

KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7.30 AT THE FORTERRA CANTEEN KIRTON

PRESENT. R FEGAN (CHAIR), R BATTY, H ATHERTON , D SURGEY.

IN ATTENDANCE. K HALL (CLERK)

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/FEEDBACK/DECISION	ACTION POINTS.
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies were received and accepted from Tim Wildgust, Nicola Batty and Denise Beard.	
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None.	
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.	The minutes of the Council meeting held on 03 August 2021 were agreed by all and signed off by the Chair.	PDF of the minutes sent to Cllr Surgery for inclusion on the Council website 15 Sept.
4.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	None.	
5.	COUNCILLOR ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MEETING		
5.1.	REPAIRS TO THE SEAT OUTSIDE HALL FARM.	Cllr R Batty has examined the bench and found that the “paint covering” that has been used previously has a rubber style coating. He has contacted the person who painted the bench last time to ascertain what was used. Once he has this information the bench will be taken up, the legs repaired and it will be repainted.	
5.2	NEW PARISH LAWN MOWER	Cllr R Batty has spoken to Town & Country who advise that to just cut the Playing Field would be approximately £50 to £100 per cut so this may be just for that work £1000 per annum so it was agreed that the possible £6000 for a new mower is a good investment as the Parish Council could then still maintain all the grass they currently look after.	Item to be kept on agenda for update on developments.

		<p>It is coming to the end of the mowing season but the Parish Council will definitely need to invest in a new wider mower for next year.</p> <p>Southwell Garden Centre have estimated this will cost about £6000 and Farmstart at Southwell have estimated up to £7000.</p> <p>It was agreed that the precept for 2022/23 would need to be increased in the next funding application and that we would need to investigate ways of funding this capital expenditure.</p>	
5.3.	PURCHASE AND SITING OF DOGGY BAG DISPENSERS.	Cllr Surgey confirmed that the 2 doggy bag dispensers have now been ordered and he is awaiting delivery. He has chosen a simple design that dispenses bags easily and these will be placed on the fence at the side of the gate to the footpath and besides the bin at the bus stop.	
5.4.	UPDATE ON FOOTPATH SITUATION.	Cllr Surgey spoke to Kirsty Curd at VIA and their arranged meeting was subsequently cancelled, however Kirsty has been out to view the path and will be returning with a representative of the Countryside Action team to get more guidance on the scope of the reinstatement work that is required.	Cllr Surgey to update Council at October meeting.
6.	VILLAGE AMENITIES		
6.1.	PLAYING FIELD LITTER AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR.	Cllr R Batty advised that the level of litter seen on the Playing Field ebbs and flows but that when litter is left it is the Parish Council and residents adjacent to the field that clean it up. He has spoken to several groups of people and asked them to take their litter home. Dean Watson has installed the new football nets.	
6.2.	TREES AT KIRTON COURT, TREE SURVEY AND RESULTS.	<p>In 2019 NSDC as a responsible land manager undertook a tree survey of all the trees on the land they look after, this included “the green” at Kirton Court.</p> <p>One of the trees was found to have a large cavity which had gone down to the roots making the tree unsafe and this tree has now been felled.</p> <p>Another tree that is getting tangled in the telephone cables will be topped off but there is currently a birds nest in that particular tree.</p> <p>All the trees on this piece of land are the property of NSDC and if there are any queries about the trees, they should be addressed to Ben Stacey, Street Scene Manager at the District Council.</p>	

6.3	FOOTPATH AT COCKING HILL		Delay to October meeting.
6.4.	COUNCIL INSURANCE	<p>All our Parish Councillors are volunteers who take on many roles in keeping the Village safe and tidy.</p> <p>After a request from a resident regarding the cutting back of some trees the Clerk contacted BHIB who provide the Parish Council insurance with some questions regarding the cover provided by the Insurance for the Councillors.</p> <p>BHIB have advised that Councillors are not covered to undertake this kind of work .</p>	
7.	UPDATE ON MEETING WITH VIA.	<p>On 23rd July this year the Clerk contacted the Regional Manager at VIA with a list of works requested that had not been carries out.</p> <p>These included ,the erection of road signs at Church Corner and Cocking Hill Corner, the winter filling of grit bins, the parking situation at Kirton Court, Grass verge cutting and the emptying of ditches and drains.</p> <p>Cllrs T Wildgust and N Batty along with the Clerk met with Mr Shaun Brown the Regional Manager North for VIA on 16th August and raised all these concerns with him, he was shown the blocked drains and ditches through the village along with the slapdash road repairs on the bus turning circle and visited Kirton Court.</p> <p>Cllr N Batty also requested the placement of an extra grit bin at the top of Church Hill to assist in road clearing during the winter.</p> <p>The attached response to these requests was received on 14th September and discussed at the Parish Council Meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that as we are not moving forward, the next step would be to get County Councillor Mike Pringle involved</p>	Clerk to contact Mike Pringle re attending the next PC Meeting on 05 October.
7.1	VIA WINTER SERVICES	The Clerk confirmed that she had ordered the 5 free bags of salt for delivery from VIA.	
8.	PARTY IN THE PARK, MAY 2022		Deferred to October meeting
9.	VILLAGE CONTRIBUTIONS	The Parish Council would like to thank the following Mr Dean Watson for erecting the new football nets on the Playing Field	

		<p>Cllr Tim Wildgust for the use of his home to facilitate the meeting with VIA</p> <p>Cllrs R Batty and Denise Beard for reaerating the bark under the play area</p> <p>Cllrs N Batty and R Fegan for weeding the bee garden and the Kirton Court side of the Playing Field.</p>	
10.	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	<p>CS Arable Services -diesel for mower £14.32</p> <p>N Batty Mobile Top Up £15.02</p> <p>D Surgery Doggy Bag Dispensers £33.83</p>	All paid 15 th September.
11.	CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA.	None.	
12.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING.	The next meeting will be on 05 October 2021 at 7.30pm at the Forterra Canteen.	

Minutes prepared by Kate Hall Clerk to Kirton Parish Council on 15th September 2021.