

KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 01 AUGUST 2023 AT 1925 HOURS IN THE CANTEEN,FORTERRA BRICKWORKS KIRTON.

PRESENT: R FEGAN (CHAIR), T WILDGUST, N BATTY, R BATTY, H ATHERTON

IN ATTENDANCE K HALL (CLERK)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 2 RESIDENTS ATTENDED FOR ITEM 4 ON THE AGENDA.

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS/DISCUSSION/DECISIONS	
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Surgey. Cllr D Beard did not attend the meeting.	
2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	None	
3	TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 04 July 2023 were agreed by all and signed off by the Chair	PDF of July minutes sent to Cllr Surgey for inclusion on the Parish website 02 August.
4	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	2 residents attended the meeting to raise their concerns over a couple of issues 1. Use of the Park(Playing Field)- whilst appreciating that this is a public area for the benefit of all, the residents were concerned that many users of the Park are not from Kirton and therefore arrive by car which causes parking issues (see item 2). There is also a problem with visitors littering the field and not respecting that they are in a residential area, making lots of noise when leaving by car. It was suggested that this issue could be alleviated by going back to locking the playing field gates at night and the residents agreed that they would be happy to have keys and undertake this task daily as per the open and closing hours displayed on the large park notice board.	Cllr N Batty to arrange for 2 new sets of Park keys to be cut and for a couple of additional opening hours signs to be made and placed at the field

		<p>2. Parking has always been an issue at Kirton Court and many residents find that on busy times for the playing field they cannot park near their homes or their drives are blocked by parked vehicles. The chair reminded everyone that the Parish Council has tried on many occasions to discuss with NSDC the provision of more parking spaces on Kirton Court but to no avail and that there is no designated "residents parking" per sae.</p> <p>It was highlighted that signs had been put up by NSDC for the 3 public parking spaces near the new bungalow closest to the playing field but that these were currently obscured by overhanging branches from the back of the Boughton Industrial Estate.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to purchase a couple more no parking signs to be erected at particularly difficult to access locations to hopefully help ease this problem.</p>	<p>The Clerk has written to Flexspace and requested that they cut back these trees so the signs can be seen 02 Aug.</p> <p>Cllr N Batty to arrange for the purchase of no parking signs.</p>
5	COUNCILLOR ACTIONS FROM JULY MEETING		
5.1	FOOTPATH UPDATE	Cllr Surgey could not attend the meeting but confirmed that all the overgrown footpaths he had highlighted at the July meeting had now been cut back.	
5.2	AGREEMENT ON THE UPDATED ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES OF A PARISH CLLR.	<p>All Councillors present agreed that the update was clear and concise.</p> <p>The Clerk has now laminated the updated document for inclusion on the noticeboards and Cllr Surgey will include this updated document on the Parish website.</p>	
5.3	THE PINFOLD	Work has started on the first phase of the Pinfold restoration. Jamie Thornton has dug out the footings of the original wall at the rear of the Pinfold and they are in excellent condition and will form the foundation with concrete and rebar for the new wall. He has an account with Key Builders and will use them for the supply of concrete blocks etc for the rebuilding of the back wall. As noted previously the bricks for this have kindly been donated by Forterra.	

		Cllr Fegan proposed that we give the builder permission to obtain supplies from Key Builders with invoices to come to Kirton Parish Council for settlement and that we will advise them of our spending cap. This was unanimously agreed.	Cllr Batty to contact Key Builders and Jamie Thornton to confirm this decision.
5.4	D DAY 80 6 JUN 2024	Cllr Fegan has been in discussion with the landlord at The Fox and he is supportive of our idea for a community Fish & Chip supper (or lunch) event on D Day 80 06 June 2024. Residents of Kirton would need to register for the event and pay a £5 deposit towards the meal and the Parish Council will also make a contribution for every resident. Non residents will be able to attend, subject to capacity but will pay the full price. Numbers will need to be confirmed in advance for catering purposes. A flyer for this event will be delivered to each household in the village in early 2024 The event also needs to be registered with the Pageant master	Cllr Fegan to design a flyer for the event and bring to October meeting. The Clerk has registered the event with the Pageant master 02 Aug.
6	GRASS VERGE CUTTING AND VIA	The Parish Council agreed to take on the cutting of verges in the 30mph zone of the village with the understanding that verges outside this area and in places considered to be dangerous would still be cut by VIA. Sadly yet again this has not been the case and Kirton has been missed of the cutting schedules, despite being promised by VIA in 2021 that the village would be included in all grass cutting operations.	The Clerk has emailed Jo Horton at VIA 02 Aug and awaits a response.
7	OUTSTANDING INVOICE FOR HEDGE CUTTING.	An unpaid invoice for hedge cutting and rental of equipment to facilitate this has been highlighted to the Council requiring payment. A copy of the invoice has been requested and as soon as this is received the Clerk will ensure that the account is settled.	Account paid 04 August.
8	ACCOUNTS PAID	N Batty Fuel for mower £97.78 N Batty New Armed Forces Flag £ 6.95 Egmanton Plant Hire £125.00	

		CS Arable Diesel for mower	£14.49	
	INCOME RECEIVED	VAT Rebate	£1952.23	
9	VILLAGE CONTRIBUTIONS	<p>The Parish Council are grateful to the following residents for their support in keeping the village looking so clean and bright</p> <p>Angela Hayter for weeding and litter picking</p> <p>Richard Batty for strimming Kirton Park & the Playing Field</p> <p>George Hoggard for removal of waste from this work</p> <p>Philip Hoggard for cutting the hedges on Walesby Lane and near the Stables</p> <p>Colin Haywood for keeping the grass cut and tidy near the bus stop</p> <p>Heather Atherton for trimming the trees in the bus stop area</p> <p>Colin Turnbull for maintaining the grass in front of Kirton Park.</p>		
10	CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF AGENDA	<p>1. Cllr N Batty highlighted that one of the Broxap dog waste bins purchased in May 2021 now had a rusting lid. The Clerk raised this matter with Broxap but as the bins are now out of warranty they could only help by supplying a new lid at a cost of £80.</p> <p>2. Cllr Atherton asked for suggestions for the placing of a new speed matrix sign and it was agreed that the best place would be on a lamp post between Freshwinds and Hurst House.</p> <p>3. Cllr Atherton confirmed that she had again chased up the timetable for display on the new bus stop.</p>		Cllr R Batty will look at this to see if any sort of remedial work can be done in house.
11	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 03 October at 1930 hours in the canteen at the Forterra Brickworks.		
12	MEETING CLOSED.	The meeting closed at 21.20 hours.		

Minutes prepared by Kate Hall- Clerk to Kirton Parish Council 02 August 2023.