

## KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT FORTERRA CANTEEN, KIRTON ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 at 6.45pm

PRESENT; Cllrs T Wildgust, R Batty, N Batty, R Fegan, C Brown, D Surgey (chair) and H Atherton

APOLOGIES:

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: One

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/DECISION	ACTION POINTS.
1	Apologies For Absence	None	
2	Declaration Of Interest	None	
3	To Approve The Minutes Of The Last Meeting	Minutes of the last two meetings were approved and signed.	
4	Public Participation	No comments made	
5	Pinfold	Quotations had been received. C Baugh quote has been accepted, unanimously agreed. Cllr N Batty and Cllr Atherton to put some final designs together to then be circulated and agreed.  The Clerk updated regarding possible grant funding from NSDC, applications to open in April.  Cllr Batty updated Councillors that the FR1 form needed to be re-sent along with minutes and other associated documents to the Land Registry	N Batty and H Atherton to agree and circulate.  Grant funding to be applied for  Paperwork to be sent to the Land Registry

6	Speed Watch	Lack of available volunteer's for speed watch To be advertised on social media to see if support from residents can be sought and then to restart the scheme.	D Surgey to Advertise on Social Media
7	Government Reorganisation briefing	Cllr Wildgust updated Councillors regarding the reorganisation, and the options available for the district. The briefing had been circulated. Cllr Wildgust to keep the council informed	
8	Mower Service	The mower had been serviced at a cost of £441.91	N Batty to pay
9	Easter Events	No event to be organised by the Parish Council. Cllr Fegan updated regarding other Easter events in the village being arranged by community group.	
10	TPO/Planning (including any received following publication of agenda)	Cllr Wildgust had requested further information regarding the TPO. To be circulated when received.	T Wildgust to chase
11	Severn Trent and local flooding	A resident was invited to speak regarding flooding Water at his property was still flooding despite drain valves being fitted, and is now coming up from Severn Trent Manholes on the front of his property. A case worker had been assigned, and the pumping station is at capacity. The Main sewer needed cleaning, and issues had been raised since 2019 and no solution found as yet.  Cllr Wildgust suggested the resident looks back at the planning permission granted and whether flooding had been identified.	

		<p>A site visit has been arranged for tomorrow with District &amp; Parish Cllr Wildgust County councillor David Clarke and the resident. Cllr Wildgust will also raise, Flooding with drains outside The Poplars and the promised work on the drains at Egmonton junction.</p> <p>Residents are encouraged to continue to report these issues. Cllr Dave Clarke(County Councillor) has arranged to carry out a site visit tomorrow.</p>																						
12	Flex Space	<p>A letter had been sent in December, but no response had been received from Flex Space.</p> <p>The Parish Council to write to the resident to say we haven't had a response, and the Parish Council cannot be involved and suggest they engage in a solicitor to pursue this.</p>																						
13	Continuation in NCC Lengthsman scheme for 26/27	<p>The Parish Council to email to say we would like to continue with the scheme for 26/26.</p> <p>The invoice and diary sheet had been submitted to VIA</p>	Email to VIA																					
14	Appointment of permanent Clerk	<p>The Parish Council resolved to appoint Michelle Paxton as Parish Clerk/RFO. Details to be confirmed by the HR Committee.</p> <p>Paperwork to be sent to Michelle and terms to be agreed.</p>	HR Committee to liaise																					
15	Accounts including changing Banks	<p>It was <b>resolved to change banking with Natwest to Unity</b> as Natwest has become increasingly difficult to deal with. UNITY is more aimed at parish councils and also pay interest at better rates</p> <p>PAID ACCOUNTS</p> <table> <tr> <td>Mower service</td> <td>The Mower Shop</td> <td>£449.71</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NALC Subscription</td> <td></td> <td>£128.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>External Grass Cutting</td> <td>½ year</td> <td>£525.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ink</td> <td></td> <td>£6.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Microsoft subscription</td> <td></td> <td>£84.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Temp clerk services</td> <td></td> <td>£114.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Poop Bags</td> <td></td> <td>£191.28</td> </tr> </table>	Mower service	The Mower Shop	£449.71	NALC Subscription		£128.63	External Grass Cutting	½ year	£525.00	Ink		£6.49	Microsoft subscription		£84.99	Temp clerk services		£114.95	Poop Bags		£191.28	Clerk to move over banking
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16	Correspondence received after Agenda publication	None	
17	Date of next meeting	Monday 30th March 2026	

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