

KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18TH MAY 2021 AT THE FORTERRA BRICKWORKS CANTEEN- IN LINE WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDANCE.

MINUTES.

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

IN ATTENDANCE K HALL (CLERK)

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/FEEDBACK/DECISION	ACTION POINTS
1	Apologies for Absence	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Surgey	
2	Declaration of Interest	None	
3	Minutes of last meeting	The minutes of the last Council meeting held on 06 April 2021 were agreed unanimously and forwarded for inclusion on the Parish Council website	Minutes created to PDF and sent to Cllr Surgery 19 May.
4	Councillors Action Points from the last meeting	<p>Item 5 April Meeting, Flagpole Cllr R Batty had suggested that people may want to commemorate family with a flag raised on the new Parish flag pole. This item will be highlighted in the next parish newsletter and Cllr R Batty will liaise with Cllr Surgey to get this idea onto the Parish Facebook page.</p> <p>Item 6 April Meeting, Speeding Cllr Atherton has contacted our local Police officer and been advised that Community Speed watch can restart. Cllr N Batty noted that the speed van has been in the village a couple of times recently.</p> <p>Item 7 April Meeting, Village Benches Cllr Fegan had commented that the bench near Hall Farm appeared to be in a poor state of repair, Mr Jonathan Price was at the meeting and advised that the bench was made in memorial to his parents and is in fact solid oak, he suggested that some remedial work could be done if there were any safety issues and he was happy for the Parish Council to maintain the bench.</p>	Item to be highlighted on Parish Facebook Page

		<p>Cllr R Batty suggested that a plaque should be put on this bench in memory of Mr & Mrs Price.</p> <p>Cllr Wildgust suggested that the bench be gifted to the village for legal purposes so that the Parish Council would be responsible for its maintenance. Jonathan Price would be OK with this provided any restoration work was sympathetic to the design of the bench and that he was consulted about any work first.</p> <p>He also advised that the bottom of the notice board that is attached to his listed barn wall is rotten and the glass is in danger of falling out.</p> <p>Item 17 April Meeting, Clerks Wages</p> <p>Cllr Fegan has done a lot of research into the remuneration for Parish Clerks and is conscious of the extra hours that the Kirton Clerk undertakes most months for the role to run smoothly. He advised that the Clerk should have an appraisal yearly preferably in January before the Precept is requested and subject to that appraisal a salary increase around that time. This would then enable the Parish Council to increase the precept request if necessary.</p> <p>Cllrs Fegan and Wildgust will look at the possibility of also paying the Clerk expenses for working from home and come back to the Parish Council regarding this item.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerks pay scale should be increased to SCP10 at £11.08 per hour from her current rate of £10 per hour.</p> <p>Other items in action points are covered in agenda items for May 2021</p>	<p>Cllr N Batty to liaise with Jonathan Price re a memorial plaque for the bench.</p> <p>Jonathan Price to get a quote for the repair of the notice board.</p> <p>Cllrs Fegan and Wildgust to report back to Council re expenses proposal.</p> <p>Cllr N Batty to speak to Accountant re salary hourly rate increase. (If agreed the standing orders for salary payment and tax will need to be altered)</p>
5	Public Participation	Mr Jonathan Price stayed on for part of the meeting after the Annual Parish Meeting.	
6	Remembrance Day Memorial Bench and Donations.	<p>The Parish Council are delighted with the response from residents to the call for donations towards this bench and are extremely grateful for the £805 raised with donations from the Village.</p> <p>We are also very grateful to Clipper for raising £500 towards the cost of this bench.</p> <p>This is a fantastic response from both the Village and a local Company and means that the memorial bench can now be ordered.</p>	

		<p>contact with the operators of the Boughton industrial estate regarding littering on their side of the road.</p> <p>The Parish Council contacted Clipper and asked them to organise a litter pick for their side of the road, this yielded 80 bags of rubbish.</p> <p>Cllr Atherton has been liaising with PCSO Cotton ,Stagecoach and NCC regarding the dreadful episodes of anti social behaviour taking place in the bus shelter.</p> <p>The Police have given her some signs to be erected there and suggested the purchase of CCTV to monitor this area.</p> <p>Cllr Atherton has drawn a blank with Stagecoach who have CCTV on their buses but when asked to review this footage they have been unable to help.</p> <p>She is also waiting for photographs of possible “see through” alternative bus shelters which may deter the perpetrators of this vile behaviour.</p> <p>Cllr Atherton has reported this to NSDC but so far had no response.</p> <p>If this event happens again it will be reported to the environmental health department at NSDC as it is unfair to expect volunteers to clean up this mess.</p> <p>Whilst discussing the lay by it was highlighted that the grass verges out of the village towards Boughton and towards Tuxford are very overgrown and in need of a good cut</p>	<p>Cllr Atherton to chase NCC for photos of alternative bus shelters.</p> <p>If no response District Councillor Wildgust will chase this up at NSDC.</p> <p>The Clerk to contact Shaun Brown, area Manager North at VIA re this. E mail sent to Shaun 19 May</p>
9	Parish Council Insurance renewal	<p>The Parish Council Insurance is due for renewal on 01 June and has increased by £10.42 over the last year. We are tied into a 3 year deal with BHIB and this is the 3rd year of the tie in for a reduced premium.</p> <p>The Council agreed that the Clerk could pay this premium</p>	<p>Clerk to pay insurance premium. Insurance premium paid 19 May</p>
10.	Councillors Roles within the Parish Council	<p>The document outlining specific roles undertaken by individual Councillors was agreed and will be placed on the Parish notice boards and website so that residents are aware of the correct person to contact for specific problems.</p>	<p>Clerk to put document in notice boards and Cllr Surgey to place on website.</p>
11	Village Contributions	<p>The Parish Council would like to thank the following people for their support</p> <p>Mr Colin Haywood for all his time and effort on treating the play furniture and benches</p>	

		Mr Smith for cutting back his willow trees to make the path outside his house more passable. Nicola and Richard Batty for mowing the bottom of Kirton Park Stephen Hall for collecting the fence posts from Calverton thus saving a £30 delivery fee.	
12	End of financial year 2020/21	The AGAR Part 2 forms were agreed by the Parish Council and signed by the Clerk as RFO and Chair Person at the meeting. These will now go to the external auditor for agreement.	
13	Accounts Paid	Jeffrey Rose Accountants £106.50 Padlocks for Field Gates (NB) £35.00 CS Arable Services (Diesel) £12.71 Post Mix (DS) £31.50 Fence Posts (KH) £94.20	
14	Income Received	First Part of Precept £3000.00 Residents Contributions for Bench £805.00	
15	Correspondence received after the publication of the Agenda	Local residents had contacted the Parish Council regarding the amount of surface water around their homes and were querying if this water came from the brickworks. The brick works have pumps and bunds which are inspected on a daily basis and they are extremely proactive in working to avoid any escape of water from their site. Sadly it would be fair to say that we have experienced some freak weather conditions recently with 10mm of rain falling in 10 minutes on one day and this combined with living in an area rich in clay and building over dykes has caused this excess of surface water	The Clerk to write to residents regarding this item
16	Date of next meeting	6 th July 2021 at 7.30 pm at the Forterra Canteen	
17	Close of Meeting	The meeting closed at 21.30 hours.	