

KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 02 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 1930 HOURS AT THE FORTERRA CANTEEN KIRTON.

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

IN ATTENDANCE K HALL (CLERK)

GUEST COUNTY COUNCILLOR MIKE PRINGLE.

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/FEEDBACK/DECISION	ACTION POINTS.
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	All Councillors were in attendance	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	None	
3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.	The minutes of the meeting held on 05 October 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair	PDF of minutes sent to Cllr Surgery for inclusion on the Parish website.
4.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	None	
5.	GUEST COUNTY COUNCILLOR PRINGLE	<p>The Chair and Parish Council thanked County Councillor Pringle for all his support in getting VIA to interact with us.</p> <p>He complimented Kirton on the way the village was kept and advised us to keep a record of all works requested from VIA and when it is completed.</p> <p>Cllr R Batty raised concerns over speeding. This has become a really serious problem especially in the morning.</p> <p>County Councillor Pringle advised we should try to get as many car numbers as possible and video evidence if available and report repeat offenders to the Police.</p> <p>He also suggested starting a petition regarding this subject and inviting the Police Commissioner to visit the village to see the problem for herself.</p>	

		The Police Commissioner is holding a meeting regarding rural crime on 09 November	Cllr Fegan to attend meeting with Police Commissioner on 09 Nov.
5.1	UPDATE ON PROGRESS WITH VIA	The grass verges through the Village have now been cut by VIA and the drain machine has been into the Village twice and cleared the drains on the Main Road and the estates however the drains at Cocking Hill & Rice Hill have still not been cleared	Item re drains to be raised with VIA at meeting on 08 November.
5.2	FOOTPATH UPDATE	The gate into the quarry has been installed by Forterra after discussions with VIA/NCC Cllr Surgey advised that following several discussions with VIA regarding the footpath from Kirton to Walesby/Boughton Brake he has been informed that the British Horse Society have taken up this complaint as the bridleway has been cut off. VIA advise that this path is outside the Kirton Parish Council boundary so Cllr Surgey will keep a watching brief and leave this matter to the BHS.	
5.3	DITCH TO REAR OF PLAYING FIELD	The management of Boughton Camp have tried to alleviate the problem of flooding within the Camp by taking out some of the ditch and trees behind the Playing Field. This work may help with the problem of flooding on the field. However concerns were raised about this work and the dispersal of water and contaminated water and the number of trees that have been removed.	Cllr Wildgust to speak to the Environment Agency regarding this work.
6.	COUNCILLOR ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MEETING		
6.1	NEW PARISH LAWN MOWER.	Cllr N Batty advised that she had taken out a lawnmower to test and it fulfilled all our requirements. This mower can currently be purchased for £6000. However the Parish does not currently have enough money to purchase this item outright so it was suggested and agreed that if possible a significant deposit is paid to secure the mower with the balance being paid in the new financial year.	Cllr N Batty to speak to mower supplier.
6.2	CHRISTMAS TREE.	Cllr N Batty has ordered the Christmas tree as agreed at the October meeting with a maximum spend of £120.00 advised. The tree will be delivered w/c 29 November 2021	

6.3	PARTY IN THE PARK	<p>After the October meeting the Parish Council wrote to all the residents of Kirton Court whose homes back onto the Playing Field. One positive response was received.</p> <p>The proposal was for a group and solo singer with a hog roast to celebrate the Queens Platinum Anniversary, however after much discussion it was agreed that currently the Parish Council cannot afford to underwrite such an event and that there were too many intangibles with holding an event on the Playing Field to make this safe and secure for all attending.</p> <p>The Parish Council are conscious of supporting events within the Village and it was suggested that if the Fox reopens the Parish Council may be able to support something there</p>	<p>Cllr Beard to approach the Fox to see if they are open to this idea.</p>
7.	PRECEPT DISCUSSION FOR 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR.	<p>The Village precept has been £6000 for the last 6 years, however during that time the costs of maintaining the Village to the high standard we have all come to expect has increased.</p> <p>An increase in the Precept needs to be requested in the next financial year to future proof the village, a new mower is required as a matter of urgency, assets are depreciating and will at some time need to be replaced and for example with the current precept we are not able to support a village Christmas dinner.</p> <p>The Council will examine this item very carefully before putting in the request.</p>	<p>Cllr N Batty, T Wildgust and Clerk to prepare support documents for next meeting.</p>
8.	PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE UPDATES AND EMAIL SECURITY.	<p>Cllr Surgey has recently received an updated document from NALC regarding the provision of Parish Council websites. He is currently trying to speak to Hugo Fox who provide the Kirton Parish website to see how these changes may affect us.</p> <p>The importance of data security was also reinforced by Cllr Surgey and Cllr Wildgust and the Parish Council will make any amendments to the way they work to ensure that this security is upheld.</p>	<p>Cllr Surgey to feedback at December meeting.</p>
9.	VILLAGE AMENITIES		
9.1	REMEMBRANCE DAY	<p>Last year the Remembrance service was pared back to a bare minimum by the Covid lockdown.</p> <p>There is no Church service in Kirton on 14th November so arrangements have been made for the last post to be played and wreaths laid at the soldier on 14th November at 11.00</p>	

		<p>Cllr Fegan as Parish Council chair will reads the Kohima Epitaph and an ex serviceman will lay the wreaths.</p> <p>A canon firework will mark the end of the two minute silence.</p> <p>The memorial bench is now in situ and all agreed what an excellent addition it is to the village.</p> <p>We are just awaiting some memorial poppies and a plaque to mark the contribution made by residents and Clipper Logistics to the purchase of this bench.</p> <p>The Clerk has contacted the Roundabout magazine with a small article and pictures for their next issue.</p>	
9.2	PENSIONERS CHRISTMAS PARTY.	Due to the still increasing number of Covid 19 cases and financial restraints it will not be possible to support this event this year.	
9.3	POSSIBLE OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES FOR THE PLAYING FIELD.	<p>The Parish Council has received complaints from residents regarding people being on the Playing Field late into the evening.</p> <p>This is a difficult situation to “police” but it was considered that an opening and closing sign and locking of the gate will deter this behaviour.</p>	<p>Clerk to obtain prices for a sign and take back to Council.</p> <p>Requested 3 Nov.</p>
10	PLANNING APPLICATIONS	All the planning applications listed below had no objections from the Parish Council and Newark and Sherwood Council planning department have been advised of this.	
10.1	WOODSIDE BARN MAIN STREET		
10.2	SEVEN ACRES MAIN STREET		
10.2.1	11 KIRTON COURT		
10.3	STATION HOUSE	<p>It was reported to the Parish Council that the empty property at Station House which is awaiting redevelopment had been broken into on several occasions.</p> <p>The Council contacted the developers who were on the scene quickly and made the property secure.</p> <p>NSDC environmental health department have also been made aware that this property is currently empty</p>	
11.	KEEP BRITAIN TIDY DOG WASTE SIGNS	The Parish Council are constantly looking for new ideas to encourage owners to clean up after their dogs.	Clerk to order 5 signs from Keep Britain Tidy.

		Keep Britain Tidy are offering “glow in the dark” signs to encourage this better behaviour and it was agreed that the Parish Council would order 5.															
12	NSDC SHERWOOD CONSITUENCY LEVELLING UP MEETING.	Following the pandemic the Constituency are keen to look at support required in local communities. The Parish Council have been invited to attend this meeting on 19 November.	Cllr R Fegan to attend this meeting and feedback at December meeting.														
13	VILLAGE CONTRIBUTIONS.	Cllr Fegan highlighted the tremendous amount of work that Cllr Nicola Batty undertakes on behalf of the Village. In one weekend she undertook a solo litter pick from Boughton Camp to Charlotte Close then from Church Hill to the bungalows on Tuxford Road. In order to complete mowing for the season she then borrowed a lawn mower as the Council mower is on its last legs. Thank you to Georgina Batty for offering the services of her mower. At the same time as litter picking Cllr N Batty found some dropped documents with names on and has managed to secure a littering offence. We would also like to thank Cllr Wildgust for litter picking Church Hill And Cllr Fegan for moving soil to fill in holes in the field. Martin Hemsall for completing the strimming that Nicola could not complete. James Summerfield for a donation to the cost of shrubs Daniel Woodhouse & Lee Barrett for bulb donations and Mrs Schofield for the soil. The Parish Council would also like to thank Phil Hoggard for his prompt action on sorting out paths.															
14.	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	<table><tr><td>RBL Remembrance Wreath (KH)</td><td>£19.25</td></tr><tr><td>Petrol for mower (NB)</td><td>£34.58</td></tr><tr><td>Strimmer Head (NB)</td><td>£14.99</td></tr><tr><td>Key Builders Plinth for new bench (NB)</td><td>£123.44</td></tr><tr><td>Bolt fasteners for bench (RB)</td><td>£10.12</td></tr><tr><td>Memorial Poppies (NB)</td><td>£64.90</td></tr><tr><td>Slate Plaque (NB)</td><td>£12.99</td></tr></table>	RBL Remembrance Wreath (KH)	£19.25	Petrol for mower (NB)	£34.58	Strimmer Head (NB)	£14.99	Key Builders Plinth for new bench (NB)	£123.44	Bolt fasteners for bench (RB)	£10.12	Memorial Poppies (NB)	£64.90	Slate Plaque (NB)	£12.99	All signed off and reimbursed 03 Nov 21.
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15.	CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF AGENDA.	None The Clerk gave the Parish Council an update on a meeting she had with the new Management team at Clipper on 29 October.	
16	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 07 December 2021 at 1930 hours in the canteen at Forterra.	
17.	MEETING CLOSED.	The meeting closed at 22.20 hours.	

Minutes prepared by Kate Hall Clerk to Kirton Parish Council on 03 November 2021.