial matters

- i) Balances – current and deposit account balance were given and monies held includes CIL funding.
- ii) Clerk payment – January's payment authorised – proposed MS, seconded AT.
- iii) CIL Funding – *suggestions for expenditure included making improvements to the footpath from the A617 towards the 'southern' dyke (near the Church), and three village signs.*
Action – HC to draft a village consultation, and to establish potential costs for signs and their installation (23-05).
- iv) Request for funding towards defib – a suggestion was made to instal solar powered lights near the defib at the School. **Action – IW to research options (23-06).**
- v) Request for funding to access drainage records (item 11) - it was agreed to await the response from NCC initially, with the potential to approach Severn Trent if needed. TVIDB records are already held.
- vi) Review any payments due – no further expenses expected at this point.

9. Traffic Report (IW)

- i) 19/1 (late afternoon) – Belle Eau Park junction with A617, car in ditch (heading towards Mansfield) – no further info known.
- ii) 21/1 – Hexgreave, three car accident caused road closure – no further info known.
- iii) 27/1 – The Mill Bridge, demolished telegraph pole, Police attended but no known injuries.

10. Traffic updates (HC/RSR)

Summary of works causing road closures was given. No new issues raised, however, RSR may be able to provide further details at next meeting.

11. Drainage update (IW/GW/HC)

New contact at NCC as AO'C replaces SB. It is hoped that a concrete apron will be installed near Ivy Farm to try and divert field flow to the 'northern' dyke rather than it flowing across the main road. A meeting with TVIDB identified that the area of 'northern' dyke near Ivy Farm has been cleared, and that liaison will be needed with NCC and a local landowner to divert near the lake. It has been confirmed that the A617 gullies are emptied on a two-year cycle but this is not enough, so awaiting confirmation of increasing frequency of works.

12. Hockerton Parish (HC)

HC has made contact with Hockerton with the hope of building links / sharing support – they hope to potentially attend future meetings.

13. Elections (HC)

Information will be shared in future weeks to confirm processes and timelines, including at what point the status of contested, or uncontested, will be advised. It is expected that NSDC will provide 'packs' for those wanting to stand for election. A key change for future elections is that photo ID will need to be provided e.g. driving license or passport. Alternative ID can be applied for free of charge if needed. Photo ID changes do not affect postal votes and HC will send information as received. Provisional date of 15th May set for Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meetings.

14. Correspondence (HC):

- i) **NSDC Chairman's Charity Event** – 25th Feb – information circulated.
- ii) **NSDC Coronation Guidance** – information circulated including request that no beacons are lit.

15. Date of next meeting

3rd April 2023 at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended at 9pm.

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