

KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 15th December, 2025 at 7.00p.m held in
The Balcony, Kirklevington Memorial Hall**

Present: **Nigel DeBadgecoe (Chair) (NDB)**
Neil Clement (Vice-Chair) (NC)
Alistair McLee (AMc)
Jenny Smith (JS)
Karen Shields (KS)
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (P)

Also in attendance: Borough Councillor Andrew Sherris and Rev. Kate Brown

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillors Becky Rodgerson, Liz Blanchard and Mrs J. Beaumont

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

NC declared a non-prejudicial interest as Chair of St. Martins Green Residents Association (SMG). **NDB** declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of SMG Residents Association, **AS** declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of SBC's Planning Committee. **APPROVED AMc, NC**

NDB asked that item 10a) be brought forward to the beginning of the meeting to allow for Rev. Kate Brown (RevKB) to make representation. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

10a) Christmas Event 2025 Review

NDB welcomed **RevKB** to the meeting. He commented that numbers attending the event were down on 2024. Some residents left early. Concern was expressed as to the number of songs sung by the choir. Prior notice of what was to be sung needs to be given before the event and more children appropriate songs sung. Notice should be given when Santa was imminently to arrive. **AS** suggested that the Parish Council should liaise with Yarm Town Council to make sure that dates for events do not clash and also Yarm School as it was also their concert that afternoon. **KB** pointed out to the meeting that she had given up singing at the Yarm School concert in order to light and bless the Play Park Christmas Tree. When she arrived at the Village Hall she was told nobody was going out from the choir to sing as the tree was being blessed. Unhappy that she was going to be on her own. Some residents did come over. In the hall the choir sang for some 40 minutes which was far too long. It was not a concert. Lots of upset people. The Messy Children sang 'This Little Light of Mine', which was more in keeping with the event. The choir then continued to sing. There was a need to sing more appropriate songs as this was a children's event and they were becoming unhappy because they were waiting for Father Christmas to arrive. **NDB** asked the meeting as to what was different from previous years. He has also received a suggestion that, in future years, the event is children focused with the possibility of a children's party being organized with entertainment and, of course, Father Christmas to attend. **RevKB** indicated that she would be happy to become involved in a children focused event/party next year. **NDB** agreed that we need to liaise with Yarm and also hold a review. **RevKB** left the meeting.

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the November meeting was duly read. **APPROVED AMc. NC**

4) MATTERS ARRISING FROM THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - All items on Agenda

5) PLANNING

a) Kirklevington Hall Planning Application – 25/1001/FUL

KS reported to the meeting that she had met Richard Spencer and was shown the proposed plans of the site. Discussed the issue of the footpath and talked about the proposed land next the existing footpath of the A67 and, if adopted, the future costs. Talked about running the footpath/cycle path through development. Several options as to the route for the footpath/cycle path were also discussed. **NDB** suggested that there is a need for a conversation to be organized. **AS** reported that he had spoken to Chris Renahan and suggested that he be contacted and the issues be discussed. He also indicated that he was not sure as to when the application would be going before the Planning Committee. **NDB** confirmed the importance of keeping A. Alton, David Bell, Matt Vickers and all Parish Councillors in the loop.

b) 25/1330/OUT - Land South of Green Lane, Castle Leavington – 600 dwellings

NDB reported to the meeting that there is now a proposal that has been become part of the planning application for a new road from the proposed development to run down Castle Leavington Road and cross the field towards the junction with Kirklevington Hall.

c) Planning Update and Proposed Developments

i) St. Martins Green – Story Homes

NC reported that he had little to report. The wildlife corridor has been planted together with 8 trees and hedging. He also expressed concern that horses are continuing to use the PROWs to ride along and are causing damage to the landscaping. These are not Bridle Paths **NDB** suggested that there is a need to tidy up the area to the side of the A67 and for this area to be cut regularly. A small fence would be needed by the drainage for safety reasons.

ii) Taylor Wimpey – Oaklands

NDB indicated that this site is in the final stages of construction. Heavy vehicles are still accessing the site and are causing concern to residents. It still remains a concern that several inconsiderate drivers are exiting and entering the site at speed.

iii) Duchy Homes/Banks Homes– Hall Wood Meadow/The Cornfields - 22/1846/REM.

NDB expressed concern that the A67 continues to be covered in mud from site vehicles and suggested that the need for wheel washing be conducted.

iv) Knowles Farm

AS has spoken to Martin Parker from SBC and requested a site visit to discuss the traffic calming plan for Forest Lane which is part of their approved planning application.

b) APPLICATIONS

25/2388/X 17 Ash Grove, Kirklevington, TS15 9NQ

Application to crown reduce by 2m and crown thin by 10% 1no Beech tree (T1) of tree preservation order 385 (00.8.5.384)|

c) Delegated Decisions

25/2385/PDA – Hill House Farm, Forest Lane Kirklevington, TS15 9PY

Prior notification for the erection of 1no agricultural building. **APPROVED**

25/2334/DCH – HM Prison, Kirklevington Grange, TS15 9PA

Information to discharge condition 8 (Biodiversity Net Gain) of planning approval

24/0278/FUL – Retrospective application for 3no detached modular buildings and full planning permission for the construction of 6 no. two storey detached modular buildings, the erection of 2 no. plant rooms, a generator area, switch room, associated works. **APPROVED**

24/0278/BMA – HM Prison, Kirklevington Grange, TS15 9PA

Non material amendment to planning approval 24/0278/FUL (Minor changes to landscape design to align with BNG Management and Monitoring Plan) **APPROVED**

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- Mark Nozedar – Dead tree Pump Lane to be looked into.
- David Bell – Road link from Taylor Wimpey proposed site Green Lane to A67 details
- A. Alton – Details of Northern Echo report of possible M & S food store on Green Lane Sports Field site.
- Wendy Sycamore, Open Reach – Roll out of Full Fiber Broadband update
- Save Yarm Petition Update
- Mayor's Office – Christmas Wishes

9) FINANCE

a) Payments

Mrs R Mazonas

Salary December 2025	£383.06
Broadband November 2025	£29.99
Christmas Event Supplies -	£82.94
Thank you gifts	£50.75
	£546.74

HMRC – PAYE

Oct, Nov, Dec 25	£295.60
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N. DeBadgecoe	£187.62
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Printer /Stationery Supplies	
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b) Finance Update

The **PC** circulated up to date details of the Parish Council's finances to date.

10) VILLAGE ISSUES

a) Christmas Event – 7.12.2025

Item moved to beginning of meeting.

11) ROAD SAFETY

a) Speed Limit A67 – The Crown

NDB reported that this was an ongoing and approved project.

b) Speed Cameras

NDB confirmed that there is a need to slow down traffic. Speed cameras can only be used on lamp posts if they are light. Would need access to electricity or use solar energy. Speed bumps are difficult to install as nobody actually wants them in front of their homes. Speed cushions are an alternative but would cost in the region £11,000 each.

NDB indicated that the data from the camera at the junction of Pump Lane is becoming less and less useful and the camera is not recording all data.

d) Road Markings Junction of St. Martins Way/The Green

NDB reported that the issue of disappearing road markings at the junction of St. Martins Way and The Green have been reported. Hopefully, once reinstated, drivers will stop cutting across the corner at the junction which results in them meeting oncoming traffic exiting St. Martins Way. It is important to avoid an accident happen

e) Condition of Sinking Road on The Green

The PC to report this issue to **Martin Parker** of **SBC** and give him details of the history of this section of the road - original site of a pond, until recently and before Story Homes installed drainage at their site, water from the original field drained down this section of The Green, 3 demolished houses and rebuilt on specialist foundations. The extremely heavy vehicles using this section of the road from and to the Taylor Wimpey site has not helped and also the volume of vehicles.

12) AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING

Budget/Precept 2026/27

13) Meeting Date – Parish Council

Monday, 19th January at 7.00p.m. in Kirklevington Memorial Hall

Circulation: Parish Councilors Nigel. DeBadgecoe (Chair), Neil Clement (Vice Chair), Jenny. Smith, Dr. Alistair McLee, Liz Blanchard, Becky Rogerson, Karen Sheilds

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Borough Councilors Andrew Sherris, Dan Fagan, John Coulson, Yarm Ward (representing Green Lane), **Mayor of the Tees Valley:** Ben Houchen, **MP** Matt Vickers

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NDB CLOSED THE MEETING AND WISHED EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR 2026.