

KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 26th July, 2021 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)
Ms. R. Grainger (RG)
Mrs P. Deepak (PD)
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)

Also in attendance: Mr M. Langley (ML)

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Mr A. Alton, Mrs J Smith Borough Councillors Mr A Sherris and Mr. D. Fagan

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

JB declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of Kirklevington Action Group (KAG). **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 **DH** declared a non-prejudicial interest as employed in a Government Department.

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the June meeting were duly read, **APPROVED NDB, DH**

4) MATTERS ARISING MINUTES

28.06.21 - 6) WARD BOUNDARY CHANGE PROPOSALS

The **PC** reported that she had had a long conversation with **Margaret Waggott (MW)** of SBC where she questioned whether it was solely a ward boundary change or whether it was also a Parish boundary change and what the implications would be to our Parish. **MW** was not able to clarify what the implications to the Parish would be but confirmed that it was to be a Ward boundary change only. The **PC** also reported that she had submitted the Parish Council's comments re these proposals to change the Ward Boundary to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. She had also emailed Alexandra Jones at the Local Government Boundary Commission for England re the names proposed for the southern and northern part of the Parish. She had made a suggestion to them that, in order to keep the residents' rural identity, they should refer to the Parish as Kirklevington South and Kirklevington North and also Castle Leavington South and Castle Leavington North. To refer to the northern areas of the Parish as Green Lane was unacceptable. **DH** confirmed to the meeting that this was only a Ward Boundary Change and was not a Parish Boundary Change.

28.06.21 12a) HIGH KERB, FOREST LANE. The **PC** had spoken to Neil Hoskins of SBC and he had been out to look at the kerb and felt that once the new road surface is laid the height of the kerb would be acceptable.

5) QUESTIONNAIRE

NDB was able to report to the meeting that both the newsletter and questionnaire had been sent out to residents. Those residents living in the rural areas of the Parish had been sent theirs by post and those residents living to the north of the Parish had received theirs with an electronic link for them to complete rather than a paper questionnaire to complete and drop in the box outside the village hall. **NDB** reported that those questionnaires that had already been returned showed similarities in their replies and, once all questionnaires are returned, an analysis will be carried out.

6) PLANNING

a) PLANNING UPDATE

i) Story Development

- **NDB** reported that he had messaged Mark Green re various issues that need to be discussed but in particular the very early start times at the site which was of extreme concern to many residents. No reply received to date. Both the Parish Council and several residents had reported this issue to SBC and an official warning has now been sent by SBC re the early start time and it is hoped that there will be signs of improvement at the site. **NDB** asked that all Parish Councillors let him know of any additional issues that need to be discussed at the proposed meeting with Mark Green.
- **NDB** also reported that the entrance for pedestrians was now open at the corner of Pump Lane. No further information has been received from SBC re the road layout.

ii) Banks/Taylor Wimpey – 21/0156/FUL

- **Archaeological Survey** – It was originally reported that this survey would take 2 weeks however, to date, it has taken 8 weeks and there is no sign that they are about to finish their survey. It was reported that children from the local school had had a visit to site to view the findings. Questions were asked at the meeting as to why it was taking so long and what were their findings?
- **NDB** confirmed to the meeting that Banks/Taylor Wimpey are still going forward with 2 applications. 1 for 90 dwellings and 1 for 97 dwellings.

iii) Theakstons

The already approved application for 100 dwellings sees no sign of commencement at the site. We await to see if Theakstons take their refused application for 300 dwellings to appeal. The proposed new layout was refused by **SBC**.

b) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/1721/REM – Land West of St. Martins Way, Kirklevington

Reserved matters application for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 90 dwellings and associated works.

21/1805/FUL – 49 Ash Grove, Kirklevington

Erection of a garden storage unit

c) DELEGATED DECISIONS

21/1420/FUL – 85 Forest Lane, Kirklevington

Erection of a single storey extension to the front and a single storey extension to the side and rear

APPROVED

20/2823/COU – Town End Farm, Fieldhouse Lane, Kirklevington

Part retrospective planning permission for the change of use of a lecture room/viewing area and general storage area associated with an indoor equestrian riding centre to form a café (Use Class E) and creation of a fenced recreational dog walking field (Use Class Sui Generis) with link creation to public right of way and associated parking

APPROVED

21/1453/FUL – Cleveland View, Thirsk Road, Kirklevington, TS15 9LR

Erection of a single storey side/rear extension and an attached garage to the side (demolition of existing garage to side/rear and single storey rear extension)

APPROVED

21/1426/DCH – Tall Tress Development, Worsall Road, Kirklevington, TS15 9PF

Information to discharge condition no3 (Tree Pit Details), no4 (Trees adjacent to the adopted highway), no7 (Hedgehogs Fencing) of planning approval 20/0344/VARY – Section 73 application to vary condition no.2 of planning approval 15/2152/REM – Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for planning approval 13/2568/EIS – phase 2 for the erection of 149 dwellings and open space.

APPROVED

7) QUEENS' JUBILEE 2022

NDB had investigated the possibility of purchasing a beacon but the cost was out of the reach of the Parish Council's finances. It was felt that some sort of celebration needs to be organised to involve all residents and all ideas to be discussed and looked at in detail at a future meeting.

8) PLAY AREA

a) Maintenance and Repair :

- **NDB** reported to the meeting that he had been able to put a bird deterrent strip on the top bar of the swings to deter pigeons and other birds from sitting and leaving a mess on the swings.
- **NDB** also reported that **Andy Alton** and his wife, **Karen**, had spent some considerable time at the Play Area sanding and re-varnishing the Anniversary Bench and also sanding and painting the gates. **Andy** had also repaired the hinge on the gate leading to the Church path. **NDB** wished to thank both **Andy** and **Karen** for all their hard work and this was reiterated by all others present at the meeting.
- The **PC** had obtained a **DRIVE WITH CAUTION CHILDREN PLAYING** sign and **NDB** had fixed it to the board outside the Play Area on Pump Lane.

b) Equipment

- **NDB** confirmed that the hard standing work to be carried out the Play Area would be going ahead at the beginning of October.
- **NDB** had spoken to **AA** re the new Play Area furniture and when it is expected to be delivered with the hope that it can be delayed until October. Storage would be a problem if it arrives early.

ii) Lawnmower and Strimmer

NDB confirmed that the lawnmower and strimmer had now been purchased and that it was now in use.

iii) Hedge Cutting

The **PC** and **NDB** confirmed that they were continuing to be actively looking for somebody to cut the Play Area hedge. Suggestions were asked for from members present.

c) Seating Area

The **PC** reported that **Jenny Eggett** from the William Hall Trust had drawn to the Parish Council's attention that the existing footpath was slippery in the winter months and asked if a non-slip surface could be applied together with the new surface at the seating area. **NDB** had made enquiries and details of a new finishing surface has been suggested from the agreed contractors and will now be applied to all of the surfaces at the Play Area. The **PC** to update Jenny.

9) CORRESPONDENCE

- BHIB Insurance – Clarification as to cover for cutting grass with mower and strimmer and clarification re the cutting of the hedge.
- Elaine Atkinson – REM application re Land west of St. Martins Way for 90 dwellings and notice that application for 97 dwellings will still be proceeding
- Rob Morrow – PROW School – Work carried out and work to be carried out during school holidays
- KEITH MORLEY/ PETER TARREN –CONDITION OF SWALE AFTER RAIN
- D. Bell - Land West of St. Martins Way – Comments
- CDALC – Parish Councillor Training 7.10.21 – Planning Training
- P. Hodgson – Picton Stell – Update re Enquiry
- R. Bleach – Copy of FOI and Complaint send to SBC re Waste Bins not collected 20.07.21
- P. Hodgson – Copy reply from Environment Agency
- Planning Enforcement acknowledgement
- D Murdy, SBC – Quotation for cutting of hedge at Play Area
- NALC Chief Executive Reports

10) FINANCE MATTERS

Mrs R Mazonas

Salary July, 2021	£307.88	
Broadband June, 2021	£21.30	
Caution Children Playing Sign	£11.78	
Stationery	£26.48	
Stamps - Newsletter Distribution	£21.38	
McAfee Renewal	<u>£89.99</u>	£478.81
A. Alton		£100.18
Reimbursement – Goods – Play Area Maintenance		
N. DeBadgecoe		£848.00
Reimbursement – Purchase of Lawnmower and Strimmer – Play Area		
A. Alton		£88.91
Reimbursement – Supplies –Play Area Maintenance		
ICO – Annual Renewal		£35.00
N. DeBadgecoe		
Play Area Maintenance	£21.98	
Stationery	<u>£57.56</u>	<u>£79.54</u>

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b) Accounts Update

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

c) Risk Assessment

The **PC** reported that following the discussion re the Risk Assessment at the June meeting she had contacted the Parish Council's Insurance Company for guidance re the cutting of the grass by lawnmower and strimmer by Parish Councillors and this was deemed as acceptable and covered by strimmer. With regards to the cutting of the hedge the insurance company deemed that this work must be carried out by a professional company with appropriate liability insurance cover. The **PC** had updated the Risk Assessment.

APPROVED NDB, JB

11) VILLAGE ISSUES

a) PROW AROUND SCHOOL

The **PC** confirmed that she had been in contact with **Rob Morrow of SBC** re the cutting back of vegetation around the PROW and this will be carried out during the summer school holidays.

b) REFUSE/RECYCLING AND GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

NDB was pleased to announce that both refuse and recycling collections would be going back to normal. It had been a very difficult time for staff at SBC who provided these services due to staff contracting Covid and others being pinged. Staff levels were down by two thirds. Unfortunately the green waste collection service still remains suspended. The **PC** was asked to send an email to thank all the staff at SBC for their ability to continue to provide the waste and recycling services at such a difficult time.

12) ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

a) Resurfacing of Forest Lane

Following the notification from **SBC** re the scheduled resurfacing work to be carried out to Forest Lane, residents have expressed their concern re the spec of any resurfacing work. We have seen the damage which exacerbated the number of pot holes forming on this section of Forest Lane following the building of a small housing development. With the proposal for the Banks/Taylor Wimpey building 90/97 dwellings and proposing to use Forest Lane for all their site vehicles such damage cannot be repeated. Questions were asked as to who pays for this damage. Stockton Borough Council should not have to take on such repair work at the expense of Council Tax Payers.

b) Speeding vehicles

NDB had previously forwarded to all Parish Councillors the data collected from the SID at the corner of Pump Lane. It clearly indicated not only the ever increasing number of vehicles travelling west to east on Forest Lane but also the number of vehicles who were driving well in excess of the speed limit. Many of the drivers are not from the village but are drivers rerouting to avoid Green Lane and its increasing congestion. The **PC** to draw this issue to the attention of **PC** Andrew Hampson.

c) Inconsiderate Parking

The already returned questionnaires showed the concern of many residents re inconsiderate parking throughout the Parish. The Parish Council to monitor this issue and report to enforcement any issues.

d) Pedestrian Crossing/Crossing Person Outside of Primary School

All Parish Councillors present expressed their extreme concern re the need for either a controlled pedestrian crossing or a school hours crossing person outside of Kirklevington Primary School. Unbelievable numbers of drivers using Forest Lane show no regard as to the speed that they are driving in and around the school entrance. The very low sleeping policemen do nothing to slow drivers down. A suggested speed of 20mph an hour is shown no regard by large numbers of drivers. Questions were asked as to whether a mandatory speed limit of 20mph should be imposed and enforced at this point on Forest Lane.

c) Pinch Points on Forest Lane

NDB questioned whether pinch points on Forest Lane would go some way to get drivers to slow down. **JB** suggested that they may cause noise to residents as drivers slow down and drivers drive away. It is clear that something needs to be urgently done to solve these problems.

d) Tree Hangover – A67

RG drew to the meetings attention the overhanging tree to the south of the exit from the Story Homes development. The vision to drivers is greatly obstructed and this continuous problem needs to see urgent attention taken. The **PC** to draw to the attention of Care for your Area but would first email Mark Green to suggest that someone from their sit go down and lop back the offending tree.

e) Calming Gates

ML made a suggestion to the meeting that calming gates could be put on the verges on the approach to the village in both directions. These calming gates can be seen in other communities and clearly identify that drivers are driving into a community and that there is a need to slow down.

f) Signage A67

Both **BG** and the **PC** confirmed the need for improved signage on the A67 to notify drivers that they were entering a 40mph zone. Very few drivers were entering the zone from the south of the A67 driving at 40mph. At peak times very few drivers were driving at 40mph at any point within the 40mph zone. The **PC** was requested to contact **PC Andrew Hampson** and also **SBC** to request better signage both on the road and approaching the zone as can be seen in other areas within the borough.

13) MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING

a) Questionnaire Analysis b) Beacon – Queens’ Jubilee 2022

NDB closed the meeting and informed the meeting of the sad loss of **Gill Allen**. **Gill** was a leading member of **KAG** and had worked tirelessly on behalf of our community when opposing several major planning applications which affected our community. Over many years **Gill** has been involved and been part of other groups within our community. **Gill will be sadly missed and our thoughts go out to her family.**

14) MEETING DATES

Monday, 13th September, 2021 at 7.00p.m. - Small Hall, Kirklevington Village Hall

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