

KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 07 MARCH 2023 AT THE CANTEEN ,FORTERRA BRICKWORKS, KIRTON AT 1930 HOURS.

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

IN ATTENDANCE K HALL (CLERK).

NUMBER	ITEM	DISCUSSION/DECISION	ACTION POINTS
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies were received from Cllr H Atherton and Cllr D Beard.	
2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	None	
3	TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	The minutes of the last Parish Council meeting held on 07 February 2023 were agreed by all and signed off by the Chair.	PDF of minutes sent to Cllr Surgery for inclusion on the Parish website 08 March.
4	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	None	
5	VILLAGE AMENITIES		
5.1	THE PLAYING FIELD	As advised at the February meeting a mole is causing quite a lot of damage to the playing field surface. Cllr N Batty will contact the mole catcher and request his services for the playing field. She suggested that as traps have to be put into the soil, the field should be closed for health and safety reasons and this was agreed by all. The work will take place outside of school holiday times to reduce any disruption to users of the field.	Cllr N Batty to contact mole catcher.
5.2	THE BIG SPRING CLEAN	This will take place on 25/26 March and so far 6 people have volunteered to help. Cllr N Batty will send out another text closer to the date in case more people would like to assist. With current numbers we have enough equipment for the volunteers.	

5.3	THE GREEN & FENCE AT KIRTON COURT.	<p>NSDC agreed to plant a low hedge around the border of the green at Kirton Court, they had advised the Parish Council that this would be done in stages, using hedge plants as they became available.</p> <p>A resident raised a concern that some of the new plantings appeared to be quite irregular but this was before all the planting had been completed and as this has now been done, all the plants are in order.</p>	
6.	END OF FINANCIAL YEAR AND COUNCIL FINANCES.	<p>The Parish Council are very aware that they need to make a contingency fund available for the future purchase of capital equipment and for any unforeseen expenses that may occur. Over the past couple of years the Parish Council has been very fortunate to have obtained grants towards the purchase of fencing around the playing field and a new lawn mower and has also taken on the Lengthsman scheme to support the maintenance of the village environs.</p> <p>We now need to future proof these investments/be aware of depreciation values and ensure that there are funds available ,for example, when equipment requires replacement.</p> <p>The new financial year starts in April and therefore looking at the Parish Council accounts on 07 March, balances were as follows</p> <p>Current Account £2074.13 Reserve Account £3013.25 Defib Account £ 878.80</p> <p>Cllr N Batty proposed that £1000 be moved from the current account to the reserve account and this was agreed by all.</p>	Clerk transferred £1000 from current account to reserve account 08 March 2023.
7.	PARISH & DISTRICT ELECTIONS 04 MAY.	<p>All the current Parish Councillors have received application forms for the elections to be held on 04 May 2023.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that these need to be completed and seconded by a person on the electoral register for Kirton and returned by hand to Castle House on or after 21 March.</p> <p>The deadline for forms to be returned is 03 April to Castle House.</p>	Cllr N Batty to collect forms and deliver to Castle House.

8.	THE PINFOLD	<p>Despite the very best efforts of the Parish Council, we sadly were unsuccessful in obtaining a grant for the restoration of the Pinfold from the Heritage Lottery Fund and NSDC. This means that the restoration needs to be managed in a more phased way.</p> <p>Phase 1 Clear the Pinfold of overgrown vegetation etc</p> <p>Phase 2 Assess the rear wall</p> <p>Phase 3 Repair the heritage side walls</p> <p>Phase 4 Replace the front wall</p> <p>Currently Cllrs N& R Batty have started the work of digging out the excess soil and vegetation within the plot to level it off and the sandstone undercliff at the rear is now more visible.</p> <p>The Parish Council are conscious that this area is maintained as a heritage site and to protect it whilst work is being undertaken, excess soil that is moved from the site will be placed at the front as a barrier.</p> <p>The biggest cost to this work will be the purchase of stone for the front wall at some point in the future.</p> <p>The Parish Council are passionate about this restoration but readily admit that they are not experts, therefore Cllr Surgey will request that Jamie Thornton attends our next meeting to give us some professional advise on next steps and project management.</p>	Cllr Surgey to ask Jamie Thornton to attend next Parish Council meeting on 04 April.												
9.	THE CORONATION OF HM KING CHARLES III	<p>As a Parish we do not have the resources to support a public event on 06 May 2023, however as with the Platinum Jubilee the Parish will wish to mark the event.</p> <p>A grant of £200 is available from NSDC to assist with any cost implications of the Coronation and it was agreed that the Clerk should apply for this and if successful the Parish Council would then purchase ,from the Royal British Legion some Coronation flags and lamp post discs.</p>	Clerk applied for grant of £200 to NSDC on 08 March.												
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	PAYMENTS RECEIVED	Grant from Forterra £1000.00 Lengthsman Scheme Payment 2022/23 £1150.00	
11	VILLAGE CONTRIBUTIONS	As always thank you to Colin Haywood for all the work he does in supporting keeping the village looking so good. Thank you from the Parish Council to Nicola and Richard Batty for all the clearing work they have done in the Pinfold and to Nicola for litter picking and uncovering/clearing drains that no one knew were there and reporting the state of them to VIA.	
12	CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLICATION	None	
13	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 04 April 2023 at 7.30pm at the Canteen, Forterra Brickworks The Parish Council meeting is normally held on the first Tuesday of the month, but in May this will be 2 days before the election when the Council will be in purdah. A date for the May meeting and Annual Parish meeting will be set at the April session.	
14	MEETING CLOSED	The meeting closed at 20.35 hours.	

Minutes prepared by Kate Hall, Clerk to Kirton Parish Council 08 March 2023.