

# Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 2nd June 2025 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Andrew Twidale (Chair), Cllr Bob Radford (RSR), Cllr Ian Woolridge (IW), Cllr Nigel Chattin (NC), Cllr Sarah French (SF) arrived at 19.52, Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM), Cllr Graeme Wheatcroft (GW), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk)  
Public: 3 members

## 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Penny Rainbow.

## 2. Declarations of interest

None.

## 3. Minutes of last meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual and Ordinary PC meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 be approved as a true record (unanimously).

The Annual Parish Meeting minutes were reviewed (formal approval will be at the 2026 meeting) – Cllr Radford requested his signature be included at the end of the Chairman's report – the Clerk will update accordingly.

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

*School playing field* - an enquiry was made about how residents can maintain boundaries when, currently, access has been revoked. They have been told that they need to arrange a time when the groundskeeper is available / within school opening hours but this is not always convenient. It was suggested that the School should be contacted directly while issues surrounding the access to the playing field are under review – it is hoped that some sort of resolution will be achieved which could then help this issue.

Cllr Woolridge confirmed that the Parish Council insurance covers public liability (not near buildings). There is a need to establish if and how access can be re-instated before the School's transition to the Mitre Academy. There is the potential to meet with the Head / a representative and further options through NCC/Government be pursued again. A Land registry search confirmed ownership by NCC in 1959 but finding specific agreement clauses relating to residents has been mixed.

**RESOLUTION – it was resolved that Cllr Twidale contact residents who have been involved with previous arrangements to establish what documentary evidence is held, before agreeing next steps.**

*H-Bars* – an enquiry was made about progress with their installation. It was confirmed that a delay had been caused by an objection being reviewed, but they are due to be painted soon.

*Dog fouling* – continuing issues on footpaths. **RESOLUTION – Clerk to send a reminder email to residents; Clerk to investigate signage options from NSDC, and also how best to report concerns.**

*Footpath* – a resident has emailed about uneven footpaths. It was confirmed that the path alongside the Church (Main Rd) will get repaired as part of a drainage project, but that the opposite side of the road would need reporting separately (Clerk to report).

*Himalayan Balsam* – has been causing issues locally and landowners are trying to clear it.

## 5. Planning

- i) 25/00550/TWCA – Bramblewood, Southwell Rd– felling of two trees (one rotten, one self set). **OUTCOME: NSDC has no objection to proposals (info only).**
- ii) 25/00676/TWCA – Land adjacent to The Lodge, Main Street – One crown reduction and one felling. **OUTCOME: NSDC has no objection to proposals (info only).**

- iii) V/4747 (NCC ref.no.) – Kirklington A Wellsite, Hockerton Rd – Variation of conditions 1, 2 and 4 & removal of conditions 3 and 5-14 of planning permission 3/24/01018/CMA with regard to the restoration of the site (to revert back to previous proposals due to change of land ownership). **RESOLUTION: it was resolved for the Clerk to send a decision of 'no objection' to NCC.**
- iv) Top o'the Hill – NSDCs Enforcement Team have advised the landowners that planning permission would need to be requested but no submission has been received as yet. NCC are aware of works done at the drive/road edge but have not advised further than that.

## 6. Flooding

Last month's open meeting was well attended with NCC's Flood Manager attending to answer questions. It was a positive meeting and a few further points will be reviewed (and potentially picked up at future meeting). IDB has been doing work on local land including culvert and ditch widening. Major works are currently due to be carried out in July (exact dates tbc). **RESOLUTION: It was resolved that Cllr Woolridge look into the use of grant funding for the purchase of pumps.**

## 7. Outstanding actions review

*School car park* – Most recent observations and feedback suggest that the car park is in regular use, with vehicles that are parked outside the School doing so in a way which does not cause obstruction. Issues concerning staff parking appear to have been resolved.

*School playing field* - in addition to access issues which are currently under review, the School has advised that cameras are being installed to review the cause of fouling in the grounds.

*The Mill* – '30 for a reason' and chevrons still need repairing / replacing – **Clerk to chase up.**

*Potholes* – areas in need of attention / **Clerk to report**

- i) The Green entrance
- ii) Near School Lane – going down the hill (idle is breaking up)
- iii) The Mill – watch out for the stop tap!
- iv) Church – road breakage on the south side – unsure if review will be part of drainage works.

*Litter picking* – NSDC can organise / support Community litter pick events, but also have a Green Champions Scheme that residents can sign up to for 'adhoc' / smaller scale litter picking – equipment made available and rubbish collected. Resident feedback about this has been positive. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that it may not be necessary to purchase equipment at this point due to alternative schemes being in place, but this could be reviewed in the future if needed.**

*Village signs* – a process for creating designs is under consideration, and it was suggested that having three images would prevent overcrowding the sign. Consideration should be given to siting the sign so that it does not block the '30' sign.

## 8. WINGS

No further issues have been raised. The Principal hopes to attend July's meeting to share updates about successes, the animal area and potential alpaca walk opportunities. A leaflet will be circulated to residents too.

## 9. Financial matters

- i) Balances – current account £7036.64, deposit account total £29176.09 including CIL £12297.90, Flood Reserves £4073.21, Village Signs Grant £4500, £8304.98 general reserves. There is a deadline of 11 months and 20 days for completing the signage project.

**RESOLUTION – It was resolved that Cllr Woolridge will contact NSDC to enquire if CIL can be used for water pumps, and electrics for Christmas Tree (possibility / unconfirmed); Cllr Radford will get quotes for installing electrics to enable the Christmas Tree to be moved.**

- ii) Clerk payment – payment May unanimously approved – proposed Cllr Mitchell / seconded Cllr Chattin.
- iii) Flood Reserves Expenditure – none made.
- iv) Review any other payments needed since last meeting – Gallagher Insurance £394.64. Cllr Woolridge have an overview of options for insurance renewal and proposed the three-year fixed agreement – unanimously approved.
- v) Review any other payments due – nothing other than regular standing orders.

#### 10. Traffic Report

Car in ditch near Hexgraves heading towards Mansfield – details unknown other than close to boundary.

#### 11. Overgrown vegetation

*Ivy Farm* – vegetation near Ivy Farm (left hand side coming in to the village from Mansfield) appears to have been cut back. **RESOLUTION - Cllr Twidale to review if felt to be sufficient – if not then Cllr Wheatcroft could draft a letter to landowners to advise of dates for upcoming drainage works to see if it could be tied in with road closures.**

*Home Farm Lane* – Cllr Twidale to arrange for overhanging branches to be reviewed and removed if necessary.

*Overgrown areas* – areas around the bus stop opposite the Village Hall, and around the bench on The Moor, are in need of cutting. **Clerk to report.**

*Speed checks* – **Clerk to ask** for more regular speed checks to be done on Corkhill Lane/A617 and The Moor.

*Rumble Strips* – it was agreed to revisit the possibility of rumble strips being installed at the Southwell entrance to the village.

#### 12. Correspondence

Nothing of note / urgency.

#### 13. Date of next meeting – confirmed as 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.30pm

Cllr Radford gave apologies for July's meeting

Additionally, it was agreed that the Clerk would send an email to residents to remind them to report the name / date / time of lorries if felt to be using Southwell Rd when they should not be.

Meeting ended at 20.50