

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Draft Minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 20th July at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Andrew Twidale (Chair) (AT), Cllr Ian Woolridge (IW), Cllr Bob Radford (RSR), Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM), District Cllr Penny Rainbow (PR), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk).

Public: Colin McGarrigle (Church Warden) and one member of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Graeme Wheatcroft and Cllr Nigel Chattin provided apologies – it was unanimously **resolved** to accept the apologies.

2. Declarations of interest

None.

3. Minutes of last meeting

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2026 be approved as a true record – proposed Cllr Woolridge, seconded Cllr Radford.

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

A resident raised concerns about speeding on Corkhill Lane. They highlighted an article in print about reducing speed limits on lanes in Wales to 20mph. They acknowledged it has previously been advised that there is little that can be done, however, they wondered if / how the Parish Council might be able to support such an initiative. Benefits could include reduction in litter and animal deaths as well as overall road safety as the road is used as a 'rat run'. Cllr Rainbow suggested trying to persist with NCC and will speak to Cllr Laughton.

Mr McGarrigle raised concerns that speeding has increased on the A617 since the introduction of the average speed cameras – it is felt to be dangerous when crossing the road on foot, or when turning out of a side road.

Cllr Radford wondered if coloured lines could be painted across as seen in Scotland to highlight speed reduction. **RESOLUTION** – it was resolved that the Clerk contact Via to understand what options may be available.

Cllr Rainbow highlighted the importance of reviewing the local plan consultation which will be in place for 15 years. LGR – expanding city boundaries and taking on some but not all wards from surrounding districts; will be a transition period but could mean a reduction in Councillors, and they will represent larger areas. Cllr Rainbow will follow up to ensure the speed gun is made available as soon as possible.

Mr McGarrigle confirmed that St. Swithin's is now part of a larger cluster.

5. Planning

- i) 26/00744/TWCA Lin Cottage, Main Street – felling of 3 silver birch trees; OUTCOME – NSDC has no objections (info only).
- ii) 26/00103/FUL Agricultural Barn, Hockerton Rd – change of use from agricultural barn to residential use; OUTCOME – permission granted by NSDC (info only).
- iii) 26/00860/TELNOT Mast 262, Coultas Cover Farm, Eakring Rd – removal of 300mm dish and replacing with 600mm dish; OUTCOME NSDC has no objection (info only).

6. Flooding

Further updates will be provided at the next meeting.

7. Outstanding actions review

Lineage – although numbers have not reduced as yet, it is hoped that the installation of the new sign will help. Positive feedback has been received about the sign's design and that Lineage appear to be taking concerns about specific incidents seriously.

Village signs – no updates at this point.

Potholes – Clerk to follow up about those on the A617 and footpaths.

8. **WINGS**

The School would like to put life rings on the lake after some students got stuck in mud there – they will contact the landowner for permission.

9. **Financial matters**

- i) Balances – current account £8401.34, village signs £4050.00, CIL £6396.90, Flood Reserves £6000.00 and £8560.06 general reserves.
- ii) Clerk payment – payment for June was approved – proposed Cllr Radford seconded Cllr Twidale (unanimous).
- iii) Flood Reserves Expenditure – none made.
- iv) Review any other payments needed since last meeting – ICO annual subscription £47.00.
- v) Review any other payments due before the next meeting – none made.

10. **Traffic Report**

13/7 Car waiting to turn into Bilsthorpe turn was hit from behind, but the driver drove off without leaving details. The person whose car was hit had whiplash injuries.

11. **School Playing Field Access**

Cllr Chattin will be asked to email an update when available.

12. **Bins/Dog Bins**

The Clerk will chase NSDC to request site visit to agree position and quote accordingly.

13. **Planters**

The Clerk shared an update from NCC about permission for potential sites. It was **resolved** that the Clerk will start to research planters made from recycled plastic.

14. **Vacancy**

NSDC have confirmed that an election is not required. It was **resolved** that the Clerk establish if the role has to be formally advertised again or if co-option processes can start.

15. **GTSF**

After discussion everyone was satisfied that the event went well, and that there was little to no noise disturbance. It was acknowledged that great effort went into sound reduction measures, traffic management and safety (e.g. near the water). NSDCs Licensing Team have confirmed the event's end times were within permitted licensing terms. Cllr Twidale has spoken to the event organiser who will be very happy to attend a future meeting before the next event if needed.

16. **Correspondence**

- i) NALC AGM 21st October – Clerk to enquire if Cllr Chattin is able to attend; Cllr Radford is happy to attend if he can travel with another Cllr.
- ii) NSDC Town & Parish Conference 10th October – Clerk to send details to Cllr Chattin for info.
- iii) NSDC Local Plan Scoping Consultation – ends 31st July – details circulated by email and further rounds of consultation will take place (including for residents).

17. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as 7th September 2026 at 7.30pm

Cllr Wheatcroft has given apologies for being unable to attend.

Cllr Chattin arrived at 20.35 and gave apologies for late attendance.

With permission Mr McGarrigle advised that the Quinquennial review identified a lot of work is needed to the Church tower with estimates at £85,000 – they are now looking for grants and fundraising.

Standing Orders were suspended to enable Cllr Chattin to give an update for item 11. The School has had some issues which have taken priority which means there has been no further progress as yet. **RESOLUTION** It was resolved that Cllr Twidale sign the agreement, and Cllr Woolridge arrange payment, and Cllr Chattin to liaise with School to see if any bookings could take place over the summer holidays.

Meeting ended at 21.00

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