

# **Kirklington Annual Parish Meeting**

*Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held online on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (commencing 7.00pm)*

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

Public: None.

## **1. Apologies for absence**

Sarah French (SF), Cllr Malcolm Brock (MB) – apologies were given due to prior commitments, and were accepted by the Parish Council.

## **2. Minutes of last meeting (4<sup>th</sup> May 2021)**

The minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 were provisionally signed off at the following month's meeting and have now been approved as a true record – proposed RSR, seconded IW.

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

With Covid still surging at times we have had to be careful with Parish Council meetings this year.

We have had quite a few planning applications, with a lot of input from parishioners with an interest in the new builds proposed.

We sadly had to say goodbye to Sarah Sturgeon. We wish her well in the future. Sarah did a lot of Police Liaison & was a big help in the school parking issue.

We have a new Sarah as a replacement Councillor. So, hello to Sarah French who is very keen to get involved.

We are still looking for an extra Councillor, to get our numbers up to the full complement of 7. It is a great job and very enjoyable. We meet once a month. We do not get any fees for being a Councillor - we are all volunteers.

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 jobs, we get on with it as it happens. The current duty split is as follows:

RSR – Chair - Highways – Health and Safety – Church Xmas Tree – Bank signatory.

MS – Vice Chair – Flooding – Drains.

AT – Planning – VPMC Liaison - Bank signatory

IW – Treasurer - Accident reporting - Wings Liaison – Bank signatory.

PM - Verges – street lighting - footpaths.

New Sarah – Wings School – SNG Committee - Police Liaison.

### Defibrillator

We have a defibrillator by the Village Hall front door. Andrew Twidale looks after it & he has recently replaced the battery. This was paid for by the PC.

There is a view that we need more defibs in the Village & a subgroup is working on costs & position.

### Dog Fouling/Litter

This remains a problem. Please pick up any dog mess it is so unsightly. Also, now Covid has released us all, we expect to be picking up car thrown rubbish from the verges again.

### Wings School

We have set up a new contact system with the new boss at Wings School & currently we do not have any major problems.

### 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 resolve any issues. Thanks, Ian, for doing a great job with the money.

### Police Liaison

We get regular e-mail news from the Police & hope to get the PCSO to a PC Meeting in the near future.

### Planning

We get a lot of Applications in the Village & 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 at – [www.kirklingtonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.kirklingtonparishcouncil.co.uk)

### School Parking

At last, we have a School car park completed. It was paid for by funds given to the Parish Council & already we can see the road safety benefits by not having School cars parked on Southwell Road all day.

The Parish Council / District / County Council Team

A very big thank you to the whole team who make up & support the PC - without their commitment, we could not provide a service to the Village.

Bob Radford Chairman Kirklington PC 04 05 2022

**4. County and District Councillor items**

PR advised that the Council will be moving to a cabinet-style system, rather than a committee-style system, which should enable quicker decision making.

PR confirmed that residents who are in Council Tax Bands A - D will be eligible for a refund of £150. If payments are normally paid by Direct Debit, refunds will be made but may not show until June. Those that pay manually have to apply for the refund.

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

RSR has been advised by a resident that three or four 'kids' were throwing cones and rubbish into the river at The Mill during the afternoon. When challenged by the resident, they moved on without further trouble. WINGS were contacted. IW to contact the School's Principal.

*Meeting ended at 19.20.*