

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for Parish Council meeting held on 4th March 2024 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Bob Radford (RSR)(Chair), Cllr Andrew Twidale (AT), Cllr Sarah French (SF), Cllr Nigel Chattin (NC)
Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM); District Cllr Penny Rainbow (PR), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk)
Public: Colin McGarrigle

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Wheatcroft, Woolridge and Laughton sent apologies.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Radford advised he would not take part in a vote for item 5 i) due to it being his neighbour.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th February 2024 were approved as a true record. Unanimously approved.

4. Adjournment for matters to be raised by the public for future consideration, and County/District Councillor items

Dog Fouling – Cllr Twidale advised of an issue with dog fouling in the village.

Hedgerows – it was confirmed that landowners are not able to cut back hedgerows between 1st March and 31st August unless there is an access / Highways / safety issue. Any requests would need to go through NCC to be assessed.

Kirklington Hill works – Cllr Chattin has been advised that pavements/paths between the Hall and Greet Farm will not be 'sided up' due to future planned works. **ACTION – Clerk to establish if this relates to the works planned for Kirklington Hill which will be resurfaced (dates tbc – possibly next financial year) (20-26).**

****Update received since the meeting advised works expected to be done by September.**

Path near Church – it was agreed that the path alongside the Church is still uneven. **ACTION – Clerk to contact NCC to request reassess (20-26).**

Manhole on A617 – Mr McGarrigle enquired about the Severn Trent manhole cover which causes noise when driven over. **ACTION – Clerk to contact Cllr Woolridge as it was on a list of things raised by him.**

****Update since meeting – dates for works have been circulated.**

Quality of pothole repairs – concerns were raised about the quality (or lack of) of repairs carried out, especially at the following locations: Southwell Rd bend near Edingley turnoff; Southwell Rd near Millbrook; Southwell Rd / The Green junction; path next to the Church; Eakring Road. **Action – Clerk to write a letter of complaint about the fact that poor quality repairs are lifting and not bonding (20-26).**

Walkers' rights – a reminder was given that all official routes are open, but some permitted ways are now restricted due to people driving on them (gates now locked).

Updates from Cllr Rainbow:

Southwell Rd speeding – a temporary camera on Southwell Rd should show some results near the northern approach near School, however, could be too close to The Mill which creates some natural slowing down. Could be counting traffic volume rather than speed – will review once results received.

Kerbside recycling for glass – bins should be delivered over the next few weeks – emptied every eight weeks.

GTSF – Festival plans are underway for this year – feedback will be passed on as / when received.

5. Planning

- i) 24/00245/HOUSE – 5, The Green – proposed single storey extension and internal alterations. **Outcome: decision of no objection (unanimous) to be submitted. Cllr Radford did not take part in discussions or votes.**
- ii) 24/00303/FULM – National Grid Training Centre, Kirklington Rd, Eakring – development of 6 pylons, overhead lines and associated development. **Outcome: decision of no objection (unanimous) to be submitted.**

- iii) 24/00056/TWCA – The Orchards, Main Street – pruning works. **Outcome – permission granted (info only).**

Additionally (received after the agenda was sent out):

- tree works at Lin Cottage that have received approval (info only).
- TRO3378, Southwell Rd – consultation about proposals to change road markings near the School Lane junction. Although there was caution around whether or not proposals would simply move the problem elsewhere, it was acknowledged that the plans would improve visibility and provide space to pull in to aid passing. **ACTION – Clerk to circulate information to residents, and submit decision of ‘no objection’ to NCC.**

Cllr Chattin has spoken with the school who send monthly reminders to parents about considerate parking, however, some continue to arrive early / wait. It was felt that staggered starts would be difficult as many families have children in more than one class. It was felt that a bus wouldn't be used, and it couldn't be made compulsory for those outside of the village to get a bus as the School currently has no control over admissions.

6. Flooding

It is hoped that some landowners will have ponds on their land in the future. Cllrs Wheatcroft and Woolridge will provide updates about flooding actions at the next meeting unless more urgent (email).

7. Action points review

Number	PC member	Subject	Date Raised	Status
19-57	RSR/IW	<u>School Playing Field</u> RSR and IW met with the School's Head; now awaiting update from NCC legal team; School has no issue with PC insurance (PLI) but does have concerns about unauthorised usage; PC offered to fund a combination lock with number only given to locals who are 'authorised' to use the field (not hardstanding areas). No update received as at Feb meeting. Action: HC chase NCC for response and follow up on user agreement.	Nov-19	ongoing
20-25	GW/IW	<u>Flooding / drainage projects</u> see agenda item 8 (Feb) for full update. GW and IW continue to lead and co-ordinate the flood group and provide updates via WhatsApp and email as urgency requires; updates also to be brought to each meeting. Action: PR to speak to BL to establish if any additional funding is available; HC to speak to NSDC (AH) about grants / funding for projects that may fit, and also see if NALC have any advice.	Oct-20	ongoing
20-26	HC	<u>Potholes/road issues</u> Awaiting update from County / BL about surface issues on Eakring Rd. Feedback has been received that siding up on A617 (between Hall and Greet Farm) will not be done due to future planned works - possibly linked to resurfacing of Kirklington Hill Action - will be reviewed once updates received. Siding up on A617 to be reviewed and reported. HC to find out about siding up feedback above. HC to report that footpath alongside Church is still uneven. Clerk to write letter of complaint about quality of repairs in village.	Oct-20	ongoing

21-22	HC	<u>National Grid</u> Action - HC to chase up contact from office of Chairman of National Grid; also request a speed check / Speedwatch in the area; see if the local Policing Team can offer help.	Sep-21	ongoing
22-10	IW/HC/PR/CMcG	<u>Speeding in village</u> Tubes' have been observed near The Mill bridge although it is not known if / how we get results. An email has gone out to residents to ask for interest in a Speedwatch Scheme - additional support gathered at the PC meeting. Action - IW to chase plans to monitor traffic on A617. Awaiting updates on traffic monitoring	Apr-22	ongoing
23-04	IW/PR	<u>The Mill</u> Recent site visit from NCC included a review of the area; possibility of interactive speed signs is being reviewed. Action - IW is still monitoring / cashing for updates; PR to chase possibility of interactive speed signs	Feb-23	ongoing
23-05	HC/all	<u>CIL Funding</u> Due to recent flooding, it was agreed that there should be a refocus of attention with the potential to use (some) CIL funding on related projects. Some funding may also be allocated to Belle Eau Park (to be confirmed) Action - Cllr Chattin will research what grants / funding might be available e.g. match-funding	Feb-23	ongoing
23-09	HC/PR	<u>Belle Eau Park issues</u> Still chasing Lineage for updates as Nobles have advised no contact received, and disruption continues. Action - HC to liaise with resident for statistic and impacts to go back to Lineage with e.g. volumes, costs of repairs / potential resurfacing, potential for them to charge for enforcement and legal action etc. Could there be an option to support installation of cameras on site to monitor the area?	Apr-23	ongoing
23-11	HC	<u>Policy Review</u> Action - HC to amend 'last reviewed' dates on policies and ensure up to date on website.	Jul-23	ongoing
23-13	HC	<u>Village Welcome Letter</u> Action - HC to add in updates about current Cllrs, bin days (brown on Wed, rest on Thurs), and OnDemand bus service.	Sep-23	ongoing
23-14	HC	<u>Footbridge surfaces</u> Action - HC will chase Footpaths Team to see if anything can be done to improve slippery surfaces.	Oct-23	ongoing
23-17	HC	<u>Dog Fouling</u> Action - HC to chase NSDC for advice and support.	Nov-23	ongoing

8. WINGS

There have been no issues of note and it was acknowledged that preconceptions could mean that students get a reputation for trouble when they are not causing any harm.

9. Financial matters

- i) Balances – will be confirmed at the next meeting.
- ii) Clerk payment – authorised payment for February Proposed Cllr Radford, seconded Cllr French.

- iii) Election Charge – authorised payment to cover charges for the 2023 election £1099.58.
Proposed Cllr Radford, seconded Cllr Twidale. **Action – Clerk to circulate breakdown of fees.**
- iv) Review any payments due – authorise upcoming payments.

10. Traffic Report

- i) 4/3 morning – just past Eakring Rd turn – there was standing traffic caused by an accident – no further details known.
- ii) Incident at Belle Eau Park where a lorry got stock after incorrectly turning into BEP/towards Broadberrys and had to turn around – blocked access for approx. 3hrs.

11. Correspondence

- i) Portrait of the King (HC) **ACTION – Clerk to place order.**
- ii) NSDC Call for sites (BioDiversity Net Gain) – nfa needed.
- iii) RCAN Event – Rural Community Venues – 27th March – email circulated

12. Date of next meeting

8th April 2024 at 7.30pm

.....Signed (Chair)

.....Date