

= **KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 17th April, 2023 at 7.00p.m held in the
Small Hall, Kirklevington Memorial Hall**

Present: Mr N. DeBadgecoe (Chair) (NDB)
Mr D. Hadfield (Vice Chair) (DH)
Mrs. J. Beaumont (JB)
Dr. A. McLee (AMc)
Mr T. Collins (TC)
Mrs J. Smith (JS)
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

Also in attendance: Rev. Kate Brown, Mrs E. Hampton

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Parish Councillor A. Alton, Borough Councillors D. Fagan & A. Sherris, PCSO R. Shepherd,

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

JB declared a non-prejudicial interest as Treasurer of Kirklevington Memorial Hall. **JB** showed a non-prejudicial interest as a close neighbour of planning application 21/0156/FUL. **TC** showed a non-prejudicial interest as a close neighbour of planning application 17/2730/FUL, **DH** declared a non-prejudicial interest as employed in a Government Department.

NDB requested to the meeting that item 9 a) be brought forward to allow for Rev Kate Brown (representing The Church) to take part in discussions. **AGREED**

9 a) EVENTS 2023

- **Coronation of King Charles III – May, 2023**

It was agreed at the meeting that the following events will be taking place on **Sunday, 7th May, 2023:**

1. **Coronation Commemorative Service at 10.00a.m. at Kirklevington Church**
2. **Raising of the Union Flag at the Flag Pole in the Play Area at 11.00a.m.**
3. **Refreshments in the Village Hall following Church Service and Raising of the Union Flag**
4. **Children's Tea Party, organised by The Church, in the Village Hall at 2.30p.m.**
5. **Picnic with Music on The Green from 4.00p.m. – Residents to bring their own chairs, picnic/drinks etc.**

The **PC** to organise posters and individual leaflets to be delivered to residents.

- **BUS STOP A67** - **JS** reminded the meeting that the original bus stop on the A67 was originally erected to celebrate the Queens' Coronation in 1953. The money to built the bus stop was raised by public subscription. It was suggested that it should be decorated as part of the Coronation celebrations.

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the March meeting were duly read, **APPROVED AMc, TC**

4) MATTERS ARISING MINUTES - No issues

5) PLANNING

a) PLANNING UPDATE

i) Story Development

- Following the work that has been carried out recently to the drains, this leaves a previously grassed area requiring re seeding. The Parish Council are happy to contribute to the cost of the reseeding. APPROVED AMc, DH
- It was pointed out that the hedge that had been removed by Story along the A67 would now need to be reinstated.
- The POW continue to be well used by all residents and have become an important link within the community. Story Homes have gone out of their way to improve the footpaths recently.

ii) Taylor Wimpey

- Extreme concerned is being expressed by all residents that the suds at the Taylor Wimpey site are so full that they are overflowing and leaving residents in both Westlands and Hall Moor Close fearful that both there gardens and homes could flood. Taylor Wimpey are bringing on to site extremely large tankers to pump away some of the water to allay the issue. Urgent action is clearly needed to solve this issue. Concern has also been expressed that these large tankers are accessing the site very early on a morning and outside of the permitted times for access.
- It has been noted by residents that hedge cutting has been taking place on the Taylor Wimpey site. It should be noted that hedge cutting cannot take place between 1st March until 31st July which is the nesting season for birds.

iii) Duchy Homes – 22/1846/REM

It has been noted that there has been some activity at the site and advertising boards have gone up behind the hedges.

iv) Knowles Farm

It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that two adults and a child had entered Knowles Farm and the active site of the new development without consent.

This was a concern to member of the Parish Council and members of the public should be reminded of the danger of entering active building sites.

b) APPLICATIONS

No application received

c) DELEGATED DECISIONS

23/0294/ADV – Play Area, Pump Lane, Kirklevington TS15 9LQ

Advertisement consent for 1no. non illuminated flagpole.

APPROVED

6) PLAY AREA

- The Parish Council are delighted to see that the new gym equipment is actively being used by residents.
- Protective caps on equipment are to be replaced by DH.

7) CORRESPONDENCE

- JNP Group – Consultation request re installation of tactile paving at Yarm Station.
- Andy Bryson, SBC – Precept
- PCSO Rachel Shepherd – Crime Figures
- NALC

8) FINANCE

a) Payments

Mrs R Mazonas

Salary April, 2023	£ 326.02	
Broadband, March, 2023	£24.35	<u>£350.37</u>
A. Alton		£15.60
Flag Pole – Stone chipping/top dressings		

b) Accounts Update

The **PC** circulated the monthly updates to all Parish Councillors for their information

c) FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23

The **PC** circulated copies of the completed Financial Accounts for the year 2022-23 to all Parish Councillors for their scrutiny. **DH** agreed to inspect the accounts on behalf of the Parish Council before they are presented to the Parish Council at the May meeting for approval and before they are given to the Internal Auditor.

d) Grant – Messy Church

Rev Kate Brown thanked and expressed her appreciation re the grant that the Parish Council gave to Messy Church.

9) VILLAGE ISSUE

EVENTS

- **Kirkfest 24/25th June, 2023**

Kirkfest is being considered which will include a Scarecrow Competition and Picnic on The Green. Kirklevington Primary School to be contacted re the possibility that they might want to hold their Summer Fair that weekend. The **PC** to contact.

- **Christmas Event 2023**

To be discussed at a later date. The Choir to be approached.

10) ROAD SAFETY

a) Road Signage A67

NDB reported that he had still received no communication from A, Corcorran of SBC re the issue of signage on the A67.

b) Motor Home

NDB reported that following complaints from residents re the motor home that is continually parked in front of the homes on Levington Court and is causing a visual obstruction to drivers on the A67, unfortunately no action can be taken as it is parked on a public highway and not illegally. Concern was expressed that it was still causing a nuisance to residents therefore no action can be taken.

c) Pump Lane Parking Issues

NDB confirmed that double yellow lines are still being considered by SBC. Signage has gone up and hopefully car users using the Village Hall will begin to park on the car park at the Story site.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – 2022/23

Coronation Event – Sunday 7th May, 2023

Summer Event – Kirkfest - 24th/25th JUNE 2023

Christmas Event – 10th December, 2023

12) MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING

As per Agenda

13) MEETING DATES

Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday, 25th May, 2023 at 7.00p.m. – Small Hall, Kirklevington Memorial Hall

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, 25th May, 2023 at 7.30p.m. – Small Hall, Kirklevington Memorial Hall

RETIRING PARISH COUNCILLORS

- Before closing the meeting **NDB** took the opportunity to thank **Parish Councillor Jennie Beaumont** for all her support as both a Parish Councillor and during the years when she was a Borough Councillor. Her knowledge and advice has been greatly appreciated. **JB** was presented with a gift.
- **NDB** also expressed his thank to **Parish Councillor Andy Alton** for all his help and expertise over the last few years. His support has been greatly appreciated. Although he was not able to attend this meeting a gift is to be given to him by **NDB**.

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