

## KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 at 7.00p.m held in  
The Balcony, Kirklevington Memorial Hall

**Present:** Nigel DeBadgecoe (Chair) (NDB)  
Neil Clement (Vice-Chair) (NC)  
Alistair McLee (AMc)  
Becky Rogerson (BR)  
Liz Blanchard (LB)  
Karen Shields (KS)  
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

Also in attendance: Mr A. Lloyd (AL) and Mr J. Lloyd (JL) and Mrs. J. Beaumont (JB)

### 1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillor Mrs J Smith, Borough Councillors Mr A. Sherris, Mrs E. Hampton & Mr. J. Coulson

### 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 December meeting was duly read. **APPROVED AMc. NC**

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

#### 5) PLANNING

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

**KS** reported that she was still trying to organize a meeting with Richard Spencer. The date has not been set for the SBC Planning Committee meeting. **JB** questioned if the Parish Council would take ownership of the trees on the A67 next to the footpath. **NDB** confirmed that the Parish Council should not be responsible for the maintenance of the trees. It is the intention of the Parish Council to suggest that if the SBC Planning Committee are minded to approve the application, then they should take responsibility and liability for the trees. A walkway running through the proposed development is still the preferred option.

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

**NDB** updated the meeting re this application. He stated that we have talked about this application for some time and have worked with Yvonne Wallace of Yarm Action Group to fund and organize flyers which have been sent out to residents. He also welcomed Mr A. Lloyd (**AL**) and Mr J Lloyd (**JL**) to the meeting who reported that they had concerns re the lack of communication from the developers and had also not received flyers re this application which was in Castle Leavington. They were also concerned re the reported link road from Castle Leavington Road to the A67 which has been reported in the press recently. They asked as to how they could submit their concerns re this application. **NDB** explained the planning

procedure as to how to respond, make and send comments to SBC Planning Committee. The **PC** agreed to forward details of how to respond to the application by email the next day. **NDB** commented on the possibility of a link road which is thought will reduce traffic on the already congested roundabout on Green Lane. **JB** reported that some time ago there was a planning application to relocate Yarm Independent School to land between Castle Leavington Lane and the A67 which was refused due to the increase in traffic on the A67. This previous application needs to be looked at and referred to.

**NDB** agreed and, in particular:

- The unsuitability of Castle Leavington Road to accommodate such traffic. This is a minor road and would need considerable upgrading to widen and resurface to a higher standard. Castle Leavington Road at this time is only used by local residents, agricultural machinery, cyclists and horse riders. HM Prison deliveries to the site have to park up on the road as they are not able to access the site and park up.
- The possibility of a junction on the A67 was unacceptable due to the proposed position, no street lighting and the effect on existing traffic using the A67 to access Kirklevington Village and the A19. It would also be opposite the lay-by which could cause traffic issues.
- The proposed route for this road would also be through agricultural land which is still used.

**NDB** confirmed that the Parish Council are working on their response to this application.

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

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

**NC** reported to the meeting of the continuation of roadworks to both roads and footpaths. The road before exiting on to the A67 still needs to be upgraded. **NDB** expressed his dismay that both the drain cover at the entrance to St. Martins Green and the Kirklevington sign on the A67 has been sprayed with paint. For what reason we are unsure but obviously an act of vandalism. **NC** reported that at the last SMG Residents Meeting the maintenance fees had been discussed.

#### **ii) Taylor Wimpey – Oaklands**

**NDB** reported that there are no waste/dog bins on the site but that this would be the responsibility of their maintenance company to provide. It has also been suggested that there is a need for a bench on the green area but, once again, this is the responsibility of their maintenance company to provide.

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

**NDB** expressed, once again, concern that the A67 continues to be covered in mud from site vehicles and suggested that the need for wheel washing be conducted. This issue to be reported to SBC whenever there is an issue and hopefully the road cleaning will improve.

#### **iv) Knowles Farm**

**NDB** reported that the condition of the road was still an issue at this site but that the issue has been reported to **SBC**. **S Fields of SBC** is looking into the approved traffic calming that still needs to be addressed on Forest Lane.

#### **b) PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

##### **26/0040/FUL – 3 Penders Lane, Kirklevington, TS15 9LZ**

Erection of first floor front and rear extensions, erection of dormer windows to the front and rear, erection of single storey front and rear extensions, to include installation of roof lights to the front (alterations to fenestration)

#### **c) DELEGATED DECISIONS**

##### **25/2240/X - 2 Braeside, Kirklevington, TS15 9NB**

application to trim and crown reduce 2no Beech trees (T1 and T2) by 15% to include removal of low level overhanging branches of tree preservation order 228 (00.8.5.232)

#### **6) MEETING – YARM TOWN COUNCIL CHAIR**

**NDB** reported that he had met up with and had a long talk with **Jake Taylor (JT) Yarm Town Council Chair**. He is looking to work with all adjoining Parishes. We already know that we need to liaise with Yarm Town Council re dates for Summer and Winter events to ensure that dates do not clash. **JT** has confirmed that he is happy to join one of our meetings and the PC is to forward Agenda and dates of future meetings.

#### **7) PLAY AREA – WALL**

**NDB** reported that the condition of the wall is becoming concerning. We are continuing to monitor the wall for any deterioration. **AMc** is in the process of putting in place studs to measure any movement in the wall. Looking for evidence and data.

#### **8) CORRESPONDENCE**

- Pam Lloyd – D & S details road between Castle Leavington Road and the A67 question.
- Introduction from Jake Taylor Chair Yarm Town Council & Seasons Greetings
- Yvonne Wallace Vice Chair Yarm Town Council – Seasons Greetings
- David Fraser – Flag at Play Park – hoisted upside down.
- Gazette news – Proposed road from Castle Leavington Road to A67
- Martin Crowson – Mulberry Homes failure to complete approved landscaping.
- CDALC – Training Courses
- Civic Enforcement – Motor Home in Lay-by A67
- Community Partnership Association – Yarm and Eaglescliffe group
- Martin Parker and Steve Fields – Reply re sinking road The Green to be investigated
- J. Wallace – Road Cleaning issues Knowles Farm
- North Yorkshire Council boundary reworks.

## 9) FINANCE

### a) Payments

Mrs R Mazonas

Salary January, 2026	£371.30	
Broadband December, 2025	£29.99	
Flowers	£20.00	<u>£421.29</u>
NALC/CLCA		£319.13
Membership Subscription 2025/2026		
SLCC		£158.00
Membership Fee		

### b) Finance Update

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

### c) Budget/Precept 2026/2027

The **PC** distributed to all Parish Councillors present the Budget forecast for the year 2026/27 together with up to date spending to date with projected future costs and costs of agreed projects. A long and constructive discussion was held. The ever-increasing number of dwellings occupied in the Parish had to be taken into consideration. A precept of £35,000 was agreed and would be forwarded to Stockton on Tees Borough Council.

**APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 10) VILLAGE ISSUES

The **PC** requested to the meeting the need to replace the noticeboard that is situated on The Green and is in a very poor state. This board had previously been funded from the Borough Councillor budget, but this was not possible at this present time. After consideration the Parish Council APPROVED the purchase of a new board. A decision still needs to be discussed as to where it should be sited.

**APPROVED KS, LB**

## 11) ROAD SAFETY

### a) Road Markings Junction of St. Martins Way/The Green

**NDB** reported that the issue of disappearing road markings at the junction of St. Martins Way and The Green have been reported. Hopefully, once reinstated, drivers will stop cutting across the corner at the junction which results in them meeting oncoming traffic exiting St. Martins Way. It is important to avoid an accident happen

### b) Condition of Sinking Road on The Green

The **PC** to report this issue to **Martin Parker** of **SBC** and give him details of the history of this section of the road –

- original site of a pond,
- until recently and before Story Homes installed drainage at their site, water from the original field drained down this section of The Green,
- 3 demolished houses and rebuilt on specialist foundations.

- The extremely heavy vehicles using this section of the road from and to the Taylor Wimpey site has not helped and also the volume of vehicles.

### **c) Road Condition West of Railway Bridge, Forest Lane**

The issues of the condition of the road west of the railway bridge on Forest Lane still remains a concern with deep gutters to the side of the road which are causing a danger to drivers. There is a need for these gutters to be filled in. He also reported that the local garage owner was receiving several cars brought to him for repair due to damage caused on the road. The matter has been reported to Martin Parker of SBC and S. Fields is to look into the matter. Borough Councillor Andrew Sherris to speak to Martin Parker.

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

#### **13) Date – Parish Council**

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2026 at 7.00p.m. in Kirklevington Memorial Hall**

**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2026 at 7.00pm in Kirklevington Memorial Hall**

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 7.00pm in Kirklevington Memorial Hall**

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

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

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