

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 6th January 2025 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Bob Radford (RSR)(Chair), Cllr Ian Woolridge (IW), Cllr Andrew Twidale (AT), Cllr Nigel Chattin (NC), Cllr Sarah French (SF), Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM), Cllr Graeme Wheatcroft (GW), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk)
Public: none

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Minutes of last meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 4th November 2024 be approved as a true record (unanimously). Proposed Cllr Chattin / seconded Cllr Woolridge.

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

No updates other than Top Dam bridge having had a temporary fix done to make it safe.

5. Planning

- i) 24/01815/TWCA – The Bungalow, Southwell Rd – felling of horse chestnut tree.
Outcome – permission granted (info only).
- ii) 24/01946/TWCA – Church View Barn, Main Rd – pollarding of three trees.
Outcome – awaiting decision (info only).
- iii) 24/02122/HOUSE and 24/02123/LBC – Linthwaite Cottage, Main Street – installation of flood barriers to external doors and ground floor sub pump. Resolution – it was resolved to submit a decision of ‘no objection’ to NSDC (vote – unanimous).
- iv) 24/02087/TWCA – WINGS School Main Street – works as per Arborial Report (see application). **Outcome – awaiting response (info only).**

6. Flooding

Water did flow from the A617 into the Churchyard but luckily there have been no incidents of flooding at this time. The majority of gullies have been flowing, although there were some issues near The Mill and also along Corkhill Lane. Eakring Road gullies and dykes were overwhelmed making it difficult to pass. Severn Trent pumping station got overwhelmed with flood water – which it should not have been through there – which can cause sewage water to back up – this will be reported to Severn Trent.

Formal thanks were given to Tim Farr who has paid for a new fabricated trash screen to be fitted to help prevent the culvert in the southern dyke getting blocked.

It was acknowledged that home improvements made by residents has made a real difference. Highways have advised that works in the area have been built into the 2025-26 financial year's budget (exact date to be confirmed) – work will link gullies to improve direction and flow, and get the water to the dykes effectively. Diversion of water flow into the northern dyke, to ease pressure on the southern dyke, may also be an option.

A summary of concerns raised by a resident, and the subsequent response returned, was given. Cllr Chattin has observed that while gullies near the Church have been coping, issues can be created from vegetation accumulating in the water flows – to be monitored and reported as needed. Reports resulting from previous camera investigations have not been received, so will be followed up.

Formal thanks were given to the Church Wardens for doing a good job with the water.

7. Outstanding actions review

School – an observation was made that cars appear to be parked outside of the front of school rather than using the car park.

Belle Eau Park – a resident has tried to encourage action from Lineage to no avail, and the Clerk has tried to follow up but not heard back as yet. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that local MPs should be updated, and that the Clerk should revisit / continue to follow up on any previous avenues possible.**

Funding – no updates have been received as yet. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk prepare another application in readiness for the next round, while also chasing up the previous application.**

8. **WINGS**

Cllrs Woolridge and French met with Principal Shelton before Christmas. Updates included that there has been an increase in the number of 'day' pupils, and in those from the local areas, although there has been a reduction in the total number of students overall. One building has been mothballed, however, there are plans to have an area for small animals for students to look after. There have been no recent concerns from residents, and it was suggested that, with careful planning, it may be possible to consider the option of sharing facilities with the village community. There were mixed opinions about the value of having banners in situ. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that enquiries be made about the reason they are there, and whether they are in the right place.**

9. **Financial matters**

- i) Balances – an overview of balances was given with the majority being ringfenced under CIL or flooding allocations. Interest is currently approx. £20p/mth.
- ii) Clerk payment – payments for November, December and holiday pay (backdated) were unanimously approved.
- iii) Flood Reserves Expenditure – costs are shared 50:50 with the Village Hall meaning that £250 has been paid as previously approved – grant funding can progress upon submission of invoices with amounts due tbc. £10.99 for reimbursement of the costs of locks has been paid to Cllr Wheatcroft as previously approved.
- iv) Review any other payments needed since last meeting – none made.
- v) Review any other payments due –

Defib pads – reimbursement made as previously approved - £140.40.

Church Christmas Tree – although the budgeted cost was £100-£130, the actual costs was £200+VAT (wholesale cost) which has been paid to ensure that the deadline was met. Although the Church Warden offered to make a further contribution, it was unanimously agreed that this would not be required. Discussion points included whether it would be possible to have a more permanent tree, rather than replacing each year. Although the need to provide value for money for public funds was acknowledged, wider issues would need further consideration including any impact to consecrated ground, as well as the provision of electrics for lighting.

RESOLUTION – it was resolved that Cllr Wheatcroft would contact the Church to explore options.

Church War Memorial – it was resolved to pay £300 towards the cost of upkeep for the War Memorial – proposed Cllr Radford, seconded Cllr Twidale.

Annual Church contribution – it was resolved to pay a donation of £1200 to the Church – proposed Cllr Radford, seconded Cllr Twidale.

All payments were unanimously approved.

- vi) Precept 2025/26 – it was resolved to increase the annual precept by £300 (4.3%) for the year (from £7000 to £7300). Additionally, there will be the second of two year's payments of £2000 which will be ringfenced for flooding related matters (as approved in January 2024). Proposed Cllr Radford, seconded Cllr Twidale (unanimously vote). Cllr Radford gave formal thanks to Cllr Woolridge for ensuring that the finances are running smoothly.

10. Traffic Report

25/11 – A617 opposite the sugar beet pad / towards the BEP junction – a car was in the middle of the field, Police attended, further details not known.

At Christmas – the Eakring Rd sign was knocked down (Mansfield side), and the ‘Give Way’ / Eakring Rd sign (Kirklington side) – no details known but possibly a lorry. Replacements to be chased if not installed soon.

11. Ivy Farm

Concerns have been received about loose roof tiles. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk contact NSDC’s Enforcement Team for review.**

12. A617 - defective street light / damaged road sign

Another street light is not working properly – Cllr Chattin will provide the number to the Clerk to ensure it is reported / followed up.

13. Potholes

Cllr Radford reported concerns about potholes on Southwell Road at the junction with The Green, also with School Lane, and finally towards The Mill (after School Lane). The Clerk will report with NCC.

14. Dog Fouling

There are ongoing issues with mess. **RESOLVED – it was resolved that the Clerk will send a reminder out to the Village.**

15. Correspondence

i) NSDC - *Southwell Neighbourhood Plan consultation – deadline 19th Feb*

16. Date of next meeting – 3rd February 2025 at 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 20.50