

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Draft Minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 13th April 2026 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Andrew Twidale (Chair) (AT), Cllr Nigel Chattin (NC), Cllr Ian Woolridge (IW), Cllr Bob Radford (RSR), Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM), Cllr Graeme Wheatcroft (GW), Cllr Sarah French (SF), District Cllr Penny Rainbow (PR), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk).

Public: NSDCs Enforcement Team for item 4i)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were noted from Cllr Laughton. Cllr Rainbow advised they may be late due to a prior commitment overlapping.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr TWidale declared an interest in item 5vi).

3. Minutes of last meeting

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd March 2026 be approved as a true record – proposed Cllr Radford, seconded Cllr Wheatcroft.

4. Planning

i) Guest Speakers – two members of NSDC's Enforcement Team gave an overview of how the Enforcement Team works and the processes they are required to follow (and why). They highlighted what is classed as permitted development, when development is classed as a breach, and how they need to consider the best action to take to try and resolve situations based upon the harm/risk that could be caused. Planning considers overall look/value/impact of works, and building regulations look at structural aspects such as being sound. Wider implications can be felt in areas such as conveyancing when properties are sold. Social media updates are being planned to help people understand processes.

ii) 26/00078/FUL - WINGS School, Main Road – creation of a dedicated drop off and pick up area for pupils alongside widening of the main driveway. Action – Clerk to confirm response that was submitted (circulated by email)

iii) 26/00342/LBC - Plum Tree Barn, Main Street – Replacement of timber windows and front door with new timber windows and front door with lighter colour finish. **Action – It was resolved that the Clerk submit decision of no objection to NSDC.**

iv) NCC Edingley Footpath No.1 and Kirklington Footpath No.14 Modification Order 2026. Action – decision to be submitted by 1/5. **Action – It was resolved that the Clerk submit decision of no objection to NCC.**

v) 26/00357/TWCA - Somersall House, The Green – 1x reduction. Outcome – NSDC has no objection (info only).

vi) NCC V/4687 - Whip Ridding Farm Wellsite, Eakring Rd – amendments to conditions when restoring site after 'decommissioning'. **Action – It was resolved that the Clerk submit decision of no objection to NCC.**

Cllr Twidale spoke only to give an overview of the proposals and how they differed before leaving the meeting during the discussion and vote – he then returned for the remainder of the meeting.

5. Adjournment for matters to be raised by the public for future consideration, and County/District Councillor items.

Noone present at this point.

6. Flooding

No specific updates at this time, other than equipment being purchased (see item 9 iii).

7. Outstanding actions review

An overview of the current position at Belle Eau Park was given following a site meeting last week which led to some actions being agreed. It is hoped that improving signage and paperwork given to drivers will help to reduce numbers. It appears that feedback about specific incidents is being taken more seriously and being acted upon which is more positive.

It is not known whether planned roadworks on Southwell Road took place as nothing appeared to be done. Some potholes have been repaired on Eakring Road but road conditions are still poor in places.

8. WINGS

Cllr Woolridge gave an overview of the update circulated previously by email. The main residential block will become used for teaching (near the proposed pick up and drop off works) as the site will move to daytime only provision over the next couple of years. No decision has been made yet about what will happen with the old Hall.

The meeting was 'suspended' to enable Cllr Rainbow to give an update and answer questions after joining at this point.

Cllr Rainbow advised the Government are looking to reform planning processes for which a consultation is being done – it may mean that cases are dealt with via case officers rather than committees which will mean the process of 'calling applications in' could be abolished. NSDC food waste project has been delayed but there will be pilot schemes for the new food waste bins in the meantime. Cllr Rainbow will collect equipment needed for the Speedwatch project and bring to Cllr Wheatcroft.

The meeting then resumed agenda order.

9. **Financial matters**

- i) Balances – current account £4835.33, village signs £4050.00, CIL £6396.90, Flood Reserves £5993.21 and £8512.97 general reserves. Total reserves £30238.41.
- ii) Clerk payment – payment for March was approved – proposed Cllr Radford seconded Cllr French.
- iii) Flood Reserves Expenditure – expenditure has used grant money to buy items to protect the Church and Village Hall by diverting water down the A617 to the northern dyke in the event of flooding (2 pumps, 2 petrol generators, 50m hose and flood sacks).
- iv) Review any other payments needed since last meeting – none made.
- v) Review any other payments due before the next meeting – insurance will be approved at May's meeting.

10. **Traffic Report**

27/3 - Eakring Road bends – car hit a tree, no known injuries, Police attended.
30/3 - A617 – Landrover hit from behind, no known injuries

11. **Village Signs**

No further updates at this time.

12. **School Playing Field Access**

Cllr Chattin advised that the insurance risks and cover are under review by the School and it is hoped that a user agreement will be created, along with a process through which to book/access the field, soon.

13. **Speedwatch**

Cllr Wheatcroft provided an update on progress made including a date having been agreed for training (for which a reminder will be circulated), and a rota / dates for checks will be created.

14. **Footpaths**

A resident has highlighted a number of areas which are in need of attention, for either repair or access. **RESOLUTION** – it was **resolved** that Patrick will liaise with the resident, with Clerk supporting, to ensure issues are reported. Proposed Cllr Wheatcroft, seconded Cllr Mitchell.

15. **Church Christmas Tree**

RESOLUTION – It was **resolved** that the Christmas tree be ordered in line with agreed budget, and the previous one removed subject to volunteer availability. Proposed Cllr Radford, seconded Cllr Twidale.

16. **Bins / Dog Bins**

Clerk will provide update(s) when available.

17. **Planters**

It was agreed that potential sites for planters would be near the Hall gate, near the bus shelter on the A617/Southwell Rd junction, and at The Moor near the bench. Pricing will be revisited based on design like that outside the Village Hall (NCC don't have a recommended supplier). **RESOLUTION** – it was **resolved** that the Clerk research and bring costs back to a future meeting. Additionally, it was

resolved to research what NSDC can offer in terms of street cleaning as per their 'round robin' email offering services.

18. Correspondence

- i) Himalayan Balsam - action group set up – notes circulated by email (info only).

19. Date of next meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as 11th May 2026 at 7.00pm - this will start with the Annual Parish Meeting and be followed by the Annual and Ordinary PC meetings – please note earlier start time.

Meeting ended at 21.15

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