

# Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

*Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 7.30pm*

Formality - please note, due to the Clerk being delayed at the start of the meeting, Cllr Chattin took notes up to and including item 5, from which point the Clerk took over. Cllr Chattin's minutes were incorporated into the Clerk's document for circulation (different font used to reflect change).

Attendees: Cllr Bob Radford (RSR)(Chair), Cllr Andrew Twidale (AT), Cllr Sarah French (SF), Cllr Nigel Chattin (NC) Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM); District Cllr Penny Rainbow (PR), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk)

Public: Lucy Emerson and Sarah Moodie

## 1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllrs Wheatcroft and French, District Cllr Penny rainbow, and resident Colin McGarrigle. Apologies were accepted by the Parish Council.

## 2. **Declarations of interest**

None.

## 3. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were approved as a true record. Unanimously approved.

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

Matters from the Public – Lucy Emerson & Sarah Moodie raised 5 topics for discussion;

### 1. Bilsthorpe Recycling Centre – proposed closure

- Lucy explained there is a proposal to close the Bilsthorpe Recycle Centre – this was not something the Parish Council had been made aware of by NCC
- All presented agreed this is an important amenity for our village and closure would have a detrimental impact, potentially increasing the risk of fly tipping
- The nearest alternate recycle centre is in Calverton which is c.24miles round trip from the village – this will materially inconvenience villages, as well as increasing traffic and pollution
- Later in the meeting, Councillor Bruce Laughton (NCC) joined the meeting and explained the reason for the proposed closure is to reduce costs
- KPC reiterated our resistance, explained the negative impact to Kirklington residents, and asked for this proposal to be reconsidered

### 2. Village Signage

- Lucy & Sarah enquired about the progress being made to introduce village welcome signs, similar to those found in other Nottinghamshire villages
- RSR explained we have proposed designs and costs for the signs and hoped to have funding later in the year to progress this, however the cost is material at over £10,000
- NC explained our hope is to utilise the Newark & Sherwood community grant scheme which has been in place during Q4 of recent calendar years and has previously offered matched funding for such investments
- **Action:** HC to enquire with Newark & Sherwood Council about both the timing and the process to access this scheme in 2024 to allow us to be fully prepared to utilise this scheme should it be available again this year

### 3. Overgrown grass verge and hedge along Southwell Road

- Lucy highlighted to the parish council the poor state of maintenance of the verge and hedgerow along Southwell Road between Edingley Beck & Heronsgate House
- AT explained the hedgerow is likely to be subject to the restrictions on cutting at this time of the year, and the wet weather earlier in the year would of made hedge trimming impractical for the landowner
- Action: AT agreed to raise with the landowners the maintenance of the hedgerow at the next acceptable opportunity (likely to be Sept)

- RBR explained the importance of hedgerow for wildlife which must not be disturbed at this time of year by cutting
- The issue of the overgrown verge is agreed as being a concern for all
- **Action:** NC to raise the issue via the NCC MyNotts app (complete)
- **Action:** Helen to request confirmation of the maintenance schedule for verges in the village, including which verges are maintained and when as many seem to be significantly overgrown

#### 4. Daffodil Bulbs

- Lucy & Sarah explained they would like to be able to plant daffodil bulbs in various public areas around the village to improve the appearance of the village
- All present were fully supportive of this suggestion and discussed the possibility of a working group being formed
- The KPC agreed that funding could be made available to purchase such bulb however, similar endeavours have previously been thwarted by NCC who do not allow others to maintain the verges
- **Action:** Helen to enquire how we secure agreement from NCC to allow planting of bulbs

#### 5. Knitted Poppies

- Sarah explained she is knitting / crocheting poppies to display this year for Remembrance Sunday in the village and asked if a communication could be shared with villages to encourage support
- **Action:** Helen to circulate email (complete)

Update from Cllr Laughton:

*Average speed cameras* - cameras to be installed from Lockwell Hill to Hockerton to encourage adherence to 50mph limit/

*Kirklington Hill* – resurfacing works to be completed by early September.

*Waste recycling centres* - seven supercentres are being built and a decision has been made to remove those which have lower usage. Bilsthorpe could be closed and the nearest would then be Calverton.

*Incinerators* – no formal updates available at the moment.

*Footpaths* – siding up along the hill and near Home Farm Lane has been done. **ACTION – Clerk to send email to residents asking for help to keep vegetation back to keep pathways clear.**

Additionally, Cllr Chattin advised that the School has introduced staggered start times in the mornings which seems to be working well, and they are also writing to parents monthly. Consideration will be given to available options for afternoon / evening pickups.

#### 5. Mobile Library

Mo Grindrod presented her plans to introduce a mobile library for use by the school and villages with a range of books all ages

KPC all agreed that such an amenity could potentially be benefit for villages to supplement the exiting excellent small community library in the village hall

RBR highlighted the logical challenge of where the mobile library would be sited. Mo explained her intent is for this to be within the school grounds and agreed that to make this a success she would need to ensure the current issues of villages not having access to the school playing field would have to be resolved

NC asked if Mo had considered the legal construct for the mobile library; would it be an independent charity, part of the school, or connected to the existing Newark & Sherwood mobile library service – Mo agreed she would take this away for consideration.

#### 6. Planning

- 24/00203/S19LBC – Mill Farmhouse, Southwell Rd – application to vary condition attached to 22/01189/LBC to amend glazing style and arrangement of approved replacement garden room. **Outcome – listed building consent granted (info only).**
- 'pre consultation' feedback on Great North Solar Park – details to be circulated by email (for info at this stage).  
RSR – mixed feedback so now revising plans

#### 7. Flooding

Cllr Woolridge has had several meetings with IDB, Via and NCC. IDB is considering options for diverting water into 'northern' dyke, and also looking at routing of the dyke. Via/NCC have been examining all gullies along A617 to clear and establish where they flow to. Hall Farm Lane 'lake' has a potential solution which is in planning stages (lack of flow mean silt building up). There is uncertainty about where waste goes into at top of Church Lane as there is no obvious solution – currently a soakaway into the Church grounds but the high water table means there is nowhere for anything to go. It is possible that pipes are not connecting through.

With regard to flood wardens, confirmation has been given that warden cannot close roads, and also that temporary traffic lights cannot be requested. Advice was for signage and to let traffic self-regulate – need to do a layout in such a way that it slows traffic right down (under advice from NCC). Training has taken place and they will bring resources out – plans are being reviewed.

The drain outside The Orchard has been cleared but need to monitor water flows into gardens opposite and through to southern dyke.

**8. Action points**

Clerk confirmed that actions are being monitored and chased. Key updates are covered in other agenda items with issues at Belle Eau Park being a key area of concern.

**9. WINGS**

Nothing to report.

**10. Financial matters:**

- i) Balances - current £2630.67 and deposit 2£1058.62 (of which CIL £12438 and £670 flooding).
- ii) Clerk payment – payment for March approved (proposed RSR, seconded AT).
- iii) Walkie talkies – purchase of equipment costing £176.00 for the Flooding Action Group approved unanimously (from previously agreed funds) – deducted from budget £1500 – 4 walkie talkies including chargers and units.
- iv) Review any payments due – no other payments due.

**11. Traffic Report (IW) – *review any incident / accident stats***

6/4 – Eakring Road - unknown vehicle demolished fencing then went through hedge into field / debris – left scene so injuries unknown.

Additionally Cllr Radford will send details of another incident – to be included for the next meeting.

**12. Ivy Farm (RSR)**

New (temporary) roofing appears to have been placed but no further updates have been received.

**13. Correspondence (HC) – *review correspondence below, and any of note received after the agenda was sent:***

- i) Newark UTC opening hours – note revised hours of 8am-10.30pm / 7 days from the Summer (info only).
- ii) NCC update on A614/A6097 upgrade – key updates to be circulated by email.

**14. Date of next meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> May 7pm (Annual Parish and PC meetings).**