

KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 8TH September, 2025 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 Richehardson (BR)
 Liz Blanchard (LB)
 Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

Also in attendance: Mr. D. Hadfield, Borough Councillors Mrs E. Hampton & Mr. John Coulson

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillor Andrew Sherris, Parish Councillor Mrs J Smith, Ben Houchen Tees Valley Mayor

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, Borough Councillor Mrs E. Hampton declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of Stockton Borough Council Planning Committee

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the July meeting was duly read. **APPROVED NC, AMc**

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

5) PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

NDB reported to the meeting that Damian Hadfield has reluctantly offered his resignation as a Parish Councillor. **NDB** along with all other Parish Councillors present thanked Damian for all his support over the years. **NDB** explained the process that now needed to be gone through to advertise and fill the vacancy and the **PC** to organise.

6a) Kirklevington Hall Planning Application – 25/1001/FUL

NDB reported to the meeting that **Andy Alton (AA)** and **David Bell (DB)** had organized and sent out flyers to residents re the need for a safe walking and cycling route. They had also met with **Matt Vickers MP (MV)** to discuss the issue. **MV** was receptive together with representatives at the site and were looking at what the possibilities are. All parties agree to look at the need for a safe walking and cycling route. **NDB** reported that he had contacted **Jonathan Kibble, (JK) Transport and Strategy Manager at SBC** to look at all options now available to enable for this to work. The Parish Council discussed the great work that **AA** and **DB** have done on behalf of our community. **EH**

confirmed that it was within her Ward but was unaware of what has been organized by **AA** and **DB** and she is unsure as to what is being asked for. **NDB** reported that **JK** wants to run the cycle path through the development and not use the existing footpath. **EH** reminded the meeting that the sewage pipes run behind The Lodge and has already pointed out that houses can not be built over them. **NDB** is awaiting an update but has already requested of **SBC** that all comments sent in re the safe walking and cycle route be registered on their Panning Portal as comments.

b) Taylor Wimpey – Land South of Green Lane, Castle Levington

NDB pointed out that if **SBC** are minded to approve this application then certain conditions must be met and approved. Safe walking route to schools, footpaths/cycle route Green Lane, protection of trees and hedges, protection from pollution of the River Leven, restricted working times and restricted site vehicular movements during school travel times, Green Lane speed limit and vehicle movements.

c) Planning Update and Proposed Developments

i) Story Homes – St. Martins Green

NC reported that he had received the following reply to his queries:

Story Homes commented that most of the queries that **NC** had forwarded are part of ongoing remedial works while they aim to get the site adopted. Their comments are as follows:

- **Missing Fences** – This will be reviewed via the engineers and reviewed as part of ongoing site work.
- **Footpath closure** – This will be reviewed as part of ongoing site work.
- **Hedge Planting** – As advised this is reviewed and done as part of ongoing remedial work to get the site adopted.
- **Play Area Inspection Report** – As advised this is reviewed and done as part of ongoing remedial works to get the site adopted.
- **Road drains and Pump Lane** – These are gully bags and are kept in the drains until the site is adopted by local council, these are there to protect the drainage network.
- **Failed Trees specimens:** As advised this is reviewed and done as part of ongoing remedial works to get the site adopted.
- **Obscured Give Way Sign:** This will be reviewed as part of ongoing maintenance and the council will only sign this off when they are happy.
- **Road Markings:** This will be reviewed as part of ongoing maintenance and the council will only sign this off when they are happy.

- **Road Sign Delamination:** This will be reviewed as part of ongoing maintenance and the council will only sign this off when they are happy.

NC also reported the following:

- The contractors for Story Homes have now taken away the overflowing bin which was sited on SMG Green and we are informed that it will not be replaced as Story Homes are not required to provide this many bins at the site.
- The Play Park sign has not been put up.
- Poor communication with Story Homes but expect engineer to replace the fences.

NC to continue to follow up all these issues.

NDB asked **EH** as to how long it takes for a site to be adopted. **EH** confirmed that it will take many years before Stockton Borough Council finally adopted the site.

NC reported that a fence has been erected to close off the temporary PROW at the north end and the gravel surface removed and replaced with new top soil and reseeded, also that Story Homes have confirmed that they will erect another fence separating the wildlife corridor from the farmers field at the south end of the closed temporary PROW.

NDB reported to the meeting that the fence between St. Martins Green and St, Martins Way that was removed by contractors must now be replaced as a matter of urgency to prevent drivers attempting to use this route and other potential use. He has now requested a price from Dodds Fencing to get the work done. **NDB** asked all present if they were happy for the Parish Council to fund the repairing and replacement of the fence which is actually the responsibility of Story Homes. All Parish Councillors present

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ii) Taylor Wimpey – Oaklands

NDB reported that work continues at the site. However, speeding traffic entering and leaving the site is of great concern to residents and particularly the safety of children.

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

EH reported to the meeting that she had been receiving mail for the site as they were using her post code. This has now been resolved and they have their own designated post code.

NDB reported the traffic lights were causing concern to residents and more consideration needs to be taken to consider when they are put up, for how long and when taken down. He also reported that the site appears to be being built at speed.

iv) Knowles Farm

NDB reported that complaints are still being received re working hours at the site and noise. **AMc** was extremely concerned that suds water was being discharged into the

Stell untreated. British Rail are also very concerned that water is also being discharged under the railway lines.

b) APPLICATIONS

25/1697/TNOT – Red Hall Farm, Red Hall Lane, Castle Leavington TS15 9PD

Notice under regulation 5 electronic communications code for the removal of existing 3no. antennas to be replaced with proposed 3no. antenna and associated ancillary works.

25/1604/X – 20 – 28 The Green, Kirklevington

Application for works to a TPO tree Application for works to a TPO tree.

c) DELEGATED DECISIONS

25/1604/X – 20 – 28 The Green, Kirklevington

Application for works to a TPO tree Application for works to a TPO tree. **CLOSED**

25/0935/VARY – Land South of Green Lane, East of Railway Line, West of A67 and south of School Playing Field TS15 9EH

Section 73 application to vary the wording of condition no. 20 (Pedestrian Link) of planning approval 18/0910OUT – Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for approximately 30 dwellings (use class c3) including landscape open space and infrastructure.

APPROVED

25/1492/FUL – 38 Forest Lane, Kirklevington, TS15 9NA

Erection of 1.5 storey extension to the side to include dormer window to the rear and single storey extension to rear (demolition of existing detached garage). **APPROV**

25/1406/CPL – 11 Tangmere Road, Kirklevington, TS15 9GF

Certificate of lawfulness for the erection of single storey extension to rear. **APPROVED**

25/0823/FUL – 1 Penders Lane, Kirklevington, TS15 9LZ

Erection of a first floor to existing dwelling house and erection of single storey side extension. (Window/door alterations to side **APPROVED WITH CONDITION**

7) PLAY PARK

NDB confirmed to the meeting that following a quote received from Kompan which was unrealistic we would not be going forward with the work by Kompan.

NDB and all Parish Coucillors present thanked **Andy** and **Karen Alton** for the painting work that they had carried out at the Play Park.

NDB once again expressed concern re the trees from Orchard House which were causing some disturbance to the foundations of the wall at the Play Area. Work may need to be carried out to replace the wall and the responsibility to fund these costs will have to be considered.

NC to contact John Beckwith to obtain a quote to cut the hedge at the Play Area now that the bird nesting period is over.

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- Paul Taylor, Kompan – Quote enquiry - ? To carry out work
- Keith Morley – Fence to entrance of Storey Homes site from St. Martins Way
- Nick Gray – PROW west of Storey site.

9) FINANCE

a) Payments

Mrs R Mazonas

Salary August, 2025	£359,74	
Salary September, 2025	£359.74	
Broadband July 2025	£29.99	
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Printing Paper	£16.49	
Gift Retiring Parish Councillor	<u>£22.98</u>	<u>£818.93</u>
HMRC – PAYE		£269.40
3 MONTHS - July, Aug, Sept 24		
Mr A. Alton		£29.92
Paint – Play Area Equipment		
John Beckwith		
Grass Cutting Play Area x3		£330.00
N. Clement - Signage		£68.81
N. DeBadgecoe – Keys cut		£10.85

b) Finance Update

The **PC** gave a verbal report and distributed details of finances to date.

10) VILLAGE ISSUES

a) Defibrillator Training Dates

The final defibrillator training will take place on **Wednesday, 10th September at 7.30p.m. in Kirklevington Village Hall.** This session which is run by Debra Gale from CPAD is also open to youngsters from the age of 9. The **PC** and **LB** confirmed that they had tried to contact the Scout Leader to invite their group but had not at this present time received any reply. The **PC** to open up the hall and organize the night

c) Village Environment – **LB** has organized working groups in September/October/November

d) Remembrance Day Wreaths - The **PC** had looked into purchasing new wreaths for Remembrance Day. It was expected that the cost would be approximately £200. **APPROVED LB, BR**

11) ROAD SAFETY

a) Speed Limit A67 – The Crown

NDB reported that **Rob Morrow from SBC** has now shared the plans with new road markings, signage and roundels re the reduction of the speed limit on the A67 by The Crown to 30mph. **NDB** also reported that we are looking towards reducing the speed limit along Forest Lane to 20mph.

b) A67 Entrance Improvements

- **NDB** reported that the wall 'Kirklevington' signs may have to be removed but it is hoped to use the stone work to make planters on the A67
- **LB** asked the meeting for ideas as to how we can improve the area to the south of Kirklevington Mews to make it more appealing as, at this present time it is unsightly.
- **NDB** thanked **EH** for the wild flower display on the A67 which is funded from her ward budget.

c) SPEED CAMERAS – **NDB** confirmed that he is still looking at obtaining solar speed cameras that can be fitted to light posts and are of an acceptable weight.

12) AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING - All items on Agenda

13) Meeting Dates

Parish Council Meeting - Monday, 20th October at 7.00p.m. in Kirklevington Memorial Hall

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