

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

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 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)  
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

**Also in attendance:** Borough Councilor's J. Coulson (JC) & Mrs. E Hampton (EH) & Mrs. J. Beaumont (JB),

**1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – B. Rogerson, A. McLee & Borough Councillor 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. **EH & JC** declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of SBC Planning Committee.

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

Minutes of the December meeting were duly read. **APPROVED LB, DH**

### **4) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**LB** requested that changes be made to the wording of the comments that she made regarding Safeguarding.

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

**NDB** reported that a few further changes have been made to the site. **NC** is still waiting for **pictures** from the various groups who use the hall. **NDB** took some photographs at the Christmas Event but is aware that permission would be needed as children were shown. **LB** to organize for a picture to be taken of the Craft Group. The site is constantly being updated.

**NDB REQUESTED THAT ITEM 6) SAFEGUARDING BE DISCUSSED LATER IN THE MEETING.**

### **7) PLANNING**

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

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

- **NDB** reported that the state of the footpaths behind St. Martins Way and North from St. Martins Way continue to be of extreme concern re their dangerous condition and slippery where waterlogged water is pooling and freezing over during cold weather. Questions were asked about what the planning approval stated regarding their construction.

- **LB** reminded the meeting that the steps behind St, Martins Way had still not been repaired.
- The road sign at the junction of Spell Close has been vandalized and this has been reported to R. Morrow of SBC.
- The new noticeboard that was installed by Story Homes but provided by the Parish Council can be seen to be flexing during windy weather. It is clearly unstable and needs to be put in deeper and with more cement at the footings. Request that it needs to be dug out with more secure footings of cement put in place.
- The overflowing dog bins continue to be of concern to all residents and questions are being asked as to why they are not being emptied. **AS** had informed the Parish Council prior to the meeting that Story Homes had not signed a contract with SBC for them to be emptied.
- **NC** brought to the attention of the meeting that a bin was missing that had been previously agreed to be installed opposite the cross junction – PROW going north from St. Martins Way and Hutton Lane.
- **NC** reported that a further residents meeting has been organized in the village hall on 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30p.m.
- It was reported that a resident had complained that no bird/bat box had been fitted to their house as per agreed plans.
- The suds pond was seen to be full to the brim during heavy rain but appeared to be draining away well.
- **NC** reported that the footpath on Carr Lane was now showing signs of cracking and required attention.

#### **ii) Taylor Wimpey – Oaklands**

- The suds pond was full to the brim during the very heavy rain but appeared to drain away well.
- The safety Life Ring is lying on the ground and needs to be refitted to a post.
- Safety concerns have been expressed at the suds and particularly when full of water due to the fact that no fencing has been installed.

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

- The signage on the road verges has been reported as signage require permission,
- The building and groundwork appear to be progressing with the suds now installed.
- There is a need for additional road cleaning.
- The trigger point for the road changes at the Crathorne Interchange is the occupation of the 50<sup>th</sup> dwelling.

#### **v) Knowles Farm – Nothing reported**

## **b) PLANNING CONSULTATION – Proposed Development – Kirklevington Hall (Formerly Judges Hotel)**

It has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council that a public consultation re the former Judges Country House Hotel/Kirklevington Hall is to take place shortly regarding proposals to restore and extend the former Judges Hotel together with other alterations. The proposal also includes the building of Lodges and an executive housing development. It is understood that leaflets will be delivered to all residents on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January with an option to view proposals.

## **c) APPLICATIONS – NO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

## **d) DELIGATED DECISIONS - NO DECISIONS RECEIVED**

### **8) PLAY PARK**

#### **a) Grass Cutting**

NDB reported that quotes were being sought re the cutting of the grass at the Play Park. A trial period for the grass cutting is being considered but a decision will not be made until the February Parish Council meeting.

#### **b) TPOs**

NDB reported that a meeting is being arranged with himself, Neil Hoskins, Mark Nozedar, A. Bennett, A McLee and the Parish Clerk to look at the trees and discuss the options available regarding their condition and safety.

#### **c) Play Equipment**

- NDB reported that the Play Park Safety Report had identified the boards on one of the pieces of play equipment requiring attention. Some boards have been replaced but it is felt that further boards need to be replaced.
- The pooling of water under the large swings still requires attention and a decision as to what action would be best to be taken will be decided and taken shortly.

### **8) CORRESPONDENCE**

- E. Hampton – Press Release from SBC re Sign up for new garden waste service – What you need to know
- J. Chappell, SBC – Lowering of Defibrillator
- M. Nozedar, Arborist SBC – TPO inspection Play Area
- Events SBC – Holocaust Memorial Day – Thursday, 23rd January 5.30p.m. Stockton Library.
- Andy Hampson – Engagement Team – Protection Officer (Fraud Protect Network) RECCC – Regional Economic Crime Coordination Centre – Northeast Regional Crime Unit – ACTION FRAUD INFORMATION
- Kevin Rossington – Speed Watch Lead for Hilton Parish Council

## **9) FINANCE**

### **a) Payments**

Mrs. R Mazonas

Salary, January 2025	£359.74	
Broadband November 2024	£24.99	
Petty Cash	£20.00	
Printer Ink	<u>£35.98</u>	<u>£440.71</u>
N. DeBadgecoe		£40.00

THANK YOU, GIFTS, – COMMUNITY SUPPORT

### **b) Accounts Update**

The **PC** circulated account details relating to both the update and budget for 2025/2026

### **c) Budget/Precept 2025/2026**

The **PC** presented the Parish Council with details of present outgoings to date, predicted outgoings to the end of the financial year 2024/25 and predicted outgoing costs for 2025/2026 together with estimated costings for expected projects. After a long discussion by all Parish Councillors present at the meeting it was agreed that a sum of £30,000 be requested as the precept for 2025/2026. This amount would see costs to residents remaining flat due to the additional occupied housing within Kirklevington and Castle Leavington Parish.

### **d) Risk Assessment**

The **PC** reported to the meeting that she had updated the Risk Procedures Assessment as per suggestion from the December meeting. **NC** agreed to take away the assessment and look in detail to ensure that everything has been covered.

## **6) SAFEGUARDING**

**EH** brought to the meetings attention details of the Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy of WingRutland Parish Council. The **PC** to access and circulate details after the meeting. **EH** confirmed that she is Safeguarding Officer for The Church the details of their policy can be viewed by accessing [www.kirkcommunity.co.uk/Church/services](http://www.kirkcommunity.co.uk/Church/services)

## **10) VILLAGE ISSUES**

### **a) Defibrillator**

**NDB** reported that we are now in receipt of the recently purchased defibrillator and it's positioning on Green Lane is being considered and finalized after a discussion with D. Gale.

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

**NDB** reported to the meeting that the Willam Hall trust were well on the way to holding training sessions for residents. Further dates to be organized shortly.

### **b) Advertising Signage – A67**

It has been noticed that advertising signs have been installed on the A67 advertising the Tack Room. Questions have been raised as to whether these signs have planning permission as this is a requirement for any signage erected on grass verges. **EH** to investigate.

## **11) ROAD SAFETY**

### **a) Speed Watch**

EH updated the meeting and, following receipt by the Parish Council of an email from Kevin Rossington from Hiton Parish Council, that was received on the day of this meeting, who was happy to attend one of our meetings to discuss the Speed Watch programme and how it has worked for their community, it was decided to invite Kevin to our March meeting.

### **b) Speeding Traffic**

We continue to look at options available to promote safe driving speeds within our community.

### **d) A67 – The Crown**

NDB reported that he is still actively looking into getting the speed limit reduced by The Crown to 30mph. There will be a need for additional street lighting to allow for the speed limit to be reduced and all financial options are being considered to obtain such lighting

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

**Risk/Procedure Assessment, Grass Cutting Outsourcing, Safeguarding.**

**Speeding Traffic/Traffic Calming, Noticeboard Strengthening.**

## **13) Meeting Dates**

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2025 at 7.00p.m. in The Balcony, Kirklevington Memorial Hall.

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