

# Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Draft Minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Andrew Twidale (Chair) (AT), Cllr Nigel Chattin (NC), Cllr Bob Radford (RSR), Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM), Cllr Graeme Wheatcroft (GW), District Cllr Penny Rainbow (PR), District Cllr Bruce Laughton (BL), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk).

Public: Colin McGarrigle (Church)

## 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Ian Woolridge (IW) and Cllr Sarah French submitted apologies for being unable to attend the meeting, and it was **resolved** to accept the apologies (unanimously).

## 2. Declarations of interest

None.

## 3. Minutes of last meeting

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 be approved as a true record – proposed Cllr Radford, seconded Cllr Chattin.

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

Cllr Radford had researched bulbs and requested approval be added to the agenda for the next meeting (approx. £150) - **Clerk to action**. Mr McGarrigle politely declined the bulbs but suggested that funding may be better placed for supporting the Quintennial.

Cllr Rainbow gave an overview of the Newark Town Centre masterplan to develop / regenerate the town centre and make it more attractive for investment (further info to follow when available). Additionally, Newark and Southwell will be making submissions for town of culture awards – initial bids may win funding to create a full bid – ultimately there could be £3million awarded to help tourism. Planning reforms are to be reviewed / made – details to follow as available.

Cllr Laughton advised that the number of Highways gangs has been reduced to three (from seven or eight) which is impacting quality of repairs and time taken to do them after being reported. It is vital that all issues are reported and chased so that the true extent of problems can be tracked. concerns were raised about accidents where cyclists could be hurt, or where cars are damaged when trying to avoid. The Waze satnav / app shows potholes. **ACTION – Cllr Chattin to draft a letter of concern / complaint for Clerk to send (after Cllr approval) to Burt Bingham (Cabinet Member for Highways), Mick Barton and Robert Jenrick.**

Cllr Laughton advised that Caunton school will be closing at the end of the academic year.

## 5. Planning

- i) 26/00078/FUL - WINGS School, Main Road – creation of a dedicated drop off and pick up area for pupils alongside widening of the main driveway. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the current position should be of objection due to unknown risks in relation to impact on flood risks, and why the project needs to be large in size; this decision will be reviewed upon receipt of outstanding information that has been requested from the planning consultant.**
- ii) 25/01445/FULM - WINGS School, Main Road – erection of an animal therapy provision including associated animal shelter and livestock fencing to grazing paddocks. Outcome – planning permission granted by NSDC (info only). It was noted that here appear to be new works taking place, but details are not known yet (planning are aware).
- iii) 26/00028/TWCA - Greendale, 3 Home Farm Lane – reducing back 3 x trees. Outcome – NSDC has no objections (info only)

Additionally, since the agenda was circulated, three applications for tree works that have been approved have been received (info only): Lin Cottage, Old Forge Cottage, and The Orchards (all pruning and / or reductions).

## 6. Flooding

Cllr Wheatcroft provided updates. February saw heavy rain and ground water. Severn Trent have had to invest in works for the pumping station. The NCC Flood Manager has outlined plans

(including feasibility) and for which landowners are co-operative, for catchment ponds along the dyke line. It will be subject to funding being available, so no timeframes have been established yet.

#### 7. **Outstanding actions review**

Ideas for extending the path towards the trail, and for lamppost Christmas decorations are still being researched.

A site meeting is being planned with Lineage at Belle Eau Park so an update will be given at the next meeting.

Rumble strips cannot be installed within 400m of residential properties so are unlikely to be an option for the Southwell end of the village. Highways have suggested painting 30mph limit reminders on the road, and this can be requested via Cllr Laughton. It was suggested this be done near Cllr French's paddocks, and it was suggested that an enquiry be made about whether seed humps could be an option. **RESOLUTION – it was resolved that the Clerk action these points.**

Formal thanks were given to residents who have worked hard to tidy up the area near the bus shelter on the A617/Southwell Rd junction (among other areas) after NCC declined a request due to it not meeting their requirements. **RESOLUTION - It was resolved that the Clerk write to NCC to express concern and include photos to show the difference that was made.**

#### 8. **WINGS**

Cllrs Woolridge and French are awaiting a date for a meeting on site. They are aware that there is a move to having day pupils rather than boarders.

#### 9. **Financial matters**

- i) Balances – current account £5144.95, village signs £4500.00, CIL £6396.90, Flood Reserves £5993.21 and £8493.36 general reserves. Total reserves £25383.47.
- ii) Clerk payment – payment for February was approved – proposed Cllr Radford seconded Cllr Twidale.
- iii) Flood Reserves Expenditure – none made.
- iv) Review any other payments needed since last meeting – none made.
- v) Review any other payments due before the next meeting – none required.

#### 10. **Traffic Report**

No known issues.

#### 11. **Village Signs**

Drawing stage is underway. Contractor as given apologies for delays caused by an influx of orders at the same time. No update from NCC/Highways who are approving installation. RESOLUTION - it was resolved to approve the quote for the removal of the existing signs – prop Cllr Chattin, seconded Cllr Radford. Cllr Woolridge is also aware and supports the proposals (unanimously agreed). It is hoped that posts will be removed, and it has been confirmed that the Parish Council can keep the signs and will donate them to the Village Hall, Cllr Mitchell, and another resident. **ACTION – an email will be sent to VHMC to enquire if signs can be stored at the Village Hall initially upon receipt.**

#### 12. **School Playing Field Access**

Cllr Chattin advised that the school are still reviewing proposals.

#### 13. **Bins / dog bins**

The Clerk gave an overview of NSDC's costs for installing and emptying litter bins (in which dog waste bags can be placed) and dog bins. It was agreed in principle that litter bins be approved at a cost of up to £200 each for installation, and weekly emptying costs of £1.20. Suggestions for locations included Heronsgate, and near the Corkhill Lane junction (opposite Hall Farm driveway). **RESOLUTION – it was unanimously resolved that Cllr Mitchell will take photos, Cllr Chattin will provide whatthreewords locations, and that the Clerk will confirm quotes for finalising approval at a future meeting once confirmed.**

#### 14. **Planters**

It was suggested that planters could be placed on the Village Green (near the bus shelter), near The Moor bench, and at the side gate of the Village Hall. **ACTION – Cllr Wheatcroft to contact NCC to see if they can help with supplying them; Clerk to email residents once plan is agreed.**

#### 15. **Correspondence**

- i) Notts County Show – Newark Showground 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (info only)

ii) Himalayan Balsam workshop – Cllrs and residents attending.

**16. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30pm

Meeting ended at 20.55

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