

KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 23rd February 2026 at 7.00p.m held in
The Balcony, Kirklevington Memorial Hall**

Present: Nigel DeBadgecoe (Chair) (NDB)
Neil Clement (Vice-Chair) (NC)
Alistair McLee (AMc)
Becky Rogerson (BR)
Liz Blanchard (LB)
Karen Shields (KS)
Jenny Smith (JS)
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

Also in attendance: Mrs. J. Beaumont (JB), Borough Councillor J. Coulson (JC)

NDB reported, before the start of the , the sad death of Dr. Jim Parker who was a member of the Parish Council for many years. Helped write the Community Plan, actively contributing to the Parish Council and all other events. He was also a Trustee of the William Hall Trust. The PC to send flowers and condolences to Ann Parker and her family.

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillor Mr A. Sherris

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

NC & NDB declared a non-prejudicial interest as Chair of St. Martins Green Residents Association (SMGRA). **LB** declared a non-prejudicial interest as having a business in the village. **JC**

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the January meeting was duly read. **APPROVED NC, BR**

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

5) PLANNING

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

NDB asked when this application is due to go before SBC Planning Committee meeting and the **PC** confirmed that the meeting was advertised on the Planning Portal as being on the 4th of March 2026. We have received an email from **AS** to inform us that the Northern Powergrid have stated that there is insufficient electricity within the Yarm and Southern Villages area to accommodate any further developments at this present time and that this will have to be taken into consideration when deciding future applications. Only one developer has managed to ring the remaining capacity. **NDB** confirmed that Andy Alton and David Bell are, on our behalf, continuing to push for a footpath/cycle route through the development. The existing footpath on the A67 is unlikely to be upgraded and is not part of this application as this is not a safe route.

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

NDB confirmed that should the link road come up in the future it would be a concern regarding the position on the A67 where it is proposed to join, which is opposite the existing lay-by. It is also of great concern on the Castle Levington Road which would cross over the field at a point in the road where there is an extreme dip in the road. We must see improvements to the A67 with lighting, a roundabout that exits from the Story site to allow for residents of Kirklevington to exit on to the road for onward journey to the A19. We must fight this proposal at all costs, and we must have an input as to where it exits on to the A67. **JS** pointed out that the A67 is a major radial route, and this must be taken into consideration. I would add that where it joins the A67 near the layby is close to the new agricultural building with an 'extended access' – this is likely to become a right of way and link both sides of the A67 together possibly for future development?

JC confirmed that Gareth Lightfoot is still a reporter and is seen at all planning applications.

c) Planning Update and Proposed Developments

i) St. Martins Green – Story Homes

NC reported

- The patch of road at the entrance to the site has now been resurfaced.
- Roads and footpaths at the development have now been resurfaced.
- Drains are now found to be blocked after all the rain. At the next meeting of the **SMGRA** will be looking to see if other residents are having issues with blocked drains.
- No entry sign at the end of Pump Lane is still not facing correctly.
- Although there has been a report on Facebook re raw sewage the **SMGRA** has not been informed of this issue.
- The Wildlife Corridor – Story is now not putting in a fence on the south side.

AMc questioned as to whether horses are still entering the site. **NC** confirmed that only one horse rider has entered that site and now recognizes that it is not a bridle path.

ii) Taylor Wimpey – Oaklands

NDB reported that he felt that the development is close to completion. We still continue to receive complaints about speeding vehicles.

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

NDB expressed his concern regarding the condition of the road from the development on to the A67. The amount of mud and the length of road affected makes it dangerous for drivers. The **PC** reported that she had seen wagons leaving the site dropping muddy water from their vehicles and questioned if this was the result of wheel washing that clearly was not adequate. The Road Sweeper that can be seen attempting to clean the road just seems to spray water on the road spreading the mud even further. The **PC** to once again report this matter to SBC and also request that signage be put on the road to warn drivers of the muddy road.

iv) Knowles Farm

NDB confirmed that there is a caveat for traffic calming and details still need to be drawn up. There is a question as to where the best place for them would be to be put. **JS** pointed out that there is a natural pinch point to the west of the railway bridge.

b) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

26/0296/TNOT – 79 Westlands, Kirklevington

Notice under regulation 5 of electronic communications code regulations for the installation of 1 no 10-metre light wooden pole

26/0253/FUL – HM Prison Kirklevington Grange, Kirklevington TS15 9PA

Application for the erection of electricity sub station

26/0217/VARY – Field View Camp Site, Green Lane, Yarm TS15 9EH

Section 73 application to vary condition no 11 (Drainage Strategy) of planning approval 16/3179/OUT – Outline application with some matters reserved for the erection of 6 no dwellings with associated means of access

c) DELEGATED DECISIONS

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

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

6) WILLIAM HALL TRUST – TRUSTEES

The **PC** read out the terms of the William Hall Trust which is a registered Charity for their information. The William Hall Trust is managed by 3 Trustees as per the Rules of the Scheme which is run as a Charity. Both individuals and groups can apply for funding. One Trustee is always to be the Vicar with 2 further approved Trustees by the Parish Council for a term of 4 years. Helen Ferrar has come to the end of her 4 year term but is willing to continue in the post. Helen has done a good job over the last 4 years. **APPROVED LB, JS.** There is now a vacancy following the death of Dr, Jim Parker and Damien Hadfield has put his names forward to fill the vacancy. **APPROVED NDB, LB**

The **PC** to write and confirm the appointments.

7) SAFEGUARDING REVIEW POLICY DOCUMENT/OFFICER

The **PC** confirmed that over the last year there had been no safeguarding issues or changes needed to the policy document. **BR** confirmed that she was happy to remain as Safeguarding Officer.

8) PLAY AREA – WALL

AMc confirmed that he was monitoring the cracks in the wall. The wall is very wet and will need to dry out. Once dried out he will be able to fit the monitoring disks which need to be fitted with glue which does not dry in cold weather.

NDB pointed out that there were possible other ways to solve this issue.

9) CORRESPONDENCE

- Yvonne Wallace – SAVE YARM – Update presentation of petition to full Council meeting.
- Civic Enforcement – Update re parked motorhome in lay-by A67
- A. Alton – Update re attending SAVE YARM presentation of petition to full Council
- Mr A Lloyd – Email re attendance at January meeting re link road
- R. Morrow, SBC – Planting and grass cutting A67
- Yarm and Eaglescliffe Community Partnership – Meeting
- Michael Naylor, SBC – BE BIN READY leaflet for web site
- Duchy Homes HV connection roadworks details

- Natalya , SBC – Tees Valley Combined Authority have asked Teesside University to conduct a study re barriers re accessing work, education, training
- A. Sherris – Northern Power Grid indicating limited capacity in Yarm and area
- Mayor’s Office – Afternoon Tee at Preston Hall & Museum 18th March
- A. Alton - 24/7 Royal Mail Parcel Lockers at the Village Hall
- A. Alton – Post box Forest Lane – Not in service – possible upgrade
- R. Morrow, SBC -Proposed double yellow lines from Railway Bridge past Conyers – notice being sent out to residents.

All items of correspondence were discuss in full.

10) FINANCE

a) Payments

Mrs R Mazonas		
Salary February 2026	£371.30	
Broadband January 2026	£29.99	
Flowers of Condolence	£20.99	
Poop Dog Bag Dispenser x 3	£59.06	
Poop Dog Bags	£7.59	
Minute Pad Meetings	£8.60	
Pole Mounting Brackets	£12.49	
Pole Mounting Brackets	£44.23	
A3 Printing Paper	<u>£16.19</u>	<u>£600.43</u>
Mrs H. Ferrar		£75.72
Plants – Pump Lane Bench		

b) Finance Update

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

c) Risk Assessment 2025/202.

The **PC** had circulated the document pre meeting and also circulated paper copies at the meeting. There is a need for an addition to the documents re the Environment Group.

The document is to be considered at the next meeting with alterations.

11) VILLAGE ISSUES

a) Kirkfest 2026 – Weekend

- **12th June 2026 - Race Night**
- **13th June, 2026 - Picnic on The Green and Children’s Games**
- **14th June 2026 - Cream Tea**

The school have been informed of the dates if they wish to be included over the weekend.

b) Christmas Event 2026 – Sunday, 13th December 2026

Date to be confirmed with Village Hall.

c) Environment Group

LB reported that 5 sections of land have been identified for work to be carried out with Rob Morrow of SBC. Daffodils and plants have been planted by the bench on Pump Lane/Thirsk Road. **LB** requested that wildflower seeds be purchased which are to be sewn

by the Environment Group Team. **£300** was **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY** Also a need for paving slabs by the car park. Lots of areas within the village are being considered for improvement. The **PC** to purchase Hi Viz waistcoats and safety glasses for use by the Environment Group. **NDB** asked if anybody has any ideas or locations as to where we can improve areas. **KS** asked if there were to be more planters and commented that the display of planters at The Crown is a gateway to the village.

d) Poop Dog Bag Dispensers

NDB reported that 3 dispensers are to be installed in the village and they would be monitored to see if they are being used sensibly and without locks.

NC suggested that each dispenser be looked after by a different Parish Councillor

e) Facebook Page

Just to confirm that the Kirklevington Village News Facebook Page does not take advert.

12) ROAD SAFETY

a) Speed limit A67 – The Crown

NDB reported to the meeting that we have received confirmation from Rob Morrow that work should start in the next financial year after the consultation period. **NDB** reported that the red strips on the road are expensive and not a good use of money.

b) Speeding Vehicles

NDB reported that speeding on St. Martins Way is always being reported. Traffic calming measures are a non-starter as once the speed limit has been reduced to 30mph by The Crown on the A67 we will be able to put forward for consideration a further reduction in the speed limit to 20mph in Kirklevington Village.

c) Condition of Sinking Road on The Green

The **PC** reported that following the reporting of the condition of the road on The Green, white lines have now been painted on the road so hopefully the area concerned will be repaired shortly.

d) Road Condition West of Railway Bridge, Forest Lane

AMc reported to the meeting that he had held an on-site meeting with Stewart Hinch from SBC re the condition of the road which is too narrow west of the railway bridge and causes drivers to drive off the road into the gully. Suggestions were made to paint white lines down the side of the road, but this was confirmed that this was unsatisfactory. The road is too narrow and needs to see dolomite put at the side of the existing road. **AMc** took Stewart to the village garage to see the damage that is being caused to vehicles.

e) Notice Board – The Green

NDB asked members as to where the new noticeboard is to be sited. After a discussion it was decided that the new noticeboard should be position where the existing noticeboard, which has to be removed due to its poor condition, is situated. It was agreed to place the new noticeboard at the site of the existing noticeboard. Dodds to be approached to install the board.

f) Panel to side of A67

The **PC** was requested to report to Darren Thompson re both the fallen panel and the condition of the hedge to the side of the A67.

13) AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING

Review updated Risk Assessment

14) Date – Parish Council Meetings

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