

KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 05 DECEMBER 2023 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT FORTERRA KIRTON.

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

IN ATTENDANCE K HALL (CLERK)

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS/DISCUSSION/DECISION	ACTION POINTS
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Beard	
2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	None	
3	TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 07 November 2023 were agreed by all and signed off by the Chair.	PDF of minutes and Item 9 document sent to Cllr Surgery for inclusion on the website 06 December.
4	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	None.	
5	RESPONSES FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH COUNTY CLLR PRINGLE	<p>Following the attendance of County Councillor Mike Pringle at our November meeting, Parish Councillors raised concerns over a number of unresolved issues and County Councillor Pringle advised that he would look into these to try and obtain resolutions to long standing concerns.</p> <p>Cllr Atherton confirmed that finally a timetable has been placed in the new bus shelter. She has also had confirmation that the currently non working solar lights in the bus shelter are listed to be replaced.</p> <p>We are still awaiting a decision regarding a bus stop sign for the opposite side of the A6075 to the new bus stop, County Cllr Pringle has agreed to look into this.</p> <p>Cllr Atherton had raised a question regarding the mobile speed matrix sign which she has been endeavouring to have placed in the village, there has so far been no response to this request.</p> <p>Cllr Atherton has also emailed Police Commissioner Caroline Henry regarding getting the speed camera van back into the village but again has had no response.</p>	Cllr Atherton to keep chasing these 2 items.

		<p>Cllr N Batty had raised a query over the non working matrix signs both in Kirton and Boughton, she has been informed that VIA have tried to clean them but the dirt is so ingrained that this has not been possible and therefore the signs are still not in operation. After the November meeting and all the problems caused by Storm Babet, Cllr N Batty again requested for the drains through the village to be cleared.</p> <p>Some drains were cleared within a matter of days however some require a road closure for the safety of the workers and have therefore not been cleared so far.</p> <p>Cllr N Batty also raised again the terrible condition of the surface of Tuxford Road and was once more informed that there is money set aside in the 2023/24 budget at NCC for the improvement of this road surface but that currently the road would not be totally resurfaced and only the extremely poor parts would be repaired. Following all the recent heavy rain part of the banking from the Church side slipped into the A6075.</p> <p>This was removed quickly by VIA but unfortunately they did not take it away and left it in the lay by at the edge of the village where it still remains.</p> <p>This makes for a very unsightly mess and will encourage less responsible people to also use the lay by as a dumping ground.</p>	<p>Cllr Wildgust to contact Jo Horton at VIA to get this soil moved as a matter of urgency E mail sent to Jo Horton 05 December.</p>
6	FLOOD WARDENS AND FLOOD PREVENTION MEASURES	<p>The environment agency offer training for volunteers to become flood wardens in their localities, the information regarding this training is available on the Parish Council website and if any residents are interested they can contact the Clerk at Kirtonparishcouncil@gmail.com for more information.</p> <p>So far we have 1 volunteer.</p> <p>County Councillor Mike Pringle has given the village 5 aqua sacks and these have been distributed as required.</p>	

		The Parish Council now have 10 more of these should they be needed in the future.	
7	FEEDBACK FROM MEETING AT FORTERRA ON 15 NOVEMBER.	<p>The Clerk and Chair of the Parish Council attended a liaison meeting with Forterra on 15th November.</p> <p>They were given an update of production and planned mineral extraction and a tour of the site.</p> <p>A resident attended the first part of this meeting to raise some concerns regarding the amount of water that flowed down Kirton Park during the recent heavy rains.</p> <p>He was assured that the Brickworks were on duty all day to ensure that all pumps etc were working and that this excess of water was not from their site.</p> <p>The Management of the Forterra site also asked that if residents have any concerns regarding any aspect of their operation at all, they contact the Company direct (all site Managers details are on the main entrance noticeboard) instead of going via the Parish Council.</p> <p>This means that any problems or concerns can be dealt with immediately and directly.</p>	
8	SETTING THE PRECEPT FOR 2024/25	<p>The Clerk had prepared a financial statement for the Parish Councillors of Income and Outgoings so far for 2023/4.</p> <p>The biggest expenditure had been the first phase of the restoration of the Pinfold and hopefully Phase 2 will start in the next financial year with the restoration of the standing side walls and the erection of a fence to the front of the area.</p> <p>It was also acknowledged that the bark chippings under the play area in the Playing Field would need to be topped up yearly for health and safety reasons.</p> <p>Cllr N Batty also raised the issue of the Container used for storage on the Playing Field, this has definitely seen better days and a replacement will have to be considered at some point.</p> <p>However looking at all the above items, the Council considered that there will be no requirement to raise the precept for 2024/25 and it will be left at £7875 per annum.</p> <p>This was proposed by Cllr Fegan, seconded by Cllr Wildgust and agreed by all present.</p>	

9	ACCOUNTS PAID	Plaque for donated bench (NB) £14.99 Christmas Gifts for volunteers & local businesses £58.80 New Village Christmas Tree (NB) £407.98	
10	VILLAGE CONTRIBUTIONS	The Parish Council would like to thank the following people for their tireless support in the local Community Richard & Nicola Batty for erecting the Christmas tree The Skeltons for salting the hill and Mr Hoggard for the use of equipment in the snow. George Hoggard and Richard Batty for snow clearing.	
11	CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA	None	
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 th February 2024 at 19.30 hours in the canteen at Forterra.	
13	MEETING CLOSED	The meeting closed at 20.45 hours.	

Minutes prepared by Kate Hall, Clerk to Kirton Parish Council 06 December 2023.