

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Draft Minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 5th October 2026 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Andrew Twidale (Chair) (AT), Cllr Nigel Chattin (Vice Chair) (NC), Cllr Graeme Wheatcroft, Cllr Ian Woolridge (IW), Cllr Bob Radford (RSR), Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM), Cllr Kate Cumberpatch (KC), County Cllr Bruce Laghton (BL), District Cllr Penny Rainbow (PR), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk).

Public: Peter Emerson (PE)

1. **Apologies for absence**

None.

2. **Declarations of interest**

None.

3. **Minutes of last meeting**

It was unanimously **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2026 be approved as a true record.

4. **Vacancy**

One candidate put themselves forward to be a Councillor and gave an overview of their background and why they would like to be a Councillor. Voting was unanimously in favour, and it was, therefore, **resolved** to co-opt Kate Cumberpatch on to the Parish Council, filling the vacancy – proposed Cllr Radford, seconded Cllr Woolridge.

5. **Adjournment for matters to be raised by the public for future consideration, and County/District Councillor items.**

Village signs - Mr Emerson enquired about agreed locations for village signs – an update was given to the project's status. **ACTION – Clerk to email PE with whatthreewords locations once Via have signed off the licensing.** Formal thanks were given for the Parish Council's contribution towards the purchase of daffodils, which will be planted in line with a full risk assessment / Health and Safety considerations.

Grass verge – Mr Emerson highlighted that the verge coming in from Southwell (the whole stretch including where the bench is sited) needs attention and to be more regularly maintained. **ACTION – Clerk to establish if it is possible for the Parish Council to have responsibility for this.**

The Greet Footpath – Mr Emerson advised that the footpath is now clear and suggested there be an opportunity for a rota for village walks to be done to highlight areas of concern.

Broken grid – Mr Emerson highlighted a concern about the broken grid on the path near the Church gates. Cllr Woolridge confirmed that NCC are aware but that he will raise it again with his point of contact (also noted by Cllr Laughton).

Inappropriate behaviour – an issue with a couple (from outside the village) behaving inappropriately in public near the Greet was highlighted for awareness.

Footbridge handrail – Mr Emerson advised that the handrail on the bridge near The Mill is need of attention. **ACTION – Clerk to report it.**

Mr Emerson gave formal thanks for being given time to raise questions and concerns, and for everyone's efforts.

Footbridge – Cllr Radford advised that the footbridge at the back of the horse paddocks has four rotten boards. Cllr Mitchell and the Clerk advised that the footpaths team have previously advised they are undergoing a review of available resources, but the Clerk will establish the current position. **ACTION – it was resolved that the Clerk find out about the Lengthsman Scheme to see if this would give options for required works being done quicker (for this and general village cutting/maintenance).**

County Council Updates – Cllr Laughton advised that A614 works are imminent, and that works have started at the Lowdham roundabout. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) plans have been halted, and May's elections will go ahead as normal; the Cabinet has voted to get legal advice to

potentially challenge rulings. Cllr Laughton will be doing site visits and additional funding of £40m has been allocated to roads from the Mayoral budget. Some of next year's budget is already being spent which may lead to a shortfall next year, however, the Mayor's budget may subsidise this again. Cllr Radford gave credit for the high standard of works in the area and gave formal thanks.

District Council update – Cllr Rainbow confirmed further updates on the LGR would be due on 18th October. Cllr Rainbow apologised for the delays with returning speed guns (although the Parish Council has now purchased its own).

It was highlighted that the vegetation along Edingley Beck / waterway was in need of a cut back. **ACTION – Clerk to contact IDB who have responsibility for this.**

Cllrs Laughton and Rainbow left the meeting.

6. Planning

At the time of the meeting there had been no planning matter or applications to review.

7. Flooding

NCC have commissioned work on natural flood defences to the northwest and bunding in some areas - plans will be circulated soon. Cllr Radford advised that a flood pond has been dug at the Mansfield end of the village with pipework going to the dyke.

8. Outstanding actions review

Lineage – research into improving satnav information continues and Nathan is being sent the numbers; site visits and / or escalation to be considered if numbers remain high.

Potholes – Eakring Road needs the whole road to be assessed; two potholes/wearing of road outside the Church (road edge); **ACTION – Clerk to report to NCC.**

Planters - will be reviewed at a future meeting.

9. WINGS

No known issues although it has been observed that the majority of vehicles are turning right out of the site when they should not be, so consideration needs to be given as to how to review/enforce this.

It was unanimously resolved to suspend Standing Orders to discuss agenda item 13 at this point due to Cllr Chattin needing to leave early. Cllr Chattin advised that a padlock has been purchased (which the PC will use to facilitate access to the playing field when booked) and that he is liaising with a landowner for hedge cutting access.

Standing Orders were resumed to continue the rest of the agenda in order.

10. Financial matters

- i) Balances – current account £12735.86, village signs £4500.00, CIL £6396.90, Flood Reserves £6000.00 and £8614.64 general reserves, total reserves £38247.40 (majority of which is earmarked). Second instalment of precept received.
- ii) Clerk payment – payment for September was approved – proposed Cllr Radford, seconded Cllr Twidale (unanimous).
- iii) Flood Reserves Expenditure – none made.
- iv) Review any other payments needed since last meeting – speed gun and 2 batteries have been purchased totalling £226.97 - proposed Cllr Twidale, seconded Cllr Chattin (unanimous).

Clerk – add approval of Church and Village Hall payments to next agenda.

Cllr Chattin left at 20.35.

11. Traffic Report

28/8 - near the Crops / stables – speeding car lost control and ended up on opposite ditch, no injuries.
8/9 - near the Crops – speeding car lost control and hit 30mph sign, no injuries.

10/9 - midnight, hit and run on A617, car mounted the pavement and hit two recycling bins, no damage other than broken glass/part of the bumper left behind.

9am – coming from Mansfield direction approaching Bilsthorpe, had to stop due to a large tractor turning towards Mansfield (possibly the turning closest to the village), created clouds of dust with vehicles having to stop, something flew out of the unit though the windscreen, no injuries.

12. **Village Signs**

Action - Clerk will circulate the Licence document from Via for comment – this is a formality for sign off.

13. **School Playing Field Access**

See earlier – after agenda item 9.

14. **Bins / Dog Bins**

It was unanimously **resolved** to arrange for a bin to be installed at the end of the road used to access the dog exercise field. NSDC have advised that the other location (near Greet Farm) will need a post to be installed and landowner permission will need to be sought. It was unanimously **resolved** to approve the location in principle – proposed Cllr Radford, seconded Cllr Mitchell. **ACTION – Clerk to follow up and confirm associated costs.**

15. **Southwell Road speeding**

The Clerk gave an overview of the update received from Via which seemed to focus on traffic safety measures across the village / A617 and not just at the Southwell end of the village. **ACTION – Clerk to forward Via's response to Cllr Laughton who will arrange a site visit.**

16. **Straw**

It was **resolved** to defer this item to the next agenda as there were no current issues.

17. **Correspondence**

- i) A614/A6097 - an update was given about progress being made with improvement works.
- ii) NCC roadworks – an overview of planned works in the area was given.

18. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as 2nd November 2026 at 7.30pm

Additionally:

Honor Radley's family were grateful to hear the Parish Council wished to commemorate her in some way and will let the Clerk know once they have been able to give it some thought e.g. a plaque at the Hall.

Cllr Radford was disappointed that the PC could not be represented at NALC's AGM, but the Clerk will circulate updates once available.

The Clerk will reinstate an action log to help everyone agree/note actions and will email Cllr Twidale the list of responsibilities.

Meeting ended at 20.55

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