

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 1st July 2024 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Bob Radford (RSR)(Chair), Cllr Andrew Twidale (AT), Cllr Nigel Chattin (NC), Cllr Graeme Wheatcroft, District Cllr Penny Rainbow (PR), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk)

Public: 2 residents attended

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Woolridge gave apologies (reason noted) – apologies were accepted by the Parish Council. Additionally, Cllr Mitchell gave apologies (reason not provided) and Cllr Laughton was unavailable due to campaigning commitments.

2. **Declarations of interest**

None.

3. **Minutes of last meeting**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2024 approved as a true record (unanimously).

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

Residents of / business owners at Belle Eau Park provided an overview of issues impacting the site due to the large numbers of lorries incorrectly entering their site / having to turn when looking for Lineage / Brakes. Details were given of numbers of lorries, damage caused (running into hundreds of pounds) and language barriers as well as health and safety concerns. It was acknowledged that proposals to place signage to guide drivers would be welcomed, however, it was felt that more could be done in terms of Lineage taking ownership. Belle Eau Park residents had not been consulted about designs so it wasn't known if all trading names would be included (Lineage, Brakes, Yearsley etc). Suggestions included referring to NSDC Enforcement Team, establishing what provision would be made for covering costs of damage. It was felt that although they had been told that drivers used designated routes, it did not seem to be successful (if used). Enquiries also included trying to find out whether anything could be done through licensing obligations – DVLA or VOSA? – also if planning conditions showed guidance, or if Environmental Health could help.

Cllr Rainbow gave an overview of proposals to spend approx. £80,000 on installing the Kiddey stones (relocation of sculptures by the local famous artist) which will be located outside Castle House, and advised there will be a public consultation on this for anyone wanting to share views.

Feedback has been received that the verges / hedges on the Mansfield side of the village are encroaching onto the road in places, and that the grass at the Eakring Road / A617 junction is high which blocks visibility. **ACTION – it was resolved that the Clerk would report issues to NCC.**

5. **Planning**

- i) 24/00998/LBC – The Old Farm, Main Street – To form a new opening to fit a window, replacement external door, remove a section of an existing internal ground floor wall, to block two internal door openings, subdivide a bathroom to form dressing room, install double doors on first floor and replace internal sliding door with folding. **Action – it was resolved that the Clerk submit a response of 'no objection' to NSDC (unanimous vote).**

6. **Flooding**

NCC have completed a survey but no results or proposals have been received as yet. Storage for equipment has been ordered. No further updates of note at this time.

7. **Action points review**

School Playing Field – unfortunately no further information has been received. It has always been understood that the playing field was a village asset but could be difficult to

‘prove’ in terms of finding if a covenant does exist as thought. It is not known whether or not the fact that it has been a long-standing agreement will count towards being able to regain access. The field appears to have been owned by the Council since approx. 1959 although it is not known whether or not this was through sale / if money was paid. **ACTION – it was resolved that the Clerk will continue to look back through records to try and find further information; Cllr Laughton will contact the legal team to see if progress can be made.**

Belle Eau Park – based upon discussions in item 4, next steps were agreed.

ACTION - it was resolved that the Clerk contact Lineage to invite them to attend a future PC meeting to discuss issues and concerns, and to explain what they propose to do; the Clerk will also include numbers of lorries being tracked; the Clerk will contact the MP and continue to liaise with District / County Council.

8. WINGS

No concerns or issues have been received. Cllr Woolridge to update as needed.

9. Financial matters

- i) Balances – to be confirmed at the next meeting.
- ii) Clerk payment – Clerk payments for May and June were unanimously approved.
- iii) Review any payments needed since last meeting – to be confirmed at the next meeting.
- iv) Review any payments due –
As discussed at a previous meeting, the Church have made a request for funding towards gravel to restone the gateway / driveways. Cllr Radford advised that quotes have advised a cost of approx. £80 p/ton (likely that one would be needed). Cllr Twidale advised that a donation of stone had previously been given and gave details of who to contact to ask about this. **ACTION – it was resolved that the Parish Council cover the cost of one tonne and that Cllr Radford arrange the ordering of the gravel (proposed Cllr Radford, seconded Cllr Twidale).**

10. Traffic Report

No known incidents.

11. Policies and Guidelines:

- i) Code of Conduct – three versions are available (differing content dependent on level of detail required) and an overview was given of each. It was suggested that a basic format would be suitable with links to taking guidance to that of NSDC as needed (but with NALC taking precedent in the event of contradiction). **ACTION – It was that Councillors will further review each option and make comment for adaptations, if needed, with a view to formally adopting at the next meeting.**
- ii) Complaints procedure – it was suggested that the NALC model template be used. **ACTION – it was resolved that the Clerk would review the model template to see if amendments were necessary before bringing to a future meeting for review / adoption.**
- iii) Agree which documents should be reviewed / adopted at the next meeting – review available options.

12. Civility and Respect

An overview of the project was given and the Clerk will review what the requirements are in terms of training formalities. **ACTION – it was resolved that this would be revisited once all information had been researched.**

13. Correspondence

Nothing had been received at the time of producing the agenda.

14. Date of next meeting – 2nd September 2024 at 7.30pm (no meeting in August).

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