

## KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.00p.m held in  
The Balcony, Kirklevington Memorial Hall

**Present:** Nigel DeBadgecoe (Chair) (NDB) Arrived 8.05p.m.  
Neil Clement (Vice Chair) (NC)  
Damian Hadfield (DH)  
A. McLee (AMc)  
Jenny Smith (JS)  
Liz Blanchard (LB)  
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

**Also in attendance:** Mrs M Leaser, Mrs M Wright & Mrs J. Beaumont (JB),

**DUE TO THE ANTICIPATED ABSENCE OF NDB (CHAIR), NC (VICE CHAIR) CONDUCTED THE MEETING.**

### **1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

B. Rogerson, Borough Councillors E. Hampton & A. Sherris

### **2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

**DH** declared a non-prejudicial interest as employed in a Government Department. **JS** resident and farmer at Grove Farm declared a non-prejudicial interest as part of a Farming Business with land NW installing sewage pipes on, **LB** declared an interest as running business in the village.

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

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

### **4) MATTERS ARISING MINUTES - All issues on Agenda**

### **5) COMMUNITY WEB SITE**

**NC** reported to the meeting that, together with **NDB**, they had thinned out all the unnecessary items on the web site page . The Halloween Trail is to be removed and the Christmas Event put on the front page. A request had been sent to **A. Alton(AA)** to obtain pictures from the various groups using the Memorial Hall on a regular basis, showing their activities which can be put on the web site. **AA** had advised that none of the organizations had shown an interest. To date only one picture has been received. It is hoped that when pictures go on the site, other organisations will see it in a positive light and also provide one to show their activities.. **AMc** to approach the choir to see if they are willing to provide a picture. No other suggestions were made for improvement.

## **6) PLANNING**

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

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

- **NC** reported that Story Homes have all but left the site with only a few operatives being seen completing work.
- **NC** reported to the meeting that **NDB** had spoken to **R. Swann and Matt Blewitt of Story Homes** re the installation of the notice board. The position of the board has been agreed between **Richard Swann, NDB** and **NC**, this being on the corner of the entrance of Carr Lane on the left.
- Tarmac should have been on the site but have only been working on the private section. The remaining roads need to be adopted by SBC still need to be tarmacked once work has been completed on the drains.
- **NC** reported that a **Residents Greenspace Association (RGA)** had been formed and that he was Chairing of the group. **NDB** has requested that the subjects discussed at the association group be recorded in these minutes:

#### **Items on the first meeting agenda include:**

1. Management Fee
2. Culver Pipe Gates – 1 missing
3. Damaged Fence opposite Show House site
4. Play Park Bin & additional bin
5. Installation of benches
6. Double yellow lines
7. No dog and no horses
8. Blocked Drains
9. Theft of patio slabs
10. Replacement Fencing St. Martins Way entrance
11. Suds request for change to a pond
12. Landscaping the south/west corner
13. Road surfacing and speed table laying
14. Trees and identifying failed specimens
15. Temporary PROW to the rear of the top of St. Martins Way
16. Culvert failure leading to possible flooding at rear of 28 St. Martins Way
17. Pathway improvements
18. PROW dropped kerbs
19. Green waste

A second meeting of the of the association included an update on items from the previous meeting and, to become a legitimate association, the RGA will be registered with SBC. The election of officers was conducted to **include Chair – Neil Clement , Secretary – Beverley Clement and Finance Secretary – Jo Bristow.**

**Items on the second meeting agenda include:**

- The van that has been parked in the car park at St. Martins Green which, on investigation, by Civic Enforcement proved to have no insurance was given a 7 days removal notice and has now been removed.
- The cut through path that has been formed from Oaklands onto the temporary PROW is unofficial and not part of any agreed plans.
- The new Parish Council noticeboard.
- Bird/Bat boxes missing from finished properties.
- Poor lighting on pathway and play area
- Mole problem,

**ii) Taylor Wimpey - Oaklands**

It was reported to the meeting that SBC had served an Enforcement Notice on Taylor Wimpey relating to traffic movements.

**iii) Duchy Homes – 22/1846/REM**

Advertising has now begun relating to the homes to be built at the site.

**iv) Knowles Farm**

It has been reported that weekend working has become an issue at the site with the possibility of an Enforcement Notice being served by SBC.

**b) APPLICATIONS**

**24/1795/COU – Sewage Treatment Works, Ash Grove, Kirklevington, TS15 9NQ**

Change of use agricultural field to sewage treatment works to include access track and associated works.

**24/1794/DCH – Land South of Green Lane East of Railway Line, West of A67, Kirklevington TS15 9EH**

Information to discharge conditions no.10 (Surface Water Drainage), No.12 (Foul Water Drainage), No.16 (Construction Management Plan).

**24/1770/VARY – Land South of Green Lane, East of Railway Line, West of A67 Kirklevington,TS15**

**9EH**Section 73 application to vary conditions no.1 (Approved Plans), No.5 (Soft Landscaping)andNo.6 (Soft Landscape Management and Maintenance) of planning approved 22/1846/REM – Reserved matters application for the layout, scale, appearance and landscaping of 246 no. residential x including landscape, open space and infrastructure.

**24/1817/FUL – 1 Manston Road, Kirklevington, TS15 9GL**

Single story rear extension and porch enclosure.

**c) DELIGATED DECISIONS - NO DECISIONS RECEIVED**

## **7) PLAY AREA**

### **a) Grass Cutting/Lawnmower**

NC indicated to the meeting that a decision now needs to be made regarding the cutting of the grass at the Play Area.

- Do we outsource the cutting of the grass in the spring?
- Do we need a lawnmower?
- Is the existing lawnmower repairable and at what cost?

NC reported that he had found a lawnmower which is suitable for cutting the grass and also mulches the grass with a 5 year guarantee at a cost of £495 including VAT. It was felt that there is still a possibility of outsourcing the grass cutting but that the grass will still need to be given addition cuts at the height of the growing season. To be decided in the new year. The cost of repairing the lawnmower was clearly comparable to purchasing a new lawnmower. It was agreed that NC should purchase the lawnmower **APPROVED AMc, LB**

### **b) TPO**

It was confirmed that a request for a meeting with Mark Nozedar and Neil Hodgkins of SBC has been made to discuss and look at the condition of the trees. The owners of Orchard House need to be included in the meeting.

### **c) Play Equipment**

- Following the equipment inspection by SBC it is noted that the boards need to be replaced on the larger climbing play equipment. A decision needs to be made as to what type of board to use, either wood or recycled plastic, but the work needs to be carried out. AMc reported that he had some decking boards at home and will see if they are suitable.
- The ground under the larger swings requires attention re the sinking of the matting. Not urgent at this present time but does require attention.
- The gym equipment is showing signs of some rusting. It was reported to Airfitness and they are willing to provide a full service of the equipment including respray at a cost of £741.60 including VAT. The alternative is to buy RAL matching spray paint rub down then paint ourselves. NDB had spoken to the company but the rusting is not covered by the warranty. After a discussion it was decided to carry out the work ourselves.

## **8) CORRESPONDENCE**

- Elaine Atkinson, SBC –22/0156/ENF - Restriction breach Taylor Wimpey, Kirklevington
- A. Alton – Traffic Calming – Grove Bank/ Knowles Farm – Approved when can we expect to see installed?
- Jonathan Kibble, SBC – Punctuality of Arriva Bus Service to be raised with Arriva.
- Mayor's Office – Remembrance Sunday 2024
- K. Hewitt – Early arrival time of heavy vehicles and waiting with engines running.

- A. Alton – Abandoned large van in Story car park – What action can be taken.
- A. McLee – Empty N20 gas cylinders left in Lay-by A67 reported to the Police.
- Civic Enforcement – Acknowledgement re No20 gas cylinders in lay-by and abandoned van in Story car park
- A. Sherris – Abandoned Trailer Lay-by A67 – No number plates or identification
- Mark Gillson – Temporary Closure of Leven Bank – Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> October.
- Grant Grieve – Query dropped curbs on PROWs
- Mayor’s Office – Annual Charity Ball
- Mayor’s Office – Annual Carol Service 2024
- Catherine Mitchell Fresh Air Fitness – Cosmetic Repairs – Quote annual service
- Matthew Blewitt – Story Homes – Acknowledgment that he has noticeboard and will organize one installed.
- Neil Hoskins, SBC – Acknowledgment of report re sinking road on The Green and confirmation that it has now been reported to Northumbrian Water re Sewage Pipes.
- M Tyerman – Child had near miss on St. Martins Way by speeding car – urgent need for traffic calming.

## **9) FINANCE**

### **a) Payments**

Mrs. R Mazonas

Salary, November, 2024 PLUS

Salary increase 2024/25 Apr – Oct 24 (7 months)	£449.98	
Broadband October 2024	£24.99	
Halloween Trail Prizes	£50.00	
Anagram Prizes	£4.50	
Halloween Gifts	£35.98	
Christmas Event Supplies	£30.47	
Printer Ink	<u>£19.79</u>	<u>£615.71</u>
Liz Blanchard - Printing	£3.00	
SLCC	£150.00	
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2024/25		
N. DeBadgecoe	£56.51	
Sleigh Bells – Christmas Event		
The 1590 Trust	£1,000.00	
Kirklevington Primary School		
Grant – Tucker Bequest – Books		

### **b) Accounts Update**

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

### **c) Risk Assessment**

The Risk Assessment continues to be reviewed and will be brought back to the next meeting.

## **9) SAFEGUARDING**

It was agreed to discuss this issue at the December meeting when more information will be available to discuss.

## **10) VILLAGE ISSUES**

### **a) Defibrillator – The Green**

NDB reported that we are still awaiting for the work to install the post by SBC which they hope to do before the Christmas period.

### **b) Halloween**

Although still an amazing evening with only positive comments from residents, the following needs to be considered before next year:

- Is it a competition or a Trail and should we give prizes?
- Improved map to include directions throughout the village
- To provide better lighting
- To discuss the new Anagram and how challenging was it
- 48 leaflets had been taken from outside the village hall but only 20 returned re the voting for the winners of the Halloween displays
- Unfortunately only one person put their name on the Anagram quiz reply sheets that were returned and congratulations go to Emily who was given a certificate and a box of chocolates
- How do we encourage more residents to decorate their homes.
- The need to get all participants who decorate their homes to let us know to allow us to include them on the Trail Map.
- **c) Remembrance Day – 10.11.2024**
- The Parish Council's **Lest We Forget Flag** was raised in the Play Area.
- The PC to book both halls at the village hall for 2025 from 9a.m. until 1p.m which will accommodate the large number of people who stay for refreshment after the Remembrance service and allow more time to set up and clear the hall afterwards.
- A thank you to Becky Rogerson who laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council
- A very well attended event with over 140 people attending
- **d) Openreach**
- The work to install the fiber cabling is proceeding at pace throughout the village.
- **11) ROAD SAFETY**
- **a) Speed Watch**
- To be an Agenda item at the December meeting.

### **b) Speeding Traffic St. Martins Way**

It was reported to the meeting that the daughter of Michael Tyerman had a near miss on St. Martins Way from a speeding vehicle from the Taylor Wimpey site. The issue has been brought to SBC's attention but this has always been considered to be an expected issue due to the 'T' Junction at The Green and also the straight road from the Taylor Wimpey site onto St. Martins Way. **NDB** suggested that there is a need for speed warning to be put in place. **EH** to be contacted with a request for a study re the speeding traffic and what the possibilities are for any calming measures.

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

**Risk/Procedure Assessment, Grass Cutting Outsourcing, Safeguarding. Budget 2025/26 Review – Christmas Event, Speeding Traffic**

### **13) Meeting Dates**

Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00p.m. in The Balcony, Kirklevington Memorial Hall.

**Circulation: Parish Councillors** Nigel. DeBadgecoe (Chair), Neil Clement (Vice Chair), Damian Hadfield, Jenny. Smith, Dr. Alistair McLee, Liz Blanchard, Becky Rogerson,

**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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