

## **KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 7.00p.m held in  
The Balcony, Kirklevington Memorial Hall**

**Present:** Nigel DeBadgecoe (Chair) (NDB)  
Neil Clement (Vice Chair) (NC)  
Damian Hadfield (DH)  
Jenny Smith (JS)  
Liz Blanchard (LB)  
Becky Rogerson (BR)  
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

**Also in attendance:** Mrs. J. Beaumont (JB),

**1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Borough Councillor A. Sherris

### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

DH declared a non-prejudicial interest as employed in a Government Department. LB declared an interest as running business in the village. BR declared a non-prejudicial interest – NED - Beyond Housing. 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 Association.

### **3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes of the February were duly read. **APPROVED NDB, BR**

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

### **5) NOTICEBOARD UPDATE**

NDB reported that Dodds Fencing had inspected the recently installed noticeboard on St. Martins Green and was able to confirm that it had been installed securely.

### **6) CCTV -ST. MARTINS & ST. HILDA'S CHURCH**

NDB reported to the meeting that there have been several instances of interference with the lighting at The Church. He also reported that there has been several instances where signage has been damaged and removed on Pump Lane. He proposed that CCTV be fitted at The Church to cover strategic areas at The Church which would include part of Pump Lane. To be discussed with The Church. **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **7) PLANNING**

#### **a) Planning Update and Proposed Developments**

##### **i) Story Homes – St. Martins Green**

NC reported on items discussed at the Residents Group for St. Martins Green. They had looked at and discussed past issues.

- dog waste bins, yellow footpaths, cracks in pavements,

- The street lighting on Hutton Lane is still not working even though the tarmac had been laid.
- Bat Boxes – Story Homes contacting those residents who were due to have fitted.
- Temporary right of way which still needs to be closed.
- The fence by the previous show house was broken but now repaired.
- Road signage, some of which are not visible due to overgrown bushes,
- Questions were asked as to whether the Play Area and MUGA have been inspected by ROSPA.
- Inconsiderate and illegal parking within the roads on St. Martins Green.
- The possibility of a cycle and footpath routes through the proposed Kirklevington Hall site.

ii) Taylor Wimpey – Oaklands

It was reported that speeding drivers still remain an issue along St, Martins Way.

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

The notified roadworks has now begun. One major concern remains in that the roads are not being cleaned to a good enough standard and more is needed.

**iv) Knowles Farm** – Work is progressing with 4 homes now occupied.

**v) Kirklevington Hall (Formerly Judges Hotel)**

It was confirmed that we have not received notification of any planning application being submitted to Stockton Borough Council.

**c) APPLICATIONS**

**25/0284/LBC – 71 Forest Lane, Kirklevington TS15 9NE**

Listed building consent for the replacement of 2no. ground floor window to front.

**d) DELEGATED DECISIONS**

**25/0160/DCH – Land South of Green Lane, Kirklevington**

Information to part discharge condition no12 (Public Open Space and Play Facilities) of planning approval 12/1990/EIS = Outline application for residential development for up to 370 dwellings, additional railway station car parking, access, infrastructure, open space and landscaping (all matters reserved except for access).

**APPROVED**

**25.0145/DCH – Land at Knowles Farm, Kirklevington, TS15 9NG**

Information to discharge condition no. 2 (Soft Landscaping) of planning permission 21/2141/FUL – Erection of equestrian development consisting of stable block, indoor/outdoor riding area, walking pens and storage barn.

**APPROVED**

**25/0117/FPD – 4 Town End Close, Kirklevington, TS15 9NZ**

Application for the replacement/insertion of window and doors to the rear elevation

**APPROVED**

## **7) PLAY PARK**

### **a) Grass Cutting**

**NDB & NC** reported that following the cutting of the grass at the Play Area by John Beckwith they were both very pleased with the work carried out. Following a discussion as to how many times the grass would need to be cut it was agreed to ask John to cut the grass for us.

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **b) Fence around Christmas Tree**

**NDB** asked the question “do we need to have a fence around the Christmas Tree”. **LB** agreed that there was no need for one anymore. **DH & BR** agreed that it should be removed but some protection would be required for the electric post. **NDB** confirmed that there would be a need to provide some protection around the tree and the electrics over the Christmas period.

**c) TPOs** – The forms to apply for the work to the TPOs are being filled in.

### **c) Play Equipment**

It is being planned to organize cleaning and necessary work.

## **8) CORRESPONDENCE**

- Sarah Doyle, Story Homes – After Care North East Region – Various issues
- Kate Culverhouse, Banks Group – Introduction as Community Relations Manager
- Phil Hardie – Duchy Homes Development – Long Term Traffic Disruption details
- A. Alton – Story Homes Road Marking Signs
- SBC - VE-Day 80th Anniversary - Thursday 8 May 2025 – Beacons
- Annual Council Meeting Ceremony to Celebrate Mayoral Installation – 2 April 2025

## **9) FINANCE**

### **a) Payments**

Mrs R Mazonas

Salary, March 2025	£359.74	
Broadband February, 2025	£24.99	
Litter Pickers – Community Group	£59.96	
Stationery	£8.31	£453.00
Kirklevington Memorial Hall,		£400.00
Rent Payment April 2024 – March 2025		
John Beckwith		£110.00
Grass Cutting Play Area		
HMRC = PAYE		£269.40
3 months Jan, Feb  March		
Liz Blanchard		£45.30
Grent – Craft & Chat		

N DeBadgecoe		
Pump Sprayer	£44.70	
Surface Cleaner	£32.85	
Heavy Duty Gloves	£6.98	
Stationery	£63.86	
Wild Flowers	£91.48	£239.87
Elmtree fabrications		£84.00
Defibrillator Bracket		

### **c) Risk Assessment**

The completed Risk Assessment was presented to the meeting, and the PC is to go away and reorganize the format.

### **d) Review of Register of Interest Forms**

The PC requested that all Parish Councilors review their Register of Interest forms and duly initial and date if the information is still current or alter as necessary.

### **e) Grants**

LB was able to submit her final request for a grant for craft materials of **£45.30** which was approved at the February meeting.

### **f) Precept**

The PC was requested to make enquiries as to why Council Tax Bands above 'D' showed a larger percentage increase and how this is calculated. As a Parish Council when deciding on the Budget for 2025/26 it was agreed that we would not be requesting a large increase in the Parish Precept and using the calculation given by SBC for Band 'D' properties would only see a minimal increase.

## **10) SAFEGUARDING**

The PC circulated copies of the Safeguarding document which had been put together with the valued help of BR. The PC to email copies to all Parish Councilors for them to read through in detail. The need for a Safeguarding Officer was discussed and it was proposed the BR become our designated Safeguarding Officer. **APPROVED JS, NDB**

## **11) VILLAGE ISSUES**

### **a) Defibrillator**

NDB reported that following the purchase of a further defibrillator which is to be placed on Green Lane, it is proposed that it be placed at the lamppost which has been adopted by the entrance to Hornbeam. It was agreed that a plaque be placed on the defibrillator to indicate that it had been provided by our Parish Council together with a further label under the equipment.

### **b) Defibrillator Training Dates**

NDB reported that the dates for 2 training dates will be placed on the next Newsletter which is due to go out shortly – **Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> July at 3p.m. and Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7p.m. in Kirklevington Village Hall.**

### **c) Village Clean Up Volunteers**

LB reported that she had had replies back from 4 residents who were happy to go around the village and tidy. DH confirmed that he had some equipment that they could use. LB stated that they would be cleaning signs, removing waste and generally tidying the village. A few more cleaning items would be needed. **APPROVED NDB, DH**

### **d) Cleaning of ditches**

Several residents had expressed concern re noticing a JCB working on land behind Ash Grove. It was confirmed that it was Theakston Estates who were cleaning out linear woods, clearing fallen timber, clearing the beck that runs into Picton Stell and improving the drainage .

### **e) KIRKFEST 2025**

The following dates for everyone's diaries are as follows:

- **School Summer Fete - Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June**
- **Kirkfest Picnic on The Green – 21<sup>st</sup> June**
- **Children's Games on The Green 21<sup>st</sup> June**
- **Race Night – 28<sup>th</sup> June (Details to follow)**
- **Cream Tea – 29<sup>th</sup> June**

### **f) Christmas Event**

An early date for your diary for the very popular **Christmas Event – 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**

## **11) ROAD SAFETY**

### **a) Speedwatch**

To be organized.

### **b) Speeding Traffic – Reduction in Speed Limit A67**

NDB confirmed that he was working with SBC to get the speed limit reduction by The Crown.

## **AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING**

**All Items on previous Agenda 17.03.2025**

### **13) Meeting Dates**

**Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2025 at 7.00p.m. in The Balcony, Kirklevington Memorial Hall.**

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**Borough Councillor** Mrs. E. Hampton – Southern Villages Ward

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

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