

KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
**Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday, 20th April, 2022 at 7.00p.m held in the
Small Hall, Kirklevington Memorial Hall**

Present: **Mr N. DeBadgecoe (Chair) (NDB)**
 Mr D. Hadfield (Vice Chair) (DH)
 Mr A. Alton (AA)
 Dr. A. McLee (AMc)
 Mrs J. Smith (JS)
 Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Mrs. J. Beaumont, Dr. A. McLee, A. Sherris & D. Fagan.

NDB reported at this point in the meeting that Ms R. Grainger has submitted her resignation and that this has been reported to SBC and the process of find a new Parish Council is in progress.

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

AA declared a non-prejudicial interest as Chair of the Kirklevington Memorial Hall Trustees. **DH** declared a non-prejudicial interest as employed in a Government Department.

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the March meeting were duly read, **APPROVED AA, NDB**

4) MATTERS ARISING MINUTES – None

5) BOUNDARY WARD CHANGES – STOCKTON ON TEES

A request was made that a letter of thanks go to Mr. Richard Hodgson for putting together a robust argument in favour of retaining all of Kirklevington and Castle Leavington within the Yarm Ward. Unfortunately all comments were not taken into consideration and Kirklevington will now be in the Southern Villages Ward with representation from one Borough Councillor who will be responsible for Kirklevington, Castle Leavington, Hilton and Maltby. The **PC** to write.

6) PLANNING

a) PLANNING UPDATE

i) Story Development - **NDB** reported to the meeting::

- The need to investigate the number of dwellings occupied already as the numbers do not seem to tally with SBC.
- A resident of St. Martins Way has been keeping a record of start and finish times of the Wearmouth workers together with video evidence. The start times in particular have been as early as 6.30a.m. during the week and before 8.00a.m. on an weekend. These times are not the agreed working times and, as such, have been forwarded to SBC for investigation. SBC have now contacted Story Homes and requested that spot checks be carried out by them to ensure that Wearmouth are not in breach of the agreed start times for work.
- Concern has been expressed by the lack of road marking and signage at the junction of Pump Lane and Stell Lane. With no clear signage as to who has priority this could become an issue.
- The no entry signage at the junction of Pump Lane by Squirrels Leap is also of concern and appears not to be facing in the right direction at times. Road markings needs to be painted on the road to reinforce the no entry sign.
- The beck on Pump Lane opposite to Town End Close appear to be in constant flood and extremely deep in paces. It would appear that the water only drains away into the drainage system when at a high level. It is clear that the drainage levels needs to altered.
- Litter flying around from the Story site continue to be of concern and unsightly.

ii) Taylor Wimpey - NDB reported to the meeting:

- The hedge has now been opened up to allow access into the site from St. Martins Way.
- Following the removal of the hedge and on inspection, the contractors who removed the hedge did not do a very good job. A large amount of barbed wire has been left together with metal spikes have been left which is a danger to residents. These issues are on the St. Martins Way side of the metal fence. **Elaine Atkinson** was informed of the problem in March and she had requested a quick response to the issues from **Taylor Wimpey** but unfortunately a workman only came to view the problem on the 20th April. He did not have the equipment to resolve the issue and promised to come back shortly. We await his return.
- We are assured that Taylor Wimpey are in discussion re the alternative route for site vehicles to access the St. Martins Way site and we await the results.

b) APPLICATIONS

22/0818/FUL – 9 Kirklevington Grange, TS15 9LL

Erection of a single storey rear extension and a canopy roof to front (demolition of existing conservatory)

22/0930/TNOT – Land at Prospect Villa, Grove Stables, Forest Lane, Kirklevington, TS15 9PY

Notice under regulations 5 of electronic communications code regulations for the installation of 1 no. 9 metre wooden pole

22/0853/DCH – Knowles Farm, Grove Bank, Kirklevington, TS15 9NG

Information to discharge conditions no. 7 (Discharge of Surface Water), no.11 (Construction Management Plan), no.12 (Site Construction Access) and no. 17 (Levels) of planning approval 16/3146/OUT – Outline planning application for erection of 10 no. detached dwellings with associated means of access (demolition of existing farmhouse and outbuildings).

22/0830/COU – Land North of 32 Forest Lane, Kirklevington, TS15 9LY

Change of use of land to residential garden and erection of single storey garden office building.

c) DELEGATED DECISIONS

22/0216/FUL – 26, The Green, Kirklevington TS15 9NW

Erection of a two storey front extension and a first floor rear extension **APPROVED**

7) QUEENS' JUBILEE 2022 – ORGANISATION OF EVENTS

NDB reported to the meeting that following a meeting of all interested groups within the community a spread sheet had been put together with all events being organised over the 4 day period. The organisation of the events is moving forward well and it is expected that details of the events will go out with the Newsletter very shortly.

8) PLAY AREA

NDB reported that the cycle rack is now in place at the Play Area on its new surface. Hopefully it will be used by those bringing cycles to the Play Area and they will no longer be a trip hazard.

The repurposed Climbing Net with matting is now in place and a big thank you goes to AA for all his hard work in restoring this well used piece of equipment. **AA** reported that all that was necessary now was some new soil over the matting and grass seeding. **NDB** reported that the pull up bar from the removed Trim Trail had been saved and questioned if there was a possibility that this too could be repurposed and a new frame made with matting and returned to the Play Area. **AA** suggested that some hedging whips could be used to thicken out and fill in gaps in the hedge at the Play Area.

9) CORRESPONDENCE

- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England - Stockton on Tees Electoral Review: Final Recommendations
- Paul Thompson, Story Homes – Car Park access
- Invitation to Annual Council Meeting, SBC
- NALC – Newsletter
- NALC Chief Executives Bulletin

10) FINANCE

a) Payments

Mrs R Mazonas

Salary April, 2022	£ 305.22	
Broadband, March, 2022	£22.28	
Stationery	£15.20	<u>£342.70</u>
A. Alton		£22.61
Aluminium Strips– Play Area		
A. Alton		£32.10
Grass Protection Mat – Play Area		

b) Accounts Update

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

11) VILLAGE ISSUES

a) Gazebo

Following the approval to purchase a gazebo for use within the community, **NDB** is to go forward with the purchase. The gazebo will be available to all community groups.

b) PROW – South of School Field

The Parish Council were very pleased to received notice via an email from **AS** that work to upgrade the PROW to the south of the school field together with drainage work from the field would commence on Monday, 2nd May for approximately 2 weeks. The **PC** confirmed that she had informed the school.

12) ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

a) Traffic Calming, Forest Lane

NDB discussed with the meeting of reducing the speed of vehicles using Forest Lane to 20mph in order to encourage all drivers to drive slower through Forest Lane and, at least, keep to the existing 30mph speed limit. This is an item that needs further discussion at a future meeting.

c) Service Bus

We understand that Arriva buses have submitted a quote for the service to Story Homes and await to see if it will be accepted by Story Homes.

d) Pedestrian Crossing – Green Lane

The Parish Council has been informed that Borough **Councillors Andrew Sherris and Dan Fagan** have agreed to fund a **TOPO survey** to support the need for a Green Lane pedestrian crossing.

e) Trees A67

AS also informed the Parish Council that SBC have now identified the dangerous trees which are situated to the side of the footpath on the A67 which need to be removed.

f) ARUP Report

AS also informed the Parish Council that the long awaited **ARUP** report has not yet been published. The PC to write to **Ian Robinson of SBC** for further information.

g) Overhanging hedges and Bushes

Residents are to be reminded that overhanging hedges and bushes both on footpaths and those that cause a problem to drivers whose sight lines are obstructed.

13) MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING

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SPEED LIMIT – FOREST LANE

14) MEETING DATES

Wednesday, 16TH May, 2022 at 7.30p.m. – Small Hall, Kirklevington Memorial Hall

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