

KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 01 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 1930 HOURS AT THE CANTEEN FORTERRA BRICKWORKS,KIRTON.

PRESENT R FEGAN (CHAIR), H ATHERTON, D SURGEY, N BATTY, R BATTY, T WILDGUST

IN ATTENDANCE K HALL (CLERK)

GUESTS MR RICK BUCKLE OF WOLDS PIGS AND MRS ANN WIGHTWICK OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL.

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS/FEEDBACK/DECISION	ACTION POINTS.
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies were received from Cllr D Beard	
2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	None	
3	GUEST-MR RICK BUCKLE OF WOLDS PIGS	<p>Cllr Surgey, gave the Parish Council the background for inviting Mr Buckle to the meeting and this was regarding the footpaths around the pig area on the path towards Boughton.</p> <p>This path has been impassable on occasions with lots of slurry on the eastern part of the public right of way.</p> <p>Cllr Fegan thanked Mr Buckle for attending the meeting to discuss this situation.</p> <p>When the pigs were placed, Wolds Pigs were not aware that this was a public right of way, they have, once this was realised done some remedial work and made a 3 meter wide path which has been fenced, this fencing work is nearly complete and once done, the gate for the bridleway will be open all day.</p> <p>Cllr R Batty suggested that the corner be temporarily closed and that walkers be requested to use a temporary footpath to avoid the pig pens and the muddy conditions caused by the lorries servicing the pigs.</p> <p>Mr Buckle agreed to contact VIA to request this diversion and if agreed he will get signs erected to reflect this.</p> <p>Cllr Surgey and Mr Buckle will liaise regarding these possible changes</p>	<p>Cllr Surgey to keep Parish Council updated re developments.</p>

4.	TO APPROVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER MEETING	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in December 2021 were agreed unanimously and signed off by the Chair.	PDF of December minutes forwarded to Cllr Surgey for inclusion on the Parish website.
5.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.	<p>The Parish Council welcomed Mrs Ann Wightwick from the Church Council who wished to discuss possible arrangements for the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June.</p> <p>It was noted that previously, village celebrations had been hosted in the barn at Hall Farm and that Mr Price was happy for the barn to be used again if required.</p> <p>Sadly the Church Council do not have funds to offset the cost of holding an official celebration and at the current time the Parish Council finds itself in a similar position.</p> <p>It was suggested that a possible idea would be for residents to bring their own picnics and drinks and that a Ceildah could be held in the barn as this would keep costs down and make tickets available at a more affordable price.</p> <p>If an event did take place it would be held on 04 June 2022 in the evening.</p>	This item to be added to March agenda for further consideration.
6.	COUNCILLOR ACTION POINTS FROM DECEMBER MEETING		
6.1	UPDATE ON VIA	<p>Cllr Wildgust gave the Parish Council an update on the recent visit to the Village of our local MP Mark Spencer and his assistant Jane Walker. They met with Jo Horton of VIA and 2 police officers and Cllr Wildgust again raised concerns regarding the traffic situation at the Church Corner. He highlighted inaccuracies in the report that had been submitted by VIA, restating that realistically we understand that 2 lorries cannot pass on the corner but if some alterations could be made there would be better vehicular visibility.</p> <p>Jo Horton agreed to review the report after seeing the improvements Cllr Wildgust suggested.</p>	Any further information to be feedback at March meeting

6.2	ACTIONS ON SPEEDING	<p>Cllr Atherton also attended the above meeting to again raise concerns regarding speeding through Kirton.</p> <p>Jo Horton suggested that the village may be able to obtain a mobile speed matrix as these are available throughout the County.</p> <p>Cllr Wildgust requested average speed cameras in the Village as this would free up much needed Police resources for elsewhere and Mark Spencer agreed to take this back to the NCC lead Ben Bradley.</p> <p>We are awaiting a response.</p> <p>Cllr Atherton also requested a matrix sign for the people undertaking the Community speed watch and is awaiting a response from the Police.</p> <p>Cllr Surgey had arranged a Village walk through with representatives of the Police and Clipper in attendance.</p> <p>Sadly this had to be done in the evening however it did highlight the problems of speeding through the length of the Village and the Transport Manager from Clipper did confirm that they take not only speeding lorries but speeding staff very seriously and will remind all personnel attending their site that this is a 30mph zone.</p>	Any further information to be feedback at March meeting.
6.3	UPDATE ON FOOTPATHS	Covered in Item 3	
6.4	DITCH BEHIND PLAYING FIELD	Cllrs Wildgust, N Batty & R Batty will be attending a meeting at Boughton Camp on 04 February to discuss this.	Feedback from meeting at March Council meeting.
7.	NEWARK & SHERWOOD CLEANER INITIATIVES	<p>Newark & Sherwood District Council have a pot of funding available for Cleaner initiatives to make the District a more pleasant place to live.</p> <p>The Parish Council need to purchase a new lawnmower to keep the village up to standard and agreed that the Clerk should complete the necessary paperwork to see if we can obtain some of this funding.</p> <p>The funding is available on a matched funding basis.</p>	<p>Clerk to complete application and send off to NSDC.</p> <p>Application form completed and emailed to NSDC 14 Feb 2022.</p>
8.	ARMED FORCES COVENANT	<p>In December 2021 the Parish Council agreed to apply to become a signatory to this Covenant as a sign of our commitment to our serving and veteran service personnel and their families.</p> <p>Cllr Surgey agreed to become our Armed Forces Covenant Champion and we are delighted that we have been accepted as a signatory.</p> <p>The Parish letterhead will be updated to reflect this and Cllr Surgey will write a piece for the Facebook page.</p>	Cllr Surgey wrote Facebook article 02 Feb 2022.

9.	BUILDING WORK AT KIRTON COURT.	<p>The residents of Kirton Court have been living in a building site for weeks whilst the land has been levelled and foundations dug out for the 2 bungalows.</p> <p>The road surface has been destroyed by heavy lorries coming into the residential street and this is not made any better by the amount of mud on the road.</p> <p>Sadly the contractors were also parking all their vans on the Court making it impossible for residents to sometimes leave their homes or find a parking space.</p> <p>Cllr Batty, Cllr Wildgust and the Clerk have attended 2 meeting with the contractor, Robert Woodhead and Sons and with representatives of the Planning Department at NSDC.</p> <p>The outcome of these meetings was that the Contractors agreed to increase the road and pavement cleaning to twice a week and that all their vehicles would not park on Kirton Court, but offload equipment and then move away.</p> <p>It was also agreed that signs would be erected to state that vehicles were not allowed onto the road until 8am.</p> <p>Cllr N Batty raised concerns regarding the road surface and possible repairs after the work is completed and the Parish Council has requested to be involved in all meetings with VIA regarding this subject.</p> <p>The possibility of making 2 extra car parking spaces on the green has been referred back to NSDC housing department and we are awaiting a response.</p>	
10	VILLAGE CONTRIBUTIONS	<p>Sadly a person or persons unknown decided to steal the hand and foot grips from the children's climbing wall in the play area.</p> <p>The Parish Council closed the field for safety reasons and this theft was highlighted on social media.</p> <p>We would like to thank Tuxford Handyman Services for not only replacing the grips and fitting them free of charge but for their rapid response to this crime.</p> <p>The Parish Council are most grateful and once a couple of holes have been filled in for safety reasons on the climbing frame the field will be ready to reopen.</p> <p>The Parish Council would also like to extend its thanks to</p>	

		<p>Mark Spencer, Jane Walker, Inspector Allardice, Sgt Hurley and PC Adams for attending meetings in the village.</p> <p>Cllrs Richard and Nicola Batty for erecting the Christmas tree and decorations and dismantling them after the festive season.</p> <p>Mrs Dooley and Ms Hayter for the 100 daffodil bulbs which Cllr N Batty has planted through the village.</p> <p>Jacqueline Seddon for litter picking the village and last but not least they would also like to thank Cllr Nicola Batty for all her efforts with litter picking and cleaning the dog bins and gateway signs to stop the worst of the winter salt damaging them and this has been supported recently by NSDC doing a litter pick from the Harrow Corner to Cocking Hill corner on the day after it was requested. !</p>										
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13.	CLERKS EXPENSES	The Parish Council have been very aware of the extra hours that the Clerk has worked each month, in order to partly remunerate her for this extra time, it was agreed at the December 2021 meeting that the Clerk would be paid an annual working from home expense and this has been agreed as above.										
14.	CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLICATION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Nottinghamshire Waste local plan is out for Consultation and can be found at www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/waste. A poster will also be placed on the noticeboards 2. An email has been received regarding the registration of historical buildings and this has been passed to the Church Council 										
15	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The next Parish Council meeting will be on 01 March 2022 at 19.30 hours.										

The meeting closed at 21.14 hours

Minutes prepared by Kate Hall, Clerk to Kirton Parish Council 02 February 2022.