

# KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 02 AUGUST 2022 AT 1930 HOURS AT THE CANTEEN,FORTERRA BRICKWORKS,KIRTON.

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

IN ATTENDANCE K HALL (CLERK)

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION POINTS.
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies were received and accepted from Denise Beard and Tim Wildgust.	
2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Cllr Surgey declared an interest in Item 8 on the Agenda	
3	TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.	The minutes of the meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 were agreed by all and signed off by the Chair	PDF of June minutes sent to Cllr Surgey for inclusion on the website 03 Aug
4	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	Mr Carl Bown a new resident to the Village joined us for the meeting. He raised a concern regarding the delivery of a large static caravan to land at the rear of Chestnut Cottage where building work is scheduled.	Cllr Wildgust has agreed to look into this development with regard to planning permissions.
5	COUNCILLOR ACTION POINTS FROM JUNE MEETING		
5.1	PARKING AT KIRTON COURT.	When the original planning applications were received for additional properties to be built on Kirton Court, the Parish Council and residents raised concerns re the reduction in parking places that this would cause for people who live on Kirton Court and those visiting the Playing Field. The homes are now occupied and only 3 parking places have been created. Cllrs Fegan, Wildgust and N Batty together with the Clerk met Gary Bruce from the housing department at NSDC on 28 July to try and resolve this matter.	Cllr Wildgust will continue to work with contacts in the Planning department to try and gain a solution to this impasse.

		<p>The outcome of the meeting was that NSDC originally wanted to build 8 homes on this site and only eventually managed to build 2 bungalows due to local objections, they therefore consider that there is no justification for them to provide additional parking spaces to replace the approximately 20 that were lost due to development.</p> <p>The cost of taking the corner from the bottom of the green and making this into parking would be approximately £15 thousand and in the eyes of NSDC is not viable.</p>	
5.2	FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO BOUGHTON CAMP AND VERGE CUTTING.	<p>After the June Parish Council meeting, the Clerk contacted Flexspace who manage the Boughton Industrial Estate to request that they cut back the hedges at the top end of the estate perimeter to make the footpaths passable to walkers and buggy users.</p> <p>Unfortunately they replied that this was not their responsibility but was in the remit of VIA/NCC to keep these hedges in check.</p> <p>Cllr N Batty subsequently contacted VIA and also requested an update on the verge cutting they had agreed to do after our 2 meetings in 2021.</p> <p>The verges are supposed to be cut by VIA in June and September but when queried, there was no work schedule at VIA for this work to be done.</p> <p>It would be fair to say that frustration with VIA is building within the Parish Council as our requests are again being side-lined.</p>	Cllr N Batty has re emailed VIA with the verge cutting requests and for an update on the hedge cutting 02 Aug.
6	VILLAGE AMENITIES		
6.1	PLAYING FIELD	<p>A new playing field amenities sign has been erected at the entrance to the field.</p> <p>During lockdown, the Parish Council purchased a basketball net and a netball net and these now need to be erected.</p> <p>The Parish Council also discussed writing to residents of Kirton Court whose properties abut the Playing Field to request that if they undertake any work at the back of their homes, they inform the Clerk and the Parish Council will arrange for hazard tape to be erected for the duration of the work to ensure that field users do not stray into a work area.</p> <p>The Playing Field Inspection took place in June and was a first class report, however it was highlighted that the level of bark under the swing and play house would require some attention.</p> <p>The bark has been aerated but is still not deep enough.</p>	<p>Cllr R Batty to look at best way to install these 2 pieces of equipment.</p> <p>Both pieces of equipment installed 03 August.</p> <p>Sample letter prepared by Clerk 03 Aug.</p> <p>Letters agreed and delivered 04 Aug.</p>

		Cllr N Batty had obtained some quotes for additional bark and it was agreed unanimously that 2 X 1000 litre bags should be ordered to remedy this situation.	Cllr N Batty to order bark as agreed Ordered 03 Aug.
6.2	ISEKI MOWER REPAIR	The old mower has been kept by the Parish Council for maintaining the verges that we cut within the village. This mower requires a new head gasket which is approximately £150.00, however the labour cost for undertaking this work could be prohibitively expensive. Cllr R Batty knows an engineer who has agreed to have a look at this work over the winter months and it was agreed by all that this would be a good alternative for the engineer to assess the work and feedback to the Parish Council.	
6.3	DOG BAG DISPENSERS	Cllr Surgey highlighted that the experiment with the dog bag dispensers on the bus stops in the village had resulted in a noticeable reduction in dog fouling. However the original dispensers have not stood up to the test of weather and time and the one on the bus stop near The Fox is broken beyond repair. It was agreed that the bag dispensers now needed to be replaced by something more robust.	Cllr Surgey to investigate the cost of more sturdy and weatherproof bag dispensers for next meeting.
7.	VIA/LENGTHSMANS SCHEME 2023	Since 2015 the work of the Parish Council has been supported by the Community Lengthsman scheme with staff coming into the village from Ollerton and Boughton Council to undertake work on verges, trees, litter picking etc. VIA/NCC are now proposing that the money for this scheme is paid directly to the village for the Parish Council to undertake the Lengthsman work and some of the work currently allegedly done by VIA. Cllr N Batty and Kate Hall will attend a training session on 25 <sup>th</sup> August regarding this proposal to gain a better understanding of the full picture and what is involved.	The Parish Council will hold an extraordinary meeting on 25 <sup>th</sup> August to discuss this sole item as an agreement has to be made by 31 <sup>st</sup> August as to whether to proceed with the scheme.
8.	PLANNING APPLICATION	The original objections of the Parish Council still stand and they wholeheartedly support NSDC in their decision to reject the planning application.	

	APPEAL HUNTERS LODGE																							
9.	RBL POPPIES	<p>The Parish Council are most grateful to all the residents of Kirton who made donations for the purchase of new lamp post poppies.</p> <p>We are also extremely thankful to Jordan Road Surfacing and Forterra for their kind donations.</p> <p>We now have an excellent supply of lamp post poppies and 25 more sturdy poppies. Cllr N Batty suggested that these sturdier poppies could be used as memorial poppies.</p> <p>The purchase of these Poppies also supports our commitment as members of the Armed Forces Covenant.</p>	Cllr N Batty to investigate if a sign writer could write on the sturdy poppies for memorial purposes																					
10	MAKE NOTTS SAFER COMMUNITY CHEST GRANT.	<p>This is a grant from the Police Commissioner for Nottinghamshire and is to go towards making residents feel safer in their local environment.</p> <p>The Parish Council has applied for funding for items to help in our speed awareness campaigns through the Village.</p>																						
11.	VILLAGE CONTRIBUTIONS	<p>The Parish Council would like to thank Colin Haywood, Colin Turnbull and David for all their hard work planting flowers at locations throughout the village and assisting with grass cutting.</p>																						
12.	ACCOUNTS PAID	<table><tr><td>City Signs</td><td>playing field sign</td><td>£403.01</td></tr><tr><td>RBL Poppies</td><td></td><td>£962.29</td></tr><tr><td>Ink Refill (KH)</td><td></td><td>£29.00</td></tr><tr><td>Playing Field Inspection RoSPA</td><td></td><td>£100.80</td></tr><tr><td>Postage of accounts (KH)</td><td></td><td>£6.85</td></tr><tr><td>New padlock (NB)</td><td></td><td>£3.00</td></tr><tr><td>Fuel for mower (NB)</td><td></td><td>£33.00</td></tr></table>	City Signs	playing field sign	£403.01	RBL Poppies		£962.29	Ink Refill (KH)		£29.00	Playing Field Inspection RoSPA		£100.80	Postage of accounts (KH)		£6.85	New padlock (NB)		£3.00	Fuel for mower (NB)		£33.00	All accounts signed off and paid 03 August.
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13.	CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Cllr Atherton has requested new “cut your speed “signs for along the main road but has still had no response after 6 weeks so will carry on trying.</li><li>2. The Clerk will write to 2 residents in the village regarding their overhanging hedges which are impeding the pavements and require cutting.</li></ol>	Letters sent 04 August.																					
14	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	<p>An extraordinary meeting will be held on 25 August. The next full Council meeting will be on Tuesday 11 October 2022 at 1930 hours at the Canteen Forterra Brickworks.</p>																						

15	MEETING CLOSED	The meeting closed at 21.40 hours.	

Minutes prepared by Kate Hall, Clerk to Kirton Parish Council 03 August 2022.