

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd June 2024 7.30pm

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

Public: none

1. **Apologies for absence**

Cllr French – prior commitments. Apologies were accepted by the Parish Council.

2. **Declarations of interest**

None.

3. **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Parish Council meetings held on 13th May 2024 were approved as a true record (unanimously). Clerk apologised for misquoting Cllr Chattin's name, and minutes will be amended /reissued online.

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

Updates from Cllr Laughton:

Young Peoples Services – Ofsted inspection has taken place with results being made available after the election period.

County Offices – new site – there have been a number of expressions of interest in buying the old Council buildings which will generate income.

A614 improvements – works at Ollerton with take priority but the £5.5m funding will remain set aside for the A614 development.

Bilsthorpe Waste – the Select Committee at District level delivered options upon which Cabinet made decisions. It was understood initially that Bilsthorpe is / was one of seven other sites which had the potential for closure, however, Bilsthorpe site isn't closing, but operating as a trades waste centre (four days per week – open to the public at weekends, potential to include Fridays in the future). Two other sites will be built – details to be confirmed.

Potholes – Cllr Radford gave positive feedback that some potholes in the locality have been repaired to a higher standard. Cllr Twidale highlighted concerns about works on Eakring Road.

Flood risk – feedback has been received about good progress being made. An independent gulley cleaner is being hired to try and make more progress during the year.

School – Cllr Laughton will chase up matters relating to access to the School playing field.

Updates from Cllr Rainbow:

Kidney Stones – a proposals to display four stones as a display / monument outside Castle House at a cost of £80k+ will go out to consultation.

Peer review – rescheduled for October due to elections.

Castle entrance - £1.4m grant to go towards a new entrance at the side of the Castle.

Planning Committee – although the Staythorpe solar application was refused, a new application was made and an appeal successful without having gone through NSDC (went via Secretary of State).

SNG – It was resolved that the Clerk will contact the local PCSO to find out if there are plans to create / restate a villages group.

Glass recycling – Cllr Wheatcroft raised a concern that only Main Street and Southwell Road appeared to have received glass recycling bins. Cllr Rainbow has reported this but has been advised to ask people to report to NSDC directly. **It was resolved that the Clerk would write to NSDC too.**

Election Hall Hire Fees – It was resolved that the Clerk would contact NSDC to clarify process for bookings / contact details / hire charge review.

5. Planning

- i) 24/00784/TWCA – Hawthorne Cottage and The Hame, Main Street – removal of laburnum and cutting back of sycamore. **Outcome – permission granted (info only).**
- ii) 24/00921/TWCA – The Old Vicarage, Southwell Rd – undertaking works under 5-day notice. **Outcome – permission granted (info only).**
- iii) Gate to Southwell Festival – approve variations including moving a stage, adding a bar and reviewing a music PA system. **Outcome – no objections to the proposals (unanimous) – Clerk to submit decision to NSDC.**

6. Flooding

In summary, the Flood Risk Manager has commissioned an investigation / survey of the full length of the 'southern' dyke which is a very positive step. Once dates have been advised, affected residents will be approached for permission to access areas as needed. A site visit (including builders, NCC representatives, Parish Council representatives and resident) to a resident's land identified that building a small retaining wall around the edge of land would help to prevent their property from flooding as it would redirect water to the garden to drain. NCC hope to review from that point, down to where the 'southern' dyke joins the 'northern' dyke at the bottom end – catchment will be modelled and options presented to landowners – the possibility of NCC funding will be investigated. Flood group meetings continue to take place.

7. Action points

Lineage – recent numbers of problematic HGVs continue to be high. An agreement has been reached between Lineage and Nobles in terms of signage – orders have been placed and it is hoped installation will be in the next couple of weeks.

School playing field – Cllr Laughton plans to follow up on the matter, and options are being reviewed to see how responsibilities could be shared / managed.

Dog fouling – remains a concern e.g. Camp Hill footpath. It was resolved that the Clerk will contact NSDC with a view to a site visit and to ask about their position on using cameras.

8. WINGS

Nothing to report.

9. Financial matters:

- i) Balances - current £5437.31 and deposit £22112.91 (of which CIL £12438.13 and £1494 flooding).
- ii) Clerk payment – payment for May provisionally approved (proposed RSR, seconded AT).
- iii) Review any payments needed since last meeting – none to review.
- iv) Review any payments due – no other payments due.

10. Traffic Report

21/5 – a car hit a street light at the bottom of the hill / Corkhill Lane.

11. Policies and guidelines

A copy of the Good Councillors Guide has been circulated for everyone to refresh on requirements of Councillor roles. Codes of Conduct templates were circulated, and will be reviewed / adapted as needed before formal adoption. A reminder was given about requirements for attendance/non-attendance, and declaring possible interests – these will be included as part of the review. **It was resolved that the Clerk would review all policies needed and they would be reviewed at future meetings.**

12. Pre-election period

A reminder was given that a more neutral stance would be taken in the build up to elections on 4th July – all Councillors to be mindful of activity that could potentially be influential.

13. Correspondence

- i) NSDC Public Consultation stage 2 – *details of consultation circulated by email with deadline of 10th July (info only)*
- ii) NCC Civic Service 23rd June – *it was agreed that Cllr Radford would attend if available.*

Additionally:

Solar Farm - Cllr Radford confirmed he will attend an information / onsite visit to a local solar farm and has already submitted questions. Update to be provided at the following meeting.

Church driveways – the Church has requested funding for / towards gravel at an approx. cost of £80 p/tonne. **It was resolved that the Clerk would add to July's agenda to formally review.**

Verge maintenance – **it was resolved that the Clerk would clarify the schedule for maintenance of grass verges along the main road, and whether or not we could share responsibility** (i.e. if so how much would it cost, could contractors be used etc). Research could be done into what other Parish Councils do.

14. **Date of next meeting** – 1st July 2024 at 7.30pm