

KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 07 DECEMBER 2021 AT 1930 HOURS AT THE CANTEEN FORTERRA BRICKWORKS KIRTON.

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

IN ATTENDANCE K HALL (CLERK)

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS/FEEDBACK/DECISION	ACTION POINTS
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies were received from Cllr D Beard.	
2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	None	
3	TO APPROVE MINUTES OF NOV MEETING	The minutes of the November Parish Council meeting, held on 02 November 2021 were unanimously agreed and signed off by the Chair.	PDF of minutes created and sent to Cllr D Surgery for inclusion on the Parish Website.
4	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	None	
5	COUNCILLOR ACTION POINTS FROM NOV MEETING		
5.1	NEW PARISH MOWER	Cllr N Batty has arranged with the mower supplier, Southwell Garden Centre, that we can order the mower now at a specially arranged price and secure this with a 50% deposit of £3000.00 This new mower should be available for delivery in Spring 2022. As this is a large investment for the Parish Council, the Chair asked each individual Councillor for their opinion on this matter and the purchase was agreed unanimously.	Make final payment an agenda item for March 2022.
5.2	WEBSITE UPDATE & WEB SECURITY	Cllr Surgery has spoken to the website provider and has been assured that our website meets all current compliance regulations.	
5.3	PARTY 2022 UPDATE	As Cllr Beard was unable to attend this meeting, this item has been transferred to the next meeting.	Add to Agenda for next meeting

5.4	DITCH BEHIND PLAYING FIELD	<p>The operators of the Boughton Industrial estate have undertaken some works on the drainage ditches behind the playing field and running along the edge of the camp, they have made 3 access points into this area under the guise of clearing the ditch and improving drainage.</p> <p>The Parish Council were concerned about the removal of trees without permission and the damage to the natural environment which may have been caused by this work.</p> <p>Cllr Wildgust has spoken to NSDC about these concerns but they were not unduly worried about the work that had been undertaken.</p> <p>There are also strong rumours in the village that this land is being cleared for development.</p>	Cllr Wildgust to raise these items with the Planning Dept at NSDC
6	PRECEPT DISCUSSION FOR 2022/23 SUBMISSION.	<p>The Parish precept is currently £6000 and has not been increased since 2018.</p> <p>The Clerk has undertaken research on this matter and found that if the Parish Council had followed National guidance for Precept increases based on Band D council tax, along with increases due to RPI the current Precept should in fact already be over £7200.</p> <p>The Parish Council have agreed that in the next funding round due in January 2022, they will request a precept of £7500 per annum.</p> <p>This sum is based on the lack of increases in the past couple of years and the financial forecast moving forward.</p> <p>This will enable the Council to continue to maintain the village to the high standard that is currently set and maintain the asset register.</p> <p>The Council bank balance is close to zero and in the last few years the Parish Council has used reserves to maintain standards.</p> <p>A copy of the documents utilised to make this decision is available from the Clerk if required and this increase was agreed unanimously.</p>	
7	UPDATE ON MEETINGS		
7.1	MEETING AT FORTERRA	<p>The Chair, 2 Parish Councillors and the Clerk met with the Management team at Forterra on 11 November.</p> <p>This was a very positive meeting, thanks were expressed to Rob Holyoake for all his support over the years before his move to a new role.</p> <p>It was noted that since the K gate had been installed there had been a total reduction to zero of off road bikes entering the quarry.</p>	The Clerk has emailed the site Manager regarding another access point into the woods which requires some work 08 Dec.

		<p>Forterra are also arranging for mesh fencing to be installed at the side of this gate</p> <p>An update on brick production was received along with information on how Forterra are supporting green initiatives at the site, they are looking at the possibility of solar power to feed the plant and of their 14 fork lift trucks 8 are now electric.</p> <p>They have also changed their extraction timetables with no working at all in July and August or between 1 and 2 each day.</p> <p>The next meeting is in May 2022.</p>	
7.2	RURAL CRIME MEETING 09 NOV	<p>Cllr Fegan attended this meeting at Newark Show Ground on behalf of the Council.</p> <p>The main items of concern from the delegates were the theft of farm machinery, off road motorbikes and dog fouling and behaviour.</p> <p>The delegates were advised that the average cost of attending a crime scene is approximately £6000.00</p> <p>The meeting aimed to look at setting the direction for future rural policing in the Sherwood District, to increase policing, stop and prevent crime and support victims of crime.</p> <p>There was discussion of levelling up resources for these items and it was acknowledged that the Police and the CPS/Magistrates need to be better informed about the impact of rural crimes.</p> <p>Operation Jericho, the off road bike initiative was also discussed and it was reiterated that the public must report these offences.</p> <p>So far this Operation has resulted in the seizure of 11 bikes and 35 ASBOs .</p>	
7.3	SHERWOOD LEVELLING UP MEETING 19 NOV	<p>Cllr Fegan attended this meeting on behalf of the Parish, the meeting being led by NCC.</p> <p>60 to 70 people were in attendance with most from the business sector with the plan being to establish priorities for funding if the area is successful in obtaining any additional funds.</p> <p>The priorities that were identified were Transport and Communication, the Green Agenda and making more of tourism all of which will then support local businesses.</p> <p>More meetings will follow on this subject.</p>	

7.4	MEETING WITH VIA 08 NOVEMBER	<p>Cllr N Batty, T Wildgust and the Clerk met with VIA again on 08 November as there had been little or no movement on any items requested at the previous meeting in August or via email over the past year.</p> <p>On a single positive note it was confirmed that after many requests the drains and gulley's through the village had been cleared.</p> <p>Despite taking the representative from VIA to the Church Corner to show her the problem with the traffic and to Kirton Court to discuss the road surface and problems with parking, these items have been totally side stepped by VIA.</p> <p>The Parish Council will continue to work hard to ensure that these items are kept to the forefront at all times.</p>	Parish Council to liaise with County Councillor Mike Pringle regarding these items																
8	ARMED FORCES COVENANT	It was agreed unanimously that the Parish Council would sign up to this initiative.	The Clerk has emailed NSDC to express our support to join 08 Dec.																
9	VILLAGE CONTRIBUTIONS	<p>The Parish Council would like to pass on their sincere thanks to the following people for their help and support around the Village.</p> <p>Nicola and Richard Batty for erecting the Christmas tree and decorations and for planting bulbs from the Playing Field gate to the lay by.</p> <p>Harold Harwood for the additional Christmas Decorations.</p> <p>Reg Fegan for attending 2 meetings on behalf of the Village</p> <p>Lee Barrett for laying the wreath at the memorial service and to all the people who took part in the Remembrance Day event.</p>																	
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12	CLERKS OVERTIME	<p>The Parish Council are very conscious that the Clerk is paid for 16 hours per month but that due to her work load is currently working about 10 hours unpaid each month.</p> <p>The Clerks appraisal will be undertaken in January 2022 and the Chair has proposed that to try and offset this overtime, a fee of £6.00 per week in working from home expenses is paid retrospectively for the last year.</p>	The Clerk to put in a formal request for expenses to be agreed at the next meeting.
13	CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA PUBLICATION	<p>Cllr Surgey has written to our Police inspector Charlotte Allardice, District and County Councillors regarding the increasing problem of speeding through the village especially in the early morning.</p> <p>He has requested a “walk through” of the village to demonstrate the problem</p> <p>Cllr Surgey has suggested that the matrix sign should be replaced by a speed camera and that the police would get a better idea of the problem if the speed van could be in place first thing in the morning.</p> <p>This is an ongoing situation and Cllr Surgey is monitoring it closely.</p> <p>Cllr Surgey also raised concerns regarding the footpath which is currently covered with slurry.</p> <p>He has spoken to the MD of Wolds Pigs who has agreed to look at the problem and what can be done to resolve it.</p>	
14	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 01 February 2022.	
	MEETING CLOSED	The meeting closed at 21.50 hours.	

Minutes prepared by Kate Hall, Clerk to Kirton Parish Council 08 December 2022.