

# Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Bob Radford (RSR)(Chair), Cllr Ian Woolridge (IW), Cllr Andrew Twidale (AT), Cllr Sarah French (SF), Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM), Cllr Bruce Laughton (BL), Cllr Penny Rainbow (PR), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk)

## 1. Apologies for absence

Martin Smith and Graeme Wheatcroft were unavailable due to holidays – apologies were accepted by the Parish Council.

## 2. Declarations of interest

SF had an interest in the panning matter so would give an overview of plans / answer questions, but not be present for the discussion and decision making.

## 3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Parish Council meetings held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 were approved as a true record. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were reviewed and will be formally approved at next year's Annual Parish Meeting. Proposed RSR, seconded AT.

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

- *Land near Robin Hood Caravan Park* – PR advised that the Environmental Health Team believe everything is working as it should be and to continue to report further issues. Although there was no evidence of contamination at that point, the site could be revisited at a future date to check.
- *Glass recycling* – PR advised current delivery expected to be December – option to opt-out will be available.
- *Highways* – PR advised that the Highways Team will do a survey of lamp posts to see if any of them are suitable for attaching interactive speed signs to them (including near The Mill). A traffic count may be done in September. A petition could be created – numbers don't have to be high (10+) but could be presented to NCC to start the process of recognising safety needs. IW provided an overview of a recent site visit with the Highways team. Key accident spots seem to be at the Belle Eau Park junction, Southwell Road junction, and (most recently) at The Mill.
- *Lineage* – HC gave PR an overview of issues at Belle Eau Park with lorry movements being high and dangerous, with a view to raising with the appropriate team at NSDC for review (e.g. Enforcement).
- *County Hall* – BL advised they are looking to build a new County Hall due to occupancy and costs issues – a new build would be a better investment.
- *Devolution* – BL gave an update on the legislation that is going through – it is hoped to go through Parliament in November, with Mayoral voting likely to be May 2024.
- *Potholes* – timelines for urgent repairs have moved to 7 days (rather than 24 hours) to enable a better quality of repair to be done. There has been further investment in equipment and workers, and there is new management in place at Via. IW advised he is chasing NCC for gully clearance (which was promised to be done within the week, two weeks ago). It is supposed to be on a two year cycle for cleansing but this is not enough and it is felt that it should be at least annually. Despite previous works being done to connect to the main grid, the junction at the end of Hall Farm Lane remains an issue as it is blocked and will need to be escalated (again). There are only 12 gullies in the area and the system is not coping. A new system is being put in place where 'before and after' photos will be uploaded to system logs. **ACTION – BL to speak to contact at NCC (MD) to advise of desperate need for preventative management (20-25).**

## 5. Action points review

Number	PC member	Subject	Date Raised	Status
16-45	HC/PR	<p><u>Ivy Farm</u></p> <p>No further updates have been received. Concerns were shared as part of the Annual Parish Meeting.</p> <p><b>Action: PR to speak to Enforcement Team to see if there are any options currently. HC to draft letter to MP (MS) if no progress is forthcoming.</b></p>	Nov-16	ongoing
19-57	HC	<p><u>School Playing Field</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Action: HC has contacted Head to see if an agreement can be put in place between School and PC while waiting for response from NCC.</b></p>	Nov-19	ongoing
20-25	IW	<p><u>Flooding / drainage projects</u></p> <p>Site visit from Highways has resulted in some actions being agreed / taken away for review. Further chasing required for specifics / dates, and also to drive action e.g. Hall Farm Lane, cyclical gulley cleanse etc. Eakring Road and The Mill have been included under the review (for drainage and road safety issues).</p> <p><b>Action: IW liaising with Highways and will provide further updates; BL to contact NCC contact (MD) to see what can be done; consideration to be given to writing to MP (MS) if not resolved.</b></p>	Oct-20	ongoing
20-26	HC	<p><u>Potholes/road issues</u></p> <p>no further updates at this time.</p> <p><b>Action – potholes have been reported and should be monitored</b></p>	Oct-20	ongoing
21-22	HC/PR	<p><u>National Grid</u></p> <p><b>Action - HC to try and contact office of Chairman of National Grid; PR to request a speed check / speedwatch in the area; see if the local Policing Team can offer help.</b></p>	Sep-21	ongoing
22-10	HC	<p><u>Speeding on Southwell Rd</u></p> <p>Speed / traffic monitoring checks have been requested for A617 and the Mill end of the Village. Road strips have been in place near Maxey's and near Hexgreave but unsure if this is linked.</p> <p><b>Action -HC chase updates from NCC</b></p>	Apr-22	ongoing
22-12	HC	<p><u>Policy Review</u></p> <p><b>replaced with action 23-11</b></p>	May-23	closed
22-17	HC	<p><u>Civility and Respect Project</u></p> <p><b>Action - HC to review information, draft a policy to agree at a future meeting.</b></p>	Sep-22	ongoing

23-04	IW	<u>The Mill</u> Recent site visit from NCC included a review of the area; possibility of interactive speed signs is being reviewed. <b>Action - IW to provide overviews and updates as received.</b>	Feb-23	ongoing
23-05	HC	<u>CIL Funding</u> Gates at the entrances to the village may help slow traffic but widths / sizes may be an issue. Opportunity to investigate whether or not grants would be available for projects. It was felt that the noticeboard outside the hall did not need replacing yet, but works are being done to maintain it. <b>Action - HC to contact NCC about making stiles more accessible (back of The Crops area).</b>	Feb-23	ongoing
23-08	HC	<u>A617 safety</u> Issues reviewed in recent site visit - IW will provide updates as received.	Mar-23	closed
23-09	HC	<u>Belle Eau Park issues</u> No response received to communications as yet; PR aware of concerns <b>Action - HC to chase Lineage to find out who the site manager / deliveries manager is, and draft a letter to outline issues and request a meeting to discuss / agree possible options; PR to review at NSDC.</b>	Apr-23	ongoing
23-10	IW	<u>End of Year Documents</u> All actions completed.	May-23	closed

## 6. WINGS

A recent Ofsted review has acknowledged improvements that have been made compared to the previous review. Net meeting date to be confirmed.

## 7. Financial matters

- i) Balances – current account £5382.79, deposit account £7722.34, CIL £13938.30 (all new CIL).
- ii) Clerk payment – payments for May and June were approved, including a pay increase (backdated to April) - prop RSR, sec AT.
- iii) Defib Light Invoice – approval of payment of £37.98 – prop RSR, sec SF.
- iv) Review any payments due – ICO £35.00 will be paid by Direct Debit.

## 8. Traffic Report

None.

## 9. Annual Review of Policies

It was unanimously agreed that no further changes to policies were needed and that they would be monitored, and updated, if required with future changes / updates.

## 10. Highways Site Visit

IW provided an overview of discussion points from a recent site visit with NCC. Gullies along the A617 should have been cleaned, but this has not yet been done so will be chased, and the frequency of them being done is being reviewed (requested to be at least annually). It was identified that extending the T-Bar near the School Lane junction may help with visibility as well as providing a pulling space to the traffic flows. The '30 for a reason; signs have been replaced, and additional signs added (The Mill end of the village). There are limited options for the bend at The Mill but it is under review. An action has been logged to review Eaking Road surface and gullies.

## 11. NALC AGM

As RSR is unable to attend on 11<sup>th</sup> September, HC will liaise with other Councillors to see if anyone would be free to attend.

## 12. **Bilsthorpe Incinerator**

Noticeboards have been updated. Now awaiting the application going in before next steps can be taken – HC will ensure website update when additional information received.

## 13. **Bridge Greenery**

Overgrown areas around The Mill have been reported and NCC should be contacted if not done.

## 14. **Feedback on GTSF Event**

Feedback about noise levels seemed to depend on position in the village but it was felt, overall, that there were no major concerns. Thursday night seemed to be the worst night which could have been due to the wind direction. Technicians were observed to have been doing sound checks near the Church and it was acknowledged that greater efforts had been made to mitigate sound by using bales, and pointing stages away from the village.

## 15. **Planning (HC):**

**PR left before the item started. SF gave an overview of plans for 15 iii, and then left before discussions started.**

- i) 23/00455/HOUSE The Court, Southwell Rd. – two story front extension, conversion of garage and associated alterations, new cladding. Outcome – permission granted – info only.
- ii) 23/00935/TWCA WINGS School East, Main Rd. – removal of three dead trees. Outcome – permission granted – info only.
- iii) 23/01092/FUL Paddock Land, Southwell Rd. – erection of a storage barn. OUTCOME – no objection (3 in favour, 1 against) – although it was felt that a photo / copy of the design would be useful, along with confirmation that containers would be moved / hidden as part of the project.

## 16. **Correspondence**

- i) NSDC Planning Training – presentation to be circulated.

## 17. **Date of next meeting** – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7.00pm

Meeting ended at 20:55