

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Draft Minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 1st September 2025 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Andrew Twidale (Chair), Cllr Ian Woolridge (IW), Cllr Nigel Chattin (NC), Cllr Graeme Wheatcroft (GW), Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM), Cllr Sarah French (SF), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk),
Public: one resident attended

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Radford gave apologies for being unable to attend. RESOLUTION – it was resolved to accept the apologies (unanimous).

2. **Declarations of interest**

None.

3. **Minutes of last meeting**

RESOLUTION - It was resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 7th July 2025 be approved as a true record (proposed Cllr Wheatcroft, seconded Cllr Woolridge (unanimous)).

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

Corkhill Lane – Concerns were raised by a resident who is very worried about speeding and dangerous driving along Corkhill Lane and would like a review of the speed limit from the bend along to Normanton, with a view to reducing it to 40mph. The Clerk will follow up with Cllr Laughton and NCC, and will liaise with the resident accordingly, including advising contact information for local Policing team.

Planning – an enquiry has been received about planning policies within a conservation area. RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk contact the Planning Team to enquire / share concerns.

5. **Planning**

25/00652/HOUSE - No1 Cottage, Belle Eau Park - vehicle and equipment storage garage. RESOLUTION – it was resolved to submit a response of 'objection' based on disproportionate sizing, potential encroachment of boundaries, and concerns that permission is being sought retrospectively rather than in advance.

25/01315/TWCA - School - Scots Pine - Reduce to a suitable growth point at approximately 7m and reduce lowest lateral limb school side by approx. 3m to a suitable growth point (info only); concerns received about the safety of the tree should be deferred back to planning (by residents).

V/4747 - Kirklington 'A' Wellsite, Hockerton Road, Kirklington. OUTCOME – permission granted (info only).

GNR Solar and Biodiversity Park – acceptance of Development Consent Order application. RESOLUTION – it was resolved to register and submit comments relating to scale (individually and cumulatively), disproportionate disadvantage, loss of land and over-intensification, as well as other option not being fully explored e.g. panels on roofs.

i) Top o'the Hill – no further updates have been received.

6. **Flooding**

As it has been nearly two years since the Flood Action Group was formed, Cllr Wheatcroft advised of plan to do a communications event to share achievements and encourage involvement. The area at the end of Hall Farm Lane has been reviewed, with a broken pipe having been fixed as well as identifying another issue to be repaired. Steps have been taken to improve the flow of water through drains, and it is anticipated that significant improvement will be seen. An underground survey has led to the mapping of drains from the Hall towards Southwell Road. Works to repair damage near The Mill have been scheduled. A survey has been done of land at the junction of Southwell Road/Main Road, and it is hoped that a review of the impact of root ingress will take place.

7. **Outstanding actions review**

Highways – there are potholes at the entrance to The Green, and the stretch of road coming in towards / near The Mill (from Southwell side) needs attention. **The Clerk will report issues to NCC.**

Lineage – a site meeting with Lineage will take place at the end of the week at Belle Eau Park to identify solutions including the potential to use whatthreewords, and push consequences to contractors. The suggestion of a security gate may not be practical as it could cause vehicles to queue onto the road outside.

8. **Financial matters**

- i) Balances – current account £6579.42, deposit account total £24260.89 including village signs £4401.00, CIL £6495.90, Flood Reserves £4993.21 and £8370.78 general reserves.
- ii) Clerk payment – payment for July and August unanimously approved along with a pay increase of 3.2% (backdated to April).
- iii) Flood Reserves Expenditure – none made.
- iv) Review any other payments needed since last meeting – ICO annual fee has been paid (Direct Debit), and the deposit for the village signs has been made of £5901.00.
- v) Review any other payments due – payment for Notts ALC training (Assertion10/legislation) of £10 was approved - proposed Cllr Twidale, seconded Cllr Woolridge (unanimous). It was agreed that future training costs could potentially be shared between the Councils that the Clerk works for as the sessions benefit both.

9. **Traffic Report**

No known issues.

10. **Access to School Playing Field**

The recent meeting provided an opportunity to review historical agreements and to discuss a way forward with the hope of residents having access to the playing field. It is hoped that a solution has been found, and the details are being finalised. This is likely to take the form of the School hiring the field to the Parish Council (fee to be agreed), who will then 'sublet' for residents' use. Consideration will need to be given to details such as a booking system, the access code being changed regularly etc. Cllr Woolridge formally thanked and recognised Cllr Chattin for the hard work that has gone into this. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved the Cllr Chattin will draft an agreement for all parties (including the insurers) to approve.**

11. **Village Signs**

Cllr Chattin provided an update about sign designs and prospective timelines. Villagers will be updated and consulted via WhatsApp and email as needed.

12. **Regulatory Changes**

The Clerk provided an overview of changes which are coming in over the next few months which will require a change to the Parish Council email address, and potentially for all Councillors to have linked emails for Parish Council business. The changes will not only be required from an audit perspective but will ensure a greater level of security and ease of information handling for the future. The Clerk is currently attending training, doing research and getting quotes so updates will be provided as available.

13. **Beat Surgery**

The Clerk will respond to the local Policing team to suggest that a Friday evening or Saturday morning may enable more people to attend a beat surgery.

14. **Local Government Restructure**

The impact that changes will have at Parish Council level have not been specified at this time. The consultation appears to lead people to pick one of two options, however, as nothing has been agreed it could be that neither are pursued, and that other suggestions are considered. At this stage it appears that NSC will support the option of City being paired with

Gedling sue to sensible geography and a more common identity. All residents have been able to have their say if they wish to. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk contact Cllr Laughton for his views before submitting comments (and formally ratify at September’s meeting if needed).**

15. Church Christmas Tree

The Church have advised that they wish to continue with the current tradition of having a new tree near the entrance each year, rather than having a more permanent tree at the front of the grounds. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk invite the Church Warden to the next meeting to discuss further and understand the position.**

16. Correspondence

- i) NSDC Register of Interests – all Councillors were reminded to updated logs if needed.
- ii) NALC AGM 15th Oct – details to be sent to Cllr Twidale for review.
- iii) NCC Winter Services – Clerk to contact NCC to check the grit bin on the Hill is topped up.

17. Date of next meeting – confirmed as 6th October 2025 at 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 21.20.

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