

KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 19th June, 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)
Dr. A. McLee (AMc)
Mrs J. Smith (JS)
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

Also in attendance: Borough Councillor Mr J. Coulson (JC)

Mrs. L. Blanchard (LB), Mr T Colins (TC), Mrs J. Beaumont (JB), Mr Gareth Lightfoot (Press)

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Borough Councillors D. Fagan & A. Sherris, PCSO R. Shepherd, Sally. Aitchison, Tees Valley Mayor Ben Houchen,

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

DH declared a non-prejudicial interest as employed in a Government Department.

JC declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of SBC's Planning Committee

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the June meeting were duly read, **APPROVED AMc, DH**

4) MATTERS ARISING MINUTES - No issues

5) ELECTION OF CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR

The vacancies still remain on the Parish Council following the recent election process. Terry Colins & Mrs E. Blanchard were proposed to the Parish Council as Co-opted Members . Approved by **NDB DH**

7) PLANNING

a) PLANNING UPDATE

i) Story Development

- It has been reported that two men all dressed in black had broken into the Story site and a storage container.
- Still the need for a second bin on St. Martins Green.
- Chris Ranahan of SBC is happy for the additional bin to be emptied by SBC.

ii) Taylor Wimpey

- Concern has been expressed re the damage to trees by vehicles driving through The Green. **AMc** reported that one incident was reported to the site manager at the Taylor Wimpey site and he was able to identify the vehicles and company that it belonged to.
- Concern is continuing to be expressed re vehicles accessing the Taylor Wimpey site outside of the approved start and leave times .
- Although a man has been placed at The Crown by Taylor Wimpey to stop access to the village at the restricted vehicular movement times, not all drivers are adhering to these restrictions and continue on through the village.
- The Suds on the Taylor Wimpey site continue to cause concern. The area that the suds are now sited was due to be a public open space but now hosts the suds which holds thousands of gallons of water. Although it is the summer months, water from the natural streams that

can be found at the site, continue to feed into the suds. Questions are being asked as to what will happen in the winter and wet months. Will the suds be able to hold such vast amounts of water without overflowing. Although the original planning application for this development was refused by **SBC** and subsequently approved by the Planning Inspector, it is still the responsibility of **SBC** to enforce the terms of the approved application

- **Elaine Atkinson** of **SBC** has now requested that all issues are sent in to her on a spread sheet. Issues that have been reported over the last 3 years must also be taken into consideration and the Parish Council will continue to ensure that this will happen.K
- **NDB** reported that although residents are being worn down by the problem that result from this development, we would urge them to continue reporting all issues to the Parish Council to enable them to report in the required way to **SBC**. Photographs, videos, diaries and recorded and dated times that incidents occur. **SBC** must take these issues seriously and take appropriate action.
- **NDB** reported that It is clear that there is an urgent need for an enforcement team to be reinstated by **SBC**. Removing this important and effective team has been to the detriment of all planning applications.
- **NDB** reported that **Chris Cummings** of **SBC** had come back and looked into issues.
- The work to connect to the mains cable continues on St. Martins Way. This was due to be a 2 week job but unfortunately they are still searching for the link to the supply and the work has been extended. We understand that they need permission to extend their search for the electricity supply link beyond the agreed area.
- **NDB** reported that there is an urgent need for a single point of contact at Taylor Wimpey. With no point of contact any emergency issues at the site during out of hours cannot be reported. A recent incident demonstrated this.
- Residents have been led to believe by staff at the Taylor Wimpey site that the grassed kerbed areas down St. Martins Way are to be removed. The **PC** to contact **S. Dodds** of **SBC**.
- Concern is being expressed that the Parish Council are not being kept informed of work that is to be carried out and it would be very useful if a calendar of events be shared with the Parish Council by Taylor Wimpey.

iii) Duchy Homes – 22/1846/REM

We still await to see when this site will become live. The wild copse of trees at the site will need to be monitored to ensure that they are protected.

v) Knowles Farm

Nothing to report at this present time.

vi) Yarm School – Bridge over River

JC was able to report that a new application has ben submitted by Yarm School to change the siting of the approved bridge and also the materials to be used i.e. metal rather than a wooden bridge.

b) APPLICATIONS - No applications received

c) DELEGATED DECISIONS

23/0638/DCH – Land to West of St. Martins Way, Kirklevington

Information to discharge condition no.3 (materials) of planning approval 21/0156/FUL **APPROVED**

7) PLAY AREA

- The wooden post next by iron gate into the Church grounds is rotten and needs replacing
- **NDB** is actively looking into a suitable sign for the Play Area. It is being considered that it should also incorporate a small notice board.
- The grass continue to be cut by volunteers on the Parish Council and a big thank you.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Alton – Vegetation on Public Footpath reported to SBC
- P. Hewitt – Flagpoles at Taylor Wimpey site not positioned as per approved plan.
- J. Trainer SBC – Election Forms
- N. Crowther Kirklevington Primary School – School Fete Notice
- Aisling Ryan, SBC Enforcement Team – Motor Home issue
- SBC – Notification cutting of rural grass – Forest Lane, Long Lane & Castle Leavington Lane.
- J. Butcher, SBC – Implications re suds ponds and insurance.
- Chris Renahan, SBC – Taylor Wimpey – reply following meeting to discuss issues.
- J. Smith – Bridge damage Forest Lane
- J. Trainer/F.Srogi – Acceptance of Office and Register of Interest Forms
- Dr. J. Parker, Acceptance as Trustee of the William Hall Trust.

9) FINANCE

a) Payments

Mrs R Mazonas		
Salary June, 2023	£ 326.02	
Broadband, May, 2023	£27.86	
Thank You Gift Internal Auditor		
D. Claybrook	£38.00	
Stamps Kirkfest Flyer	£17.60	
Cork Noticeboard	£25.99	
Felt Notice Board	£10.99	
Adhesive Glue Noticeboard	£8.39	
Laminator Pouches A3	£24.99	
6 coloured flags – Kirkfest	£34.23	£514.07
HMRC		£244.20
3 months April, May, June		
A. Alton,		£39.44
Supplies – Gate for Tree fence		
N. DeBadgecoe		£7.50
Ice Pops – Coronation Event		
Stockton on Tees Borough Council		
Play Area Inspection Agreement – 2023-2024		£1,259.04

b) Accounts Update

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

c) FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23

The **PC** confirmed that the Financial Accounts for 2022/23 are now ready to be sent to the External Auditors – Mazars. A notice re the Exercise of Public Rights is now on the noticboard and web site.

10) VILLAGE ISSUE

a) EVENTS

• Kirkfest 24/25th June, 2023

1) NDB reported to the meeting that a **Treasure Hunt** has been put together by himself with the help of **LB**. All the village is covered – new and old. Print offs of the hunt can be found in the box at the entrance to the Village Hall and also on www.kirkcommunity.co.uk. Prizes will be given out after marking.

2) Afternoon Tea – Sunday 25th

Volunteers are needed to help on the afternoon. Volunteers to make scones.

3) Scarecrows

Although it is hoped that residents will put scarecrows up we will have to wait and see who gets into the spirit of the event and puts them up

4) School Fete – Saturday Morning 24th

NDB reported that the Parish Council are to provide stocks for the event at a cost of £50.00. Posters have also been put up in the village. A sound system has been offered by the village hall and a slush machine has also been made available.

5) Picnic on The Green – Saturday Afternoon from 4.00p.m. – 24th

Portable toilets have been ordered. The Pizza Van and Ice Cream Van are to attend the event. Flags to be put up around The Green. Music to be provided by Andy Alton.

6) Children's Games – Sunday Afternoon 3.30p.m. – 25th

Games are being organised by **LB** together with prizes.

7) A thank you also goes out to **Ethan Kirk**, who is completing his D of E, for helping at events

b) Christmas Events 2023 - The **PC** to put this item on the Agenda in September for discussion

c) Nest Boxes

AMc reported that some boxes had been placed around The Church. There is a need for Swift cavities to encourage birds to nest due to their decline. Sites to place such cavities to be looked in to and appropriate buildings. Swifts like to be in colonies and several cavities are needed.

d) POLICE REPORTING OF INCIDENTS

JC reported to the meeting that the Police have launched an app – **COPA** - which enables anyone who has access to a mobile phone to report issues. Although not all reports can result in action being taken it would result in the incident being logged and a crime number being given. The Police would then be able to take action if required. You can view this app if you google the following:

[Cleveland Online Policing App \(COPA\)](#)

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e) NDB reported that we continue to receive complaints re persistent barking dogs, uncontrollable dogs off their leads and also dog walkers who do not pick up after their dogs. All these issues seem to be escalating and the involvement of SBC may have to be taken into consideration.

9) ROAD SAFETY

a) Road Signage A67

Borough Councillor E. Hampton is looking into this issue and liaising with SBC. She hopes to report back shortly to the Parish Council

b) Pump Lane Parking Issues

SBC continue to look into this issue and we hope for a decision shortly.

c) Bends -Long Lane – Warning Signage

This is being looked at by SBC to see if there is any funding a possibility for such signage.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – 2023/24

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

Christmas Event – 10th December, 2023

12) MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING

Hedge Cutting and Repair Work to Post at Play Area

13) MEETING DATES

Parish Council Meeting

Monday, 17th July, 2023 at 7.00p.m. – Small Hall, Kirklevington Memorial Hall

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