

KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd February, 2021 at 7.00p.m - Held on Zoom

Present: Mr N. DeBadgecoe (Chair) (NDB)

Mrs J Smith (JSm)

Miss R. Grainger, (RG)

Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

Borough Councillor Mr. A. Sherris (AS)

Also in attendance: KAG - Mr A. Alton (AA) (Chair), Mr. D. Bell.(DB) A. McLee (AMc)

Mr. P. Hewitt (PH), Mr. D. Hadfield (DH)

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Mrs J Beaumont, Mrs P Deepak, Mrs K. Hewitt

RESIGNATION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

The **PC** reported that both **James Simpson** and **Graham Tebbs** have offered their resignations as Parish Councillors. The **PC** was requested to contact both James and Graham and thank them for their valued support as Parish Councillors. The **PC** has contacted SBC and the two posts are being advertised.

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

NDB. AA, DB, AMc declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of Kirklevington Action Group (KAG). **AA** declared a non-prejudicial interest as Chair of Kirklevington Memorial Hall. **AS** declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of SBC Planning Committee.

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the January meeting were duly read, **APPROVED** RG, JSm

4) MATTERS ARISING MINUTES

No matter for discussion

5) PLANNING

a) PLANNING UPDATE

Story Development

- It was reported that Story had broken a water main on Pump Lane which had resulted in water flooding into Pump Lane.
- **Flooding Issues** – **AA** reported to the meeting that following the extreme flooding issues that residents living on St. Martins Way have been experiencing, Story have now begun installing the swale down from and along the northern edge of the site. Water appeared to be flowing and it hoped that this will solve this major issues. The swale will be installed the full length of the site and work continues. It was disappointing that it had taken so long for this work to be carried away at it was originally discussed with Story in August, 2020. **A. Smuck (ASm)** of SBC had given Story a date for when the work needed to be completed but, unfortunately, the weather has delayed some of the work.
- **Public Right of Way – Around School** – **AA** also brought to the meetings attention that, although promised by Story, no work has been carried out to improve the PRW footpath. Although a requirement, Story have not taken into the account the existing drains from the school and the need for this water to flow into the drainage system.

The condition of the PRW still remains extremely wet and in a very poor condition. The PC reported that she had asked Story at earlier meetings for the sweeping from the roads which were being layed on their sites to be put on the footpath but nothing has happened but road have been layed. **DB** also brought to the Parish Councils attention that the condition of all the PRW around the school is in a very poor condition and unwalkable in places. He asked as to who is responsibility for the footpath. **AA** confirmed that **ASm** had made it clear that it was the duty and responsibility of Story to make remedial work to the PRW. **NDB** suggested that we should try and work with Story to develop and build relationships which would also be of benefit to Story. **DH** questioned as to whether it was not both SBC and Story's responsibility to ensure that the PRW was kept in a good condition.

- **Pump Lane – Cleaning of Road** – **RG** reported to the meeting that she had spoken to **Mark Green (MG)** of Story re the condition of the road whilst the new roads were being built with the large amount of mud on the road. She had pointed out to **MG** that the road required constant cleaning throughout the day and not just twice a day as he was suggesting. The **PC** was able to inform the Parish Council that JB had also been in contact with **MG** to inform him that this was unacceptable.
- **Traffic Lights – Pump Lane** – **NDB** brought to the meeting attention that drivers were not observing the one-way system. He also pointed out to the meeting that the letter sent out to residents showed that a section of Pump Lane that is at the present time one way would be changed to two way. **NDB** questions the necessity for this and the thinking behind this decision. **AS** brought to the Parish Councils attention that SBC Cabinet Meeting would be discussing these changed at a meeting on the 3rd March, 2021. **AS** has put together a report which will be presented to that meeting.
- **Road Signage – Pump Lane** – **NDB** reported that signs had been put in the wrong places with arrows pointing in the wrong direction which only caused more confusion to motorist. He also pointed out the cones which had been placed along a section of the footpath to bring to walkers attention the dangerous state of this footpath which could collapse were being continually removed. This was a major safety issue.
- **Exit from Story Site to A67** – **AA** brought to the attention of the meeting the issue of drivers needing to exit onto the A67 with drivers from both village residents and the Story site. It is clear that, with only one exit road, drivers wanting to turn both right and left from the site are going to find themselves queueing together with the inevitable problem of grid lock. The **PC** was requested to write to **Joanne Roberts** of SBC to bring this issue to her attention before it becomes a major issue.

b) Banks/Taylor Wimpey Application – 21/0186/FUL

- **AA** brought to the Parish Councils attention the fact that this application was a **FUL** application and not an **REM** and that Simon Grundy (**SG**) from SBC had been asked to clarify. **SG** had been able to confirm that this was a new application and that previous applications would be superseded together with conditions. **AA** reiterated the feeling of all Parish Councillors and KAG members that this application was of very low standard with no development plan details. **NDB** reported to the meeting that the many comments that had been submitted to SBC re this application were good and extremely valid. It was noted that the SBC Planning Officer responsible for this application is still to submit their Officers Report.

- The **PC** reported to the meeting that Freedom of Information requests had been submitted to both Banks and Taylor Wimpey. They had both been asked if they had made any contact with the landowner south of their proposed development site and also Story Homes to request vehicular access direct to the A67 for all site vehicles and works vehicles. A reply had been received from Taylor Wimpey informin the Parish Council 'that their land department is in discussion but as this is 3rd party land, they have no control over it. If they are successful they will let us know'.
- **DB** brought to the Parish Councils attention that there was no mention in the Transport Assessment re access via the Story Homes site.
- **AA** questioned what the present situation is with regards to SBCs 5 year housing supply. **SG** to be asked for this information.
- **AA** reported that the KAG response/strategy with 6 points and conditions had been drawn up.
- **AA** reported to the meeting that **ASm** is already aware of the water issues to the north of the site behind Westlands.
- The **PC** was requested to contact both **Elaine Atkinson and Simon Grundy of SBC** to arrange for a joint meeting with the **Parish Council and KAG**.
- Very limited consultation has been received by residents relating to this application with no face to face residents meeting. Although understandable at this difficult time for a face to face residents meeting the need for a more proactive approach should have been taken. The Parish Council put together a flyer with details of the application and how to make representation which went out to all residents.

c) Helpers – Delivery of Flyers

It was requested that we thank all the helpers who delivered the flyers to residents re the Banks/Taylor Wimpey proposed development. The **PC** to contact and also **NDB** to contact those who gave such community support.

d) APPLICATIONS

21/0156/FUL – Land to the west of St. Martins Way, Kirklevington

Erection of 97 dwellings to include landscaping, drainage infrastructure and associated works and access via St. Martins Way.

21/0306/X – Handley Cross, Leven Bank Road, TS15 9JL

Application to pollard 3no. Poplar Trees within area 1 and within area 3 works to include thinning of tree stems up to 20% and selective thinning through removal of 22 o. trees subject to tree preservation order 845 (00.8.5.845)

21/0275/REM – Field View Camp Site, Green Lane, Kirklevington TS15 9EH

Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 6 dwelling houses.

c) DELEGATED DECISIONS

NO DECISIONS

6) PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

a) Installation of Play Area Equipment

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The **PC** reported that she is in discussion with KOMPAN the company who installed the new play equipment to obtain a quote for an additional piece of equipment to replace the removed Trim Trail.

7) CORRESPONDENCE

- Chris Bielby – Calls to overhaul the planning system amid claims new housing developments are putting extra strain on flood defences – Yorkshire Post
- Keith Morley – Correspondence sent to SBC re flooding issues St. Martins Way
- Steve Ward – Flooding photographs Westlands gardens.
- Chris Bielby – Closure of school gate St. Martins Way
- L. Neale – Flooding issues Westlands and proposed SUDS Banks/TW site
- NALC – EPC2-21 – Model Design Code – Survey of views
- Mark Gillson, SBC – Thirsk Road/Pump Lane Roadworks and dates
- Karen Moore, SBC – SID on corner of Pump Lane
- Mark Green, Story Homes – Cleaning of road Pump Lane/Thirsk Road
- Ann McLone, SBC – SBC Cabinet Draft Member report – Reduce the one-way extent on Pump Lane – Views request
- PC Andy Hampson – Issues within Parish – Questions
- PC Andy Hampson – K&C Parish Update Report
- John Rose, NW – Map of drainage Plans NWL

8) FINANCE

a) Payments

Mrs R Mazonas

Salary February, 2021	£307.88	
Broadband January, 2021	<u>£15.99</u>	<u>£323.87</u>

b) Accounts Update

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

9) VILLAGE ISSUES

a) Saltergill Lane

The **PC** reported that **PC Andy Hampson** had raised several questions with one being the ownership of Saltergill Lane. A long discussion was held re the on-going issue of fly tipping on the lane. It was suggested that we should be looking at some CCTV to monitor the lane. To be looked in to which **AS** agreed to give support to.

b) Lay-by A67

Issues raised previously are still ongoing and SBC Enforcement and The Police are being kept up dated.

c) Car Park – Kirklevington Memorial Village Hall

It had been reported that cars were parking up in the Village Hall car park late at night and it was evident that some issues as to the occupants of the cars taking drugs. Small packets had been dropped on the car park. The **PC** confirmed that she had reported this to The Police. **AS** suggested that we also bring this issue to the attention of the Enforcement Team at SBC. **NDB**

reported that he had viewed the CCTV at the Village Hall which was working and had now cleaned all the cameras.

d) Weary Bank/Foxton Bridge, Castle Levington

The **PC** reported to the meeting that she had been informed by a group of walkers that they had been approach by the landowners re the route that they were following and told that the route shown in the Wander with History booklet was incorrect. It should be noted that in the book walkers are asked to also follow the route on an O.S. Map. Several Parish Councillors stated that they would be following the route to ascertain if correct or not. AMc reported that there are some questionable signage on the route. It was also pointed out that the River Leven was in flood and this was causing issues. The **PC** has removed the Wander with History book from the web site.

e) Future Burial Provision – South of the Borough

AS brought to the meetings attention that the future burial provision south of the borough was under consideration. Kirklevington have 5 – 7 years of burial plots available and Yarm have 6 – 9 years left. **AS** requested that this issue be placed on the Kirklevington Community web site. The issue is open for discussion.

f) Community Litter Pickers

JSm requested that the Parish Council approve the purchase of hi-viz waistcoats for the team of Community Litter Pickers to wear. It was suggested that they be green as other groups wear yellow and this would avoid confusion. It was also suggested that '**PARISH COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS**' be written on the back. The **PC** was asked to order 4 which would cost under £30. **APPROVED NDB RG**

10) ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

a) SID - **AS** reported that the damaged SID removed on Forest Lane and which was hoped to have been replaced by now is now unfortunately delayed.

b) Parish Council SID - **NDB** reported to the meeting that the Parish Council SID has now been moved to the corner of Pump Lane. The SID is working and data is being recorded. The speed indicator has been set at 30mph as it is just outside the school 20mph zone. Speeding cars have been recorded. All data will be circulated. The **PC** was able to confirm that the Parish Council do have permission to put the SID in this location.

c) Pot Holes - The **PC** confirmed that they had been reported but that the issue of pot holes was a borough issue and that we were somewhere on the list for them to be repaired.

d) Closure of School Gate from St. Martins Way - The **PC** reported that she had received correspondence questioning why the gate from St. Martins Way into Kirklevington Primary School remains closed. The **PC** had been able to explain the reasoning for its continued closure due to the need for self-distancing. Unfortunately, it is not possible for walkers to see other walkers coming in the opposite direction when using this path which prevents them from being self-distanced. The path is also very narrow. The School are working very hard to keep everyone safe who uses their site and the closure of this gate has become a necessity.

They have organised a circular route around school with adults and children entering school via the footpath by the front of school to the east and exiting via the west of school and through the car park. There still remains a problem with parents having to walk on the road to self-distance when on Forest Lane and the **PC** is to speak with Enforcement.

e) Dirty Road Sign Pump Lane - **NDB** reported that together with **AA** they had cleaned the signs along Pump Lane that were extremely dirty.

f) Kirklevington Sign A67 - **RG** reported to the meeting that the Kirklevington Sign south on the A67 was restricting the vision of many drivers trying to exit from the new Story exit. The **PC** to report to SBC and see if it can be either reduced in height or moved to a better position.

g) Exit Road from Story site onto A67 - **AA** brought to the Parish Councils attention the issue of the new exit from the Story site that has been constructed as a single lane exit. Drivers from this site will want to exit both south onto the A67 for an onward journey to the A19 and north towards Yarm and also to allow residents on the new development to enter the village by car at The Crown at the corner of Forest Lane. During lockdown we are still seeing over 600 drivers a day exiting from the village via Pump Lane which will now be from the new Story exit. This number of vehicles will only increase once normal vehicular travel patterns increase and people return to work and normal life patterns. With a protected right turn into the site we can envisage that all drivers, whether wanting to exit south or north, will have to queue with the possibility of **grid lock**. We already know that, once the new development is completed several 100 drivers will be wanting to exit from the site at peak times together with the drivers from the village. **AA** reminded the meeting that exiting the village from Forest Lane at The Crown is extremely dangerous for drivers and the only safe route with good exit vision will be via the new Story exit. The need for the road to be widened to allow for vehicles to exit both south and north together this would alleviate the inevitable problem and avoid a **GRID LOCK** situation. The **PC** to contact **Joanne Roberts** for SBC.

11) MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING

NEWSLETTER

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

12) MEETING DATES

ZOOM meeting 30thth March, 2021

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