

KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 17th November 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)
Liz Blanchard (LB)
Jenny Smith (JS)
Karen Shields (KS)
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

Also in attendance: Mr. Jeff Shields

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillor Andrew Sherris

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, **LB** declared a non-prejudicial interest as having a business in the village,

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the October meeting was duly read. **APPROVED NDB, NC**

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

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5) PLANNING

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

NDB reported that it has been suggested by the developer that they are willing to allow for the existing footpath to the side of the A67 to be widened into their land and they are happy to give this land to the Parish Council. The gift would make the land our responsibility. **NDB** indicated that he has written to the developer and suggested that the land should be gifted to Stockton Borough Council (SBC). **Mark Nozedar, the Arborist for SBC** has indicated that he is not happy to remove good trees although some are in need of being removed. The removal of trees is expensive, and this would be an unacceptable cost to the Parish Council. The removal of the trees should be part of the 106 agreement. **Jonathan Kibble of SBC** has indicated that 5 mtrs of land is needed to widen the footpath and include a cycle path.

NDB has also noted that the temporary footpath that was put in place whilst work was being carried out at the Duchy/Banks site has been removed.

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

NDB drew to the meetings attention that:

- The Traffic Survey that has been included in the above Planning Application is out of date and conducted in 2017. We could ask R. Morrow of SBC to conduct an up-to-date Traffic Survey/simple count, but it is clearly too late.

- Access and Egress need to be considered.
- Although it is too late to hold an up-to-date new Traffic Survey it should be noted that a request for this to be carried was raised in the past.

c) Planning Update and Proposed Developments

i) Story Homes – St. Martins Green

NC reported that he had received the following reply to his queries:

- The paths around the development are now being repaired.
- Appointment of Management Company – Open Space
- Aprox Management fee £185 per year to include ROSPA inspection of Play Equipment
- The footpath in front of Stell Way is to be planed off and resurfaced.
- The area of unfinished road at the entrance will undergo kerb and road remedial work.
- Areas of path around the MUGA will undergo remedial work.
- The tarmac path in the original shop area will undergo kerb work and a final surfacing.
- The footpath at the side of Carr Lane due to cracking has undergone replacement kerb work and will be resurfaced.
- All gully bags are to be removed.

NDB suggested to **NC** that he write to all residents to show all the issues that have been raised that require attention and indicate as to what has actually been repaired.

ii) Taylor Wimpey – Oaklands

NDB remains frustrated that cars continue to speed both in and out of the Oaklands site.

Signage has been considered and we continue to look at ideas to encourage drivers to slow down and consider other residents.

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

NDB reported that although the issue has been reported the A67 road continues to be very muddy. There is a clear need for wheel washing facilities before the exit from the site,

iv) Knowles Farm

NDB indicated that we are still waiting for details of the traffic calming on Forest Lane, which was part of the Planning Application, to be drawn up and installed on Forest Lane. He also indicated that we had received no formal reply re the water discharge from the site. A more detailed survey is necessary.

b) APPLICATIONS

25/2390/X – St. Martins Parish Church, Kirklevington, TS15 9LQ

Application to fell 1no. Beech Tree (T1) of tree preservation order 816 (00.8.5.816)

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

Prior notification for the erection of 1no. agricultural building

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

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

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

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

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

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

25/2222/PA2ND – Land South of Kirklevington Hall and West of the A67, Kirklevington

Prior Approval in relation to 25/1813/PDA (Prior Notification for the erection 1no. agricultural storage barn

c) DECISIONS

24/1770/NMA – Land South of Green Lane east of railway Line/West of A67 TS15 9EH |

Nonmaterial amendment to planning approval 24/1770/VARY (relocate Plots 138-139, extend gardens of plots adjacent to northern boundary, remove canopy positions, and plot substitution at Plots 61,62, 70, 71, 130, 131 (Beverley to Thornbury) **APPROVED**

25/2074/DCH – HM Prison, Kirklevington Grange, TS15 9PA

Information to discharge conditions no6 (Ecology Survey) and no9 (Discharge of Surface Water) of planning approval 24/0278/FUL - Retrospective application for 3no detached modular buildings and full planning permission for the construction of 6no two storey detached modular buildings, the erection of 2no plant rooms, a generator area, a switch room and associated works. **APPROVED**

d) NEIGHBOURING PARISH PLANNING APPLICATION

25/2399/OUT - Land At Green Lane Yarm

Proposal Outline planning application with all matters reserved except for means of access for the erection of up to 495no dwellings, with public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage system (SuDs) and associated infrastructure.

7) PLAY PARK

NDB confirmed that the hedges have now been cut. He also informed the PC that a new replacement flag has been put up. He also indicated that the 'Lest We Forget' Flag had been put up for Remembrance Day.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- Mayor's Carol Service – 4th and 5th December 2025
- Anne Lewis – No Entry Sign, Pump Lane – Needing attention
- Mayor's Charity Ball – Wynyard Hall, Friday 13th February 2025
- Martin Elwell – Work carried out to No Entry Sign, Pump Lane
- A. Alton – Land Registry work and Purch of Christmas Trees for Christmas Event
- Rob Morrow, SBC – Acknowledgement – White road markings needs attention.
- A. Alton – Drivers cutting the corner of St. Martins Way/The Green junction – potential accident.
- Carolyn Chubb – Volunteering to help out at Christmas Event
- Malcolm Hassell – Supporting the need for the reduction of speed limits (replied to by NDB)
- The Circuit – Request for Guardians to look after defibrillators

9) FINANCE

a) Payments

Mrs R Mazonas		
Salary November 2025	£359.74	
Broadband October 2025	£29.99	
Christmas Event Supplies -	£148.16	
Printer Ink	£13.72	
Halloween Prize (2 x 1 st extra £10)	<u>£10.00</u>	<u>£561.61</u>
M. P. Jackson		£156.50
Reinstated Fence St Martins Way		
A. McLee		£36.84
Crack Monitor Disks & supplies		
A. Alton		
Land Registry		£28.00
Christmas Trees Christmas Event	<u>£64.36</u>	<u>£92.36</u>
N. DeBadgecoe		
Emergency Fencing re collapsed fence	£92.50	
Ring binder equipment – Carol Books	<u>£129.88</u>	<u>£222.38</u>

b) Finance Update

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

c) Signatories – Bank Account

The **PC** indicated that the Parish Council needs to add new signatories to their HSBC bank account. The council members were asked to approval for NDB and NC to become signatories.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

10) VILLAGE ISSUES

a) Fence Pump Lane – **NDB** indicated that the fence has now collapsed and temporary barrier fencing has been put in place. The work to replace the fence will take place later this week.

b) Village Environment

- **LB** indicated to the meeting that 4 volunteers on the Friday and 2 x volunteers together with Duke of Edinburgh helpers have worked hard to clear leaves which has resulted in the yellow lines now visible, reclaiming footpaths along Forest Lane. It is our intention to clear back the vegetation by the beck and make it safe. It is hoped that eventually it will be possible to make this area a feature which is a long-term project.
- **LB** questioned as to who was responsible for the land between the A67 and the old hedge line alongside Story Homes? What can we do with the land?
- **AMc** indicated that the tree by the Story Car Park has now died and questioned as to who was responsible? **AMc** to contact **Marc Nozedar**.

- **LB** indicated to the meeting that an Action Plan needs to be formulated. The general appearance of the village needs to be improved – open space, planting and tubs.
- **NDB** reported to the meeting that he had been speaking to the management company responsible for Levington Mews and Levington Court and they are open to improving the area. He had discussed the hedge by the A67 which requires cutting and the pond which has hedging growing over the safety furniture.
- **LB** indicated that there were some trees that needed to be cut back on the A67 to improve the sight lines for motorists. **PC** to report.

b) Halloween – Once again a well-supported event with many houses taking part and decorating their homes. Once all the scores were added up there were 2 x 1st Prize winners and 1 x 3rd Prize. Certificates were delivered to their homes together with prize money.

c) Christmas Event – 7.12.2025

NDB gave notice that helpers would be needed both in the morning and afternoon to set up and serve at the event. **LB** indicated that she had organized for 2 x in the morning and 4 on the evening D of E participants have agreed to help out on the day.

d) Kirkfest 2026 – Dates agreed 13th/14th June 2026

e) Remembrance Sunday – The **PC** reported that this had, once again, been a well-supported occasion and that **BR** had laid a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council. Refreshments were served in the Village Hall afterwards and a collection was taken at the service and at the Worsall service with the money being given to the Royal British Legion in excess of £550 plus Gift Aid.

f) Noticeboard – The Green

The **PC** confirmed to the meeting that she had emailed Borough Councillor Elsi Hampton (**EH**) to ask if she could fund the replacement of the noticeboard from her ward budget. Details of the noticeboard that we would like are both bigger and made of recycled plastic and require little to no maintenance were sent to her. She also met **EH** and discussed the above.

11) ROAD SAFETY

a) Speed Limit A67 – The Crown

NDB reported that this was an ongoing and approved project.

b) Speed Cameras

Still being looked into.

c) Lay-by Forest Lane

JS reported that both lay-bys on Forest Lane under the pylons were now blocked at one end with one of the lay-bys having re altered access to the land which is across publicly owned land. This has also resulted in the roadside drainage ditch being blocked at a point where road flooding has been a problem in the past. This required investigation by SBC. To be reported

12) AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING - All items on Agenda

13) Meeting Date – Parish Council

Monday, 15th December 2025 at 7,00p.m. in Kirklevington Memorial Hall

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