

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 3rd March 2025 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Bob Radford (RSR)(Chair), Cllr Andrew Twidale, Cllr Nigel Chattin (NC), Cllr Sarah French (SF), Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM), Cllr Graeme Wheatcroft (GW), Cllr P Rainbow (PR), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk)
Public: 3 members

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Ian Woolridge (IW) gave apologies and it was resolved to accept the apologies.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Minutes of last meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 3rd February 2025 be approved as a true record – proposed Cllr Chattin, seconded Cllr Twidale.

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

Jackie Gozzard introduced herself as prospective County Councillor candidate (Reform) and gave the background to her career.

RESOLUTION – Cllr Radford proposed, and it was unanimously resolved, to move agenda item 13 to this section to enable public participation.

Village signs - it was confirmed that upon receipt of the decision about grant funding from NCC, the village signs project will be reassessed in terms of how many signs could be design and installed, and how this could be funded.

Footpaths – concerns were raised about footpaths in need of attention in the village. In terms of the footpath outside the Church – due to flood-risk alleviation works being considered, it was recommended that this issue be reviewed once works have been agreed in order to see if improvements would fall under the project. For the area near The Mill, concerns were raised about accessibility. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk contact NCC to establish ownership/responsibility of affected areas, and that the footpath areas are cleared (near the footbridge, and on pavements around The Mill).**

A617 Highways issues – concerns were raised about the dirty signage as you enter the village from Mansfield, and that the hedge encroaches on to the main road near Ivy Farm causing large vehicles to have to move into the centre of the road. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk request signage cleaning, and that Cllr Rainbow speak to the Enforcement Team to request the hedge is assessed for cutting.**

VE Day – a celebration / act of remembrance is being planned by the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC) – date to be confirmed and a schedule of events will be circulated once finalised. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that Cllr Radford liaise with the Church to see what they have planned and to work together; it was resolved that the Clerk speak to Cllr Woolridge and both watch out for any relevant grants / funding opportunities that may become available for VE Day events.**

District Council updates – Cllr Rainbow advised that there is a meeting to review proposals for a unitary council to see which option would be best for the reform. The Council Tax increase is being approved and likely to be 1.99-2.99%. All 39 Councillors will have access to funding which could be shared at Parish level.

5. Planning

- i) 24/02123/BLC – Linthwaite Cottage, Main Street – installation of flood barriers and installation of sump pump (see application). **Outcome – permission granted (info only).**

Cllr Rainbow will speak to the Enforcement Team for an update about works at Top o'the Hill.

6. Flooding

Although exact dates are yet to be confirmed, plans to make improvements within the Village are under review. A site visit was held with NCC's Flooding Team Manager, and there will be a public meeting at the Village Hall on 23rd April to provide an update on progress and responsibilities – details to be circulated shortly. **RESOLVED – it was resolved that Cllr Wheatcroft will respond to a request for an update from a resident.**

7. Outstanding actions review

School car park – the School's response to concerns raised by the Parish Council was reviewed. **RESOLUTION** – it was resolved that the Clerk find, and circulate, the terms agreed within the Planning Permission that was granted before considering next steps; it was resolved that Clerk contact the School to seek information about a vehicle which has been observed to create traffic problems on Southwell Road.

Belle Eau Park – the Clerk provided an overview of recent avenues of communication and that an update from MP Robert Jenrick's office will be provided once received.

8. WINGS

No further issues have been raised.

9. Financial matters

- i) Balances – current account £4125.75, deposit account £8233.91, CIL £12297.90, Flood Fund £3073.21.
- ii) Clerk payment – payment for February was unanimously approved – proposed Cllr Twidale / seconded Cllr Mitchell.
- iii) Flood Reserves Expenditure – none made.
- iv) Review any other payments needed since last meeting – none made.
- v) Review any other payments due – none made.

10. Traffic Report

1/3 or 2/3 - accident on Hockerton Hill at the weekend, details unknown other than the Police attended.

22/2 – car fire on Southwell Road

Possible accident near Maxey's but no further information available.

11. Average Speed Cameras

Works to install average speed cameras from Hockerton to Lockwell Hill have started, and thought to be overnight to minimise disruption to traffic.

12. Mains water access points maintenance

When dealing with the car fire, it was observed that the Fire Brigade could not easily locate / access a hydrant due to it being covered in debris. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk write to the local Fire Authority (in light of recent events) to clarify whose responsibility it is, and what reassurance can be given that preventative measures will be taken to ensure access.**

13. VE celebrations

See agenda item 4.

14. Correspondence

- i) Newark & Sherwood Alliance for People and Nature – (*circulated ahead of meeting*) – no further action needed.
- ii) GNR – *update about the now closed phase of consultation about the solar and biodiversity park (info only)*

15. Date of next meeting – confirmed as 31st March 2025 at 7.30pm – please note this is a change to the originally planned date of 7th April.

Meeting ended at 20.45