

Kirklington Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held online on Tuesday 4th May 2017 (commencing 7.00pm)

Present: Bob Radford (RSR)(Chair), Martin Smith (MS)(Vice-Chair), Ian Woolridge (IW)(Treasurer/RFO), Patrick Mitchell (PM), Andrew Twidale (AT), Sarah Sturgeon (SS), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk).

Public: None.

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Penny Rainbow (PR), Cllr Malcolm Brock (MB), Cllr Bruce Laughton (BL).

2. Minutes of last meeting (8th May 2019)

The minutes were previously agreed as being a true record during the meeting on 3rd June 2019.

3. Chairman's Annual Report on behalf of the Parish Council

Wow what a year it has been! We have had a lot of topics to discuss all online. With the aid of Mrs R (the Boss) & Helen (the PC Clerk) I eventually mastered Zoom.

The topics for this year are Planning, School parking, footpaths, litter, dog mess and a new Councillor.

New Councillor

We sadly have to say goodbye to Sally as she has moved out of the Village. Sally has done a lot of good work in the Village including getting a defibrillator, first aid/fire training, being School liaison and PCC Church work as well. Many thanks Sally & good luck in the future. So, we are looking for a new PC Councillor. It is all volunteer work of one evening a month and 1 hr a week answering emails. It is unpaid but a lot of fun.

Tasks

I show below how we split the jobs of the PC among the Councillors. This means that we do not wait for a meeting to do things, we get on with it as it happens, and often help each other out of course.

The duties are:

- RSR – Chair - Highways – Health & Safety – Church Xmas Tree – Bank signatory.
- VACANT – Vice Chair – Village School - Village School Governor/Liaison.
- AT – Planning – VHMC Liaison- Bank signatory.
- IW – Treasurer - Accident reporting - WINGS Liaison – Bank signatory.
- PM - Verges – street lighting - footpaths.
- MS – (temp. Vice-Chair) - Flooding – Drains.
- SS – WINGS Liaison – SNG Committee - Police Liaison.

Defibrillator

The unit is in place at the Village Hall and has been regularly serviced by Sally, and now Andrew will take this over. (We hope we never have to use it after our high-stress meetings??!).

Dog Fouling /Litter

Despite placing dog fouling notices at the entrance to footpaths, we are still getting a lot of dog mess left on the ground. This is a particular problem on the 'Yellow Brick Road' the kids use from the School to the Church. The Dog Warden from NSDC is aware, and could prosecute anybody found not clearing up after their dogs. Please be careful when walking your dogs.

Also, we are now in the season for throwing take-away rubbish out of car windows. Please take your rubbish home.

Yellow Brick Road footpath

This continues to be used regularly. A big thank you to Tim Twidale for filling all the big holes on the bend. The kids now have dry feet when going to School. We are aware of problems with a footpath bridge and a stile - we are working with NSDC to get them repaired.

Wings School

The Village has had some problems with WINGS on some safety issues. We have had a Zoom meeting with them to ensure concerns have been shared, and actions agreed. It is our hope to maintain regular communication and ensure accountability is taken. Ian & Sarah keep us updated.

KPC Accounts

Ian keeps us 'in the black' with the accounts. Every month he keeps up to date with all the bank balances and he manages the precept so that we have enough to cater for any issues. Thanks, Ian, for doing a great job with all of this.

Police Liaison

Although temporarily suspended due to lockdown, Sarah goes to the Police review meetings (Safer Neighbourhood Group) and we get regular updates on rural crime. The Police say that if you see any suspicious strangers/vehicles, you should please let them know on 111.

Planning

We get a lot of applications in the Village and we try to give a balanced view of what is best for the Village. All applications can be viewed on the NSDC website if you want to give a personal view. You can also view Planning matters on our website www.kirklingtonparishcouncil.co.uk. Some recent major ones have been Lineage (previously Yearsley's) Cold Store at Belle Eau Park (now on hold), housing on Main Street (we all objected but NSDC approved it), and Ivy Farm re-build (to which we all objected - it has been withdrawn at this time for further review).

School Parking

We are, at last, getting somewhere with this problem. It is naturally a very emotive subject and we try to look at all views. The Planning request for the School parking area is ongoing and the PC is a major cash contributor to the work. We are awaiting information about how NCC proposes to move things forward now that lockdown is starting to ease.

District & County Councillors

We get a very good service from Bruce, Penny, Malcolm and other Councillors as well. They keep us in the picture on the greater local issues, which we pass on to the public if needed. We are always 'bashing the drum' on potholes, and hope to hear more on this during the Summer.

The Kirklington Parish Clerk

Helen is the "glue" that keeps the PC going in the right direction. There is a mountain of correspondence that comes our way every month, and Helen ensures we get it in the right order with respect to all the legislation that a PC has to work to. Well done, Helen.

Finally a big thank you to the whole team. We work well together and get the job done on behalf of the Parish. We do not cost you a penny as Councillors.

This my report for my year as PC Chairman. If the PC wishes me to take on the role for next year, I am happy to do so.

Bob Radford .
Chairman KPC .
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SS confirmed that she is very happy to continue as WINGS liaison but wanted to ensure that IW got full credit as he has handled issues over recent months. RSR reiterated formal thanks to HC, IW and the whole Council for efforts this year. RSR also thanked Mrs Radford (for technical help) and Tim Twidale for help with the footpath. KPC members unanimously returned formal thanks to RSR in his role as Chair.

4. County and District Councillor items

None.

5. Open session to allow residents to raise any matters they wish the Parish Council to consider

HC gave an overview of concerns raised by a resident about the state of the A617 road surface and associated noise pollution. HC has already replied to acknowledge concerns, to confirm that any concerns are reported, and that the PC is awaiting confirmation of possible resurfacing (in terms of exact location and dates).

RSR advised that recent pothole repairs at the entrance to the Green started to lift / fail only four days later (HC will report).

Meeting ended at 19.20.

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