

KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 21st November, 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)
Mrs. J. Beaumont (JB)
Dr. A. McLee (AMc)
Mr. A. Alton (AA)
Mrs J. Smith (JS)
Mr T. Collins (TC)
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

Also in attendance: Borough Councillor Cllr. A. Sherris

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None received

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

JB declared a non-prejudicial interest as Treasurer of Kirklevington Memorial Hall. **JB** showed a non-prejudicial interest as a close neighbour of planning application 21/0156/FUL. **AA**. Declared a non-prejudicial interest as Chair of Kirklevington Memorial Hall, **DH** declared a non-prejudicial interest as employed in a Government Department. **AS** declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of SBC Planning committee.

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

4) MATTERS ARISING MINUTES - NONE

5) PLANNING

a) PLANNING UPDATE

i) Story Development

NDB reported that the Story site remains quiet but for a few issues.

- Some street lighting is out and this has been reported to SBC.
- Some wires are visible and these need to be removed.
- Martin Parker of SBC – email received re the road lay-out on Pump Lane and on-way system. If implemented the road would need to be widened to accommodate a two-way system between Town End Close and the junction close to new car park. Such alterations would be immensely expensive to Story Homes. Such an alteration would, in the opinion of the Parish Council, cause confusion to drivers and lead to them thinking that they can access the village via Pump Lane towards Forest Lane. These alterations would also be a waste of money and create an enormous amount of disturbance both to residents and drivers.
- **JB** commented that this would lead to a road safety issue which must be brought to the attention of SBC – Martin Parker. **NDB** to write to Martin Parker.
- **TC** suggested the Martin Parker should be challenged on the reasoning for such a decision.

- **AS** suggested that Andrew Corcoran of SBC should be copied into any correspondence.

ii) Taylor Wimpey

- **NDB** reported that there have been multiple meetings with Taylor Wimpey – some favourable and some not.
- **Elaine Atkinson(EA)** visited the site re the issue of the house behind no. 1 Moor Close and it positioning which did not seem to match as shown on site plans. **EA** measured out the position of the house and was able to confirm that it was being placed in the correct place.
- Extra large tankers are being used at the site to remove vast amounts of water but the problem still remains. Homes close to the suds continue to be very concerned re the possibility of flooding on both Westlands and Hall Moor Close.
- Water has also been seen to be being pumped into the road drains at the side of 1 Moor Close but this cannot be a permanent solution to the problems.
- **AS** reported that he had visited the home of resident on Westlands to see the issues of water in their garden and also the suds and flooding issues at the Taylor Wimpey site. Whilst viewing the site he could clearly see where the natural springs at the site were. **AS** also reported that **EA** is planning to approve pumping the water into the St, Martins Way drainage system. **THIS PROBLEM URGENTLY NEEDS TO BE RESOLVED.It was suggested that an urgent meeting be organised with the new Chief Executive of SBC – Mike Greene.**

iii) Duchy Homes - 22/1846/REM

NDB - no information has been received as to when this development will commence.

iv) Knowles Farm

- The **PC** was able to confirm to the meeting that there had been an extensive spillage of mud on both Grove Bank and Forest Lane from a wagon which had exited the site. A resident had visited the site and made it clear that this was a safety issue to drivers and that the roads needed to be cleaned asap. The developers worked on cleaning the roads and the problem was solved after several hours.
- **AS** confirmed that the homes being built would be self build with limits to the design and size of the homes from SBC.
- **EA** is aware of the issues at Grove Bank and the concerns of residents. **NDB and AS** have been to the road and inspected the issues.

b) APPLICATIONS – None received

c) DELEGATED DECISIONS – None received

10) PLAY AREA

a) Equipment

- **NDB** reported that both he and **DH** had visited a site at York to view the gym equipment that the Parish Council are considering installing at the Play Area. They confirmed that the gym equipment looked robust and fit for purpose.
- **NDB** confirmed that the Play Area has adequate space to host the equipment.

- **JB** suggested that the proposal for the gym equipment be put on the next Newsletter asking for residents views and opinions.
- At the meeting it was questioned as to whether a table tennis table would be a good idea at the Play Area. No decision taken.

b) Christmas Tree

- **NDB** reported that the new Christmas Tree at the Play Area was looking good. He also reported that a permanent power supply and fence are to be installed by SBC.
- The **PC** confirmed that the lights are due to be put on the tree shortly having confirmed with SBC as to when they would need to be in place.

c) Play Area Notice board

NDB asked for ideas as to what name the Play Area could be called and several suggestion were put forward for consideration. The noticeboard which is to be displayed at the entrance to the Play Area is in the early stages of being designed and will include thanks to everyone who supported the project both financially and physically.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- Norman Oliver, SBC – New Tree Play Area – Electrics and Fence
- NALC – Chief Executive's Bulletin
- Ros Butler = Thoughts re Coronation 2023
- Simon Lewis – Play Area Inspection
- Fresh Air Fitness – Equipment
- S. Hunter, Hall Moor Close – Photograph re overflowing water from TW site
- Jonathan Kibble – Bus Timetables
- Mayor's Carol Service 2022 details
- Mrs L Neale – Water issues from TW site – Westlands
- A. Smuk – Need for Surface Management Plan from Taylor Wimpey
- P & K Hewitt – Position of first houses at Taylor Wimpey site
- E. Atkinson SBC – Site visit to Taylor Wimpey site
- NALC – Notification of Pay Offer for officers.
- Jonathan Kibble, SBC – Bus pick up for Conyers pupils
- Jonathan Kibble, SBC – Parents concerns re no show bus to pick up pupils
- E. Atkinson – Knowles Farm – Contacted Agent to advice of working times together with update of types of houses that can be built at the site.
- S, Dodd, SBC – Knowles Farm – condition of road and assurance that it will be completely resurfaced down to Forest Lane on completion of builds.
- Scott Robinson, Taylor Wimpey – Access route confirmed from site as St. Martins Way.
- Lee Dewing, Taylor Wimpey – New site Manager – Oaklands, St. Martins Way site.
- A. Smuk – Confirmation that LLFA have not approved any proposal for the disposal of surface water runoff from this development and we have not received or approved a maintenance and management plan during construction phase from Taylor Wimpey.
- John Angus/Andrew Sherris – Ward Transport Budget –Review of parking Pump Lane.
- Martins Parker – Reply re signage at Story site.
- A. Sherris – email to SBC re suds at St. Martins Way site close to breaching.

- K. Morley – Concern re tankers and heavy vehicular movements before agreed start times.

9) FINANCE

a) Payments

Mrs R Mazonas

Broadband October, 2022 £24.35

Salary November, 2022 £471.61

(including salary increase backdated to April, 2022)

Bluebells – Lay-by £50.97

Laminator Pouches £22.99

Printing Paper £62.52 £632.44

MRS R. Mazonas

Christmas Event Expenditure – £190.24

Mr A. Alton, £10.38

Grease – Carousel Play Area

b) Accounts Update

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

c) Expenditure

DH presented to the meeting the suggestion of a new format to record the expenditure of the Parish Council which would give a clear view as to the Parish Council financial position at any one time. The **PC** to forward the expenditure and budget figures to **DH**.

10) VILLAGE ISSUES

a) Shared Noticeboard Parish/Church

The **PC** reported that following discussion with **Rev. Kate Brown** this joint venture to provide a community notice board on Pump Lane is hoped to be organised in the new year. The positioning of the notice board is still under discussion but, to avoid paying such a large amount to SBC for planning permission, it is proposed that it will be placed within the boundary of the Church on Pump Lane.

b) PROW – South of School Field

The condition of the PROW will continue to be monitored over the following months.

c) Village Events

NDB reported on the Halloween Trail – Once again the villagers of Kirklevington put on an amazing display at their homes and got into the spirit of the Halloween Trail. The trail was well supported with large numbers walking around and viewing the display. The winners were chosen by the public with prizes given for 1st Orchard house, 2nd 8 Moor Close and 3rd 6 Moor Close. A discussion was held as to whether there was a need for prizes due to the fact that residents did not see the decorating of their homes as a competition but just enjoyed putting up the displays. It was noted that in order to publish the route of the displays prior notification would be needed

d) Christmas Event

NDB reported that The Ladies Choir will be starting off the event with carols being sung at the Play Area. Lighting to be organised at the Play Area to support the singers and public. Father Christmas has been contacted and he will be attending the event in his Grotto where he will give out gifts to the children. The **PC** confirmed that the organising of refreshments was well on the way. **JS** and **JB** volunteered to help on the night.

e) Flag Pole

TC agreed to look into finding a robust flag pole for use at various times throughout the year. The need for permission will need to be looked into with SBC and where to position.

f) Coronation – King Charles III

NDB put to the meeting that the Parish Council to organise an event to celebrate the occasion of the coronation of King Charles III. Ideas were put forward and suggestions made as to how and what to organise. Full details of events to be organised will be looked at in detail in the new year.

g) Remembrance Service -13th November, 2022

NDB reported to the meeting that he had represented the Parish Council with the laying a of a wreath. **AS** also reported that he had also layed a wreath as Borough Councillor representing our Parish and SBC. **NDB** also reported that the event was well attended with refreshments provided afterwards in the Church with funding from the Parish Council.

h) Telegraph Poles A67

The **PC** reported that questions have been asked by residents re telegraph poles at the side of the A67 from the village to the end of Long Lane as to why they have not being used by Openreach as it has been several years since they were erected and they are unsightly. The **PC** to contact Openreach to make enquiries.

11) ROAD SAFETY

a) Service bus

- **AS** reported that Ariva were pleasantly surprised with the uptake of the service by residents.
- **NDB** reported that there had been one incident when students from Conyers were not picked up at the Railway Station on Green Lane but hopefully this was just a one off problem that has been reported to Arriva and resolved.
- **AS** drew to the meetings attention that there is now a temporary stop outside Conyers that students can use for their homeward journey thus avoiding going over to the Railway Station stop.

b) Road Signage A67

The poor road signage on the A67 south of the village continues to be of concern. The Parish Council are unhappy re this issue and this matter will continue to be reported to SBC.

c) Pump Lane Parking Issues

NDB - The Parish Council continues to see the issue of inconsiderate parking on Pump Lane by motorists as a high priority and needs to be resolved. The issue to double yellow lines is an urgent consideration together with restricted parking times.

e) Speeding Forest Lane

NDB reported that a 20mph speed limit on Forest Lane was financially not possible. Should a 20mph speed limit be instigated there would be a need for extensive traffic calming to be put in place at an enormous cost. The Parish Council are not in a position to finance such a scheme. The recording of data on Forest Lane from the SID does not show a high enough figure of drivers exceeding the speed limit for the issues to be taken up by other agencies.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – 2022/23

Christmas Event – Sunday 11th December, 2022

Coronation – 6th May, 2023

Summer Event - 24th/25th JUNE 2023

12) MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING

Events 2023

Initial Review of Budget 2023/24

13) MEETING DATES

Monday, 19th December, 2022 at 7.00p.m. – Small Hall, Kirklevington Memorial Hall

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