

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 31st March 2025 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Bob Radford (RSR)(Chair), Cllr Andrew Twidale, Cllr Ian Woolridge (IW), Cllr Sarah French (SF), Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM), Cllr Graeme Wheatcroft (GW), Cllr P Rainbow (PR), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk)
Public: one member

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Nigel Chattin (NC) and Cllr Sarah French (SF) gave apologies and it was resolved to accept the apologies. Cllr Laughton was unable to attend due to the pre-election period.

2. **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Twidale declared an interest in item 5i).

3. **Minutes of last meeting**

It was unanimously resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 3rd March 2025 be approved as a true record.

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

VE Day – an update about proposed celebrations was received, with the Church having confirmed that they don't have specific plans of their own. The road closure for the street party on 5th May has been booked for it to be held 1.30-5.30pm. Residents are to bring their own picnics, and volunteers to help with the setting up and clearing away of the event would be very welcome. A minute's silence will take place at 3pm (with prayers either side). The Village Hall will be used in the event of bad weather. The bar will be open. The Schoolchildren are making decorations. Cllr Woolridge confirmed that a grant has been applied for from NSDC and the outcome will be confirmed when received (approval expected). **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk send an email to residents requesting support.**

Village Signs – it was confirmed that funding of £6000 has been approved by NCC for the project for village gateway signs. Next steps will be to review options to fulfil the remainder of the funding requirements, and consideration will be given as to how best to involve residents in the design process.

Police incident – Cllr Radford has received feedback / concerns about people being unsettled by the recent Police air presence over the village. Although no information is known about the incident in terms of what happened and/or who was involved, it was understood that it was unlikely that details would be shared if of a sensitive nature. No information has been received to confirm if it was related to WINGS but Cllr Woolridge will make enquiries. It was acknowledged that having access to information quickly could enable support to be given quickly in the future e.g. if a child was missing,

NSDC updates – Cllr Rainbow confirmed that the 2025-26 budget / Council Tax increase was approved at 1.94%, rather than the initially proposed 2.99%, which is the first time in 14 years that an amendment to budget in that way has gone through. A District gift card scheme has been launched with many local shops participating with the hope of encouraging spending in the town. Investment is being made in a tree-planting scheme near Oxtan. There have been no updates about the new unitary scheme although the most favoured option currently appears to be to have the City separate from the rest of the district / county.

5. **Planning**

- i) 25/00383/FUL – Kirklington Rd, Bilsthorpe – change of use of land to form secure dog walking field with associated car parking and upgraded access. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved to submit a decision of no objection subject to any resident feedback being taken into consideration if received by NSDC (4 in favour, 1 abstention).**

Cllr Twidale answered a couple of questions but did not express opinions, take part in the discussion or vote on the decision.

- ii) Top o'the Hill – NSDC have confirmed that a retrospective planning submission is required. Cllr Wheatcroft has received a question / observation, which will be sent to the Clerk to enquire with NSDC.

6. **Flooding**

Cllr Woolridge confirmed that a provisional date of 21st July has been given for works to review and repair key gullies on the A617 along with repairs to the footpath outside the Church. The bottom of Hall Farm Lane will be reviewed (date tbc). A review is being undertaken with the relevant landowner(s) to look at options to alleviate field water reaching the A617, with potential to redirect to the 'northern' dyke.

Four gullies at / near The Mill have been investigated and cleared. Additionally, an obstruction caused by contractor works was identified and confirmation received that it will be cleared.

7. **Outstanding actions review**

General feedback provided as no key progress updates at this time.

8. **WINGS**

No further issues have been raised.

9. **Financial matters**

- i) Balances – current account £3821.51, deposit account £8258.91, CIL £12297.90, Flood Reserves £3073.21. Total £27451.53. It was confirmed that the CIL finding needs to be spent by a deadline in 2028.
- ii) Clerk payment – payment for March was unanimously approved – proposed Cllr Radford / 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**

- 13th of 14th March - a car hit the chevron signs at the bottom of the hill – no further details known.
- The barriers by Mill Farm are still damaged from when a car hit a pylon / pole. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk contact NCC to request the area is reviewed for repair.**
- Protective railings at the bridge just below Whip Ridding Farm on Eakring Road have been damaged. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk contact NCC to request the area is reviewed for repair.**

11. **Chair of Parish Council**

Cllr Radford confirmed that whilst wishing to stay on the Parish Council, he gave his resignation from the position of Chair and gave apologies for May's meeting. The Clerk advised that votes for the replacement can only take place if in person at the meeting (rather than by email / remote attendance). Cllr Radford gave formal thanks to everyone for help and support received during time as Chair, and will send his final report to the Clerk ahead of the next meeting.

12. **Correspondence**

- i) Corkhill Lane Tree Works – a resident has raised concerns about the removal of trees/hedgerow on Corkhill Lane. No further information is known about why this was carried out, or by whom, although understood it may have been Severn Trent. **RESOLUTION - it was resolved that the Clerk write to Severn Trent to see if they have further information.**

Additionally, concerns were raised about overgrown hedges on the A617 on the left as you enter the village from the Mansfield side. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk report the issue to NCC.**

13. **Date of next meeting** – confirmed as 12th May 2025 at 7.00pm – *please note this is an earlier start time to allow for the Annual Parish, Annual Parish Council and Ordinary Parish Council Meeting sections.*

Meeting ended at 20.40

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