

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 4th November 2024 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Bob Radford (RSR)(Chair), Cllr Ian Woolridge (IW), Cllr Nigel Chattin (NC), Cllr Sarah French (SF), Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM), Cllr Bruce Laughton (BL), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk)
Public: 2 members of the public attended

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Wheatcroft and Cllr Twidale gave apologies – 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 7th October 2024 be approved as a true record (unanimously). Proposed IW / seconded NC.

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

The Mill road safety concerns – residents living near The Mill highlighted grave concerns about roads safety (shared by other locals). Recently, a car hit a telegraph pole (5th time in three years) and there have been a number of ‘near misses’. Apart from the inconvenience of losing communications when infrastructure is damaged, it is very lucky that no one has been seriously injured, or even killed, due to the dangerous driving in the area. Responses have not been received to correspondence submitted to NCC to the Parish Council’s support was requested in trying to make improvements. An overview was given to the residents about actions taken, and responses received, historically. Suggestions discussed included exploring the possibility of moving the pole/boxes, improving signage, laying anti-slip flooring with better writing / signs on the floor. It was also suggested that any cameras/speed checks would need to be done closer to the bridge (coming in from Southwell side). Cllr Woolridge advised that points will be raised at an upcoming site visit with the Highways dept, and the stats collated by the Parish council over the last 4-5 years will be reviewed. The aim will be to get a list of what can or can’t be done, and why, to be able to give an update to residents. Cllr Laughton advised a site visit done approx. 4 months ago established that there were, unfortunately, not many options available. For example, signage can be difficult as drivers simply don’t take notice if there are too many. **ACTION – Cllr Laughton will speak to the Highways Team to see if ‘rumble’/countdown strips could be an option. RESOLVED - It was resolved that the Parish Council will provide residents with an update upon receipt of further information, and that the Clerk will contact the District Council/Safer Neighbourhood group to ask for more regular speed checks to be done.**

Thank you’s – formal thanks were given to Tim Twidale for work carried out so far in clearing the ‘southern’ dyke – machinery isn’t suitable for clearing silt; formal thanks were also given to Peter for donations for Remembrance Day, and those who knitted / crocheted poppies. **ACTION – it was agreed that Cllr Mitchell will put up the lamppost poppies.**

Email updates – **it was resolved that the Clerk will start emailing agendas and minutes to the village list as well as adding to the website going forward.**

Cllr Laughton updates – bidding is taking place for the project to install average speed cameras along the A617 and more information will be shared in due course; Cllr Sam Smith at NCC will be contacted about ongoing issues with lack of access to the School playing field to see if issues around insurance can be established / resolved (Clerk was given contact details to which to send copies of agreements / documents as needed); it is expected that there will be a £20m increase in bills to cover minimum wage and National Insurance contributions; there are ongoing concerns about the number of care homes going out of business; it was suggested that the Clerk contact the local MP for support and

guidance with ongoing issues with Lineage at Belle Eau Park (it being unfortunate that there don't appear to be 'easy' avenues through which to take 'formal' action).

Gullies – Cllr Woolridge provided an overview of cleansing works that took place earlier in the year, and that a site visit with NCC has been booked to review next steps (including budgeting for remedial works); Cllr Laughton advised that extra funding has been put into drain gully clearance ahead of winter. The need for gullies to be cleaned by NCC after roads had been swept by NSDC was highlighted in the hope that there could be some sort of co-ordination of efforts.

5. Planning

- i) 24/01671/TWCA – Mill Farmhouse, Southwell Rd – removal of two limes to create more growth room for other two. **Outcome – permission granted (info only).**
- ii) 24/01800/TWCA – WINGS School, Main Rd – removal of dead cherry tree. **Outcome – awaiting decision (info only).**
- iii) 24/01845/HOUSE – Church Farm Barn, Church Lane – open air swimming pool. **Decision needed – tbc but submit response after the meeting.**
- iv) 24/01815/TWCA – The Bungalow, Southwell Rd – felling of rotten horse chestnut tree. **Outcome – awaiting response (info only).**
- v) 3/22/01583/CMA (County Council) – Whip Ridding wellsite, Eakring Rd – variance to conditions applying to the final restoration plan of the site. **OUTCOME – it was resolved that unless there were any major changes to expected proposals, the Clerk could respond with a decision of 'no objection' when the application is made available, on the understanding that changes made are in keeping with locality.**

6. Flooding

A meeting has taken place with the Flooding Manager (NCC) and another meeting will be held later in the month to review proposals / what it is hoped to achieve, including being able to identify and track the pathway of flows through to the 'southern' dyke. Aquasacs have been ordered, which are similar to sandbags but containing a liquid gel which acts like a barrier to water. They are easier to store when new, and a review will be done to see whether or not they can be re-used. A lock for storage has been purchased with lighting imminent.

7. Outstanding actions review

School – an overview of issues has been raised with Cllr Laughton (see item 4). **ACTION – Clerk to write to NCC to chase an update about ongoing issues, and about an update on timelines for the addition of double yellow lines.**

Belle Eau Park – an overview of issues has already been drafted ready to forward to the local MP if needed, and will be sent dependent on feedback about issues from residents.

Funding – an update on potential funding opportunities was given, with it now being a case of waiting for NCC to make a decision.

8. WINGS

No concerns have been received. Cllrs Woolridge and French will be meeting the Principal later in the week and will give an update at the next PC meeting.

9. Financial matters

- i) Balances – current £8098.11, £12438.30 CIL, £1702.81 flooding, £8312.09 gen reserves.
- ii) Clerk payment – payment for October was approved – proposed PM, seconded RSR.
- iii) Flood Reserves Expenditure – awaiting exact figures and invoicing from NSDC, however, payment was unanimously approved in principle and based upon approximate costs - exact details will be provided once received. Grant funding for the shed is being processed with payment being up to £2500(tbc), and the shed / contents will be covered by Village Hall insurance.
- iv) Review any payments needed since last meeting – no approvals needed.

- v) Review any payments due:
New defibrillator pads (VHall site) – **RESOLVED It was resolved that payment of approx. £125 be paid from CIL fund allocation to reimburse Cllr Twidale (who will provide the invoice)** – proposed NC, seconded SF.
NALC Training course (Cllr Chattin attended) – **RESOLVED It was resolved to pay £45 (prev approved)** – proposed SF, seconded PM.
- vi) Precept 2025/26 – an overview of the current position, and predictions for the next financial year, were provided in readiness to agree proposals for budgets at the next meeting; it is anticipated that there will be a surplus of approx. £1200 with the aim of holding 1.5x precept as reserves within the next 2-3 years. Funds have been ringfenced separately for flooding, and will also be allocated to create a buffer for future election costs if needed. Options were suggested for the next year's precept which will be agreed at January's meeting.
- vii) Church donation – an overview of the Church's projects was given (including repointing, and treatments for damp and woodworm). **RESOLVED** – It was resolved that a donation be paid towards projects and the upkeep of the war memorial £1500 (£1200+£300) proposed RSR, seconded SF (unanimous).
- viii) Village Hall donation and rental payments – **RESOLVED** – It was resolved that a donation of £1200 be paid towards refurbishment costs, along with £300 for hall hire – proposed RSR, seconded SF (unanimous).

10. Traffic Report

20/10 – Mill Bridge 5.30pm, car collided with post (excessive speed a factor), no serious injuries.

27/10 – A617 opposite sugar beet pad (early morning) – car upside down in hedge and subsequently removed – no further details known.

11. NALC AGM update

An overview of the meeting was given including the fact that the guest speaker was from The Woodland Trust. Halam and Farnsfield won prizes / recognition in the Best-Kept Village competition.

12. Potholes

Areas in need of attention were raised – Southwell Rd near School Lane, and near The Green. The Clerk will report them to NCC.

13. Dog Fouling

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

14. Meeting dates for 2025

Dates for 2025 we agreed as being:

6/1, 3/2, 3/3, 7/4, 12/5 (annuals), 2/6, 7/7, 1/9, 6/10, 3/11. Clerk to book the Village Hall accordingly.

15. Correspondence

- i) NALC (National) website – *new website launched – details to be shared including individual log-ins.*
- ii) NCC Budget Consultation – *deadline for comments 10th Nov*
- iii) Remembrance Service at St Swithin's – 10th Nov at 10.55am prompt
- iv) GNR Solar Park – *phase two consultation delayed until early 2025 (info only).*
- v) NSDC Statement of Gambling Principles – *consultation on amendments now open (info only)*

16. Date of next meeting – 6th January 2025 at 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 21:35

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