

KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 03 AUGUST 2021 AT 7.30PM AT THE FORTERRA CANTEEN,KIRTON

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

T WIDGUST FROM 2043 HRS.

IN ATTENDANCE K HALL (CLERK)

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/FEEDBACK/DECISION	ACTION POINTS.
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.	Cllr Beard sent her apologies for the meeting and Cllr Wildgust attended part of the meeting from 2043 hours	
2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST.	None	
3	TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.	The minutes of the last Council meeting held on 06 July 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair.	Minutes created to PDF and sent to Cllr Surgey for Village website 04 August 2021.
4	COUNCILLOR ACTION POINTS FROM JULY MEETING.		
4.1	REPORT ON COUNCILLOR EXPENSES	Cllr Fegan had prepared a very thorough report regarding the type of expenses that can be reimbursed, this information was taken from Local Authority Regulations 2003 and NALC Guidance. The working from home expenses will be reviewed at the Clerks next appraisal. It was highlighted that the maximum allowable expenses should be no more than 10% of the precept per year and that the expenses that could be reimbursed were in line with those that public bodies normally pay. The document was proposed for acceptance by Cllr Fegan and accepted by all .	

4.2	USING THE FLAGPOLE FOR COMMEMORATIONS.	<p>Cllr R Batty has suggested that the Village can keep history alive by commemorating different events with the flying of flags but that to make it more pertinent to all residents it would be nice for people to remember past and serving members of the armed forces by flying a flag for them on a special date and having a small piece of the Facebook page to tie in with this.</p> <p>Cllr R Batty and Cllr Surgey will work together on this action</p>	<p>Cllr Batty to do a flyer to go round the village so all residents are aware.</p> <p>Cllr Surgey to add a piece on the PC Facebook page.</p>
4.3	POSSIBLE REPAIRS TO THE SEAT OUTSIDE HALL FARM.	<p>The Clerk contacted Jonathan Price about this bench and the Council offer to make some repairs. The bench is in overall good repair but does need some remedial work to the legs not only for safety reasons but also to prevent further damage before the winter arrives. The bench needs to have more work done than just cosmetically sanding it back and oiling the wood.</p>	<p>Clerk has emailed Jonathan Price to ask for a meeting to discuss this work face to face.</p>
4.4	RECYCLING OLD WOODEN BUS STOPS.	<p>Cllr Atherton contacted NCC regarding the old bus stop near the pub and was informed that this is still used by the Sherwood Arrow bus service so it will need to remain in situ.</p> <p>The bus shelter across from the Playing Field will be replaced in 2022.</p> <p>The Parish Council are grateful to Cllr Atherton for her persistence with this work.</p>	
4.5	DISCUSSION ON COSTINGS FOR A NEW PARISH LAWNMOWER.	<p>The current Council lawnmower is coming to the end of its useable life and is struggling to do the work required, there are holes in the box and the engine is getting very tired.</p> <p>We do have 2 options;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ask for tenders from an outside organisation to undertake all the grass cutting 2. Purchase a new mower <p>Option 2 would be more cost effective and give the Council better control over keeping the grass cut.</p> <p>This will require a big financial outlay and the Parish Council will have to give that serious consideration.</p>	<p>Cllr N Batty to contact Reg Taylors to obtain costs for a new mower and possible demonstration</p> <p>Cllr Atherton to look at any possible funding options.</p>
5	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	None	
6	VILLAGE AMENITIES		

6.1	PLAYING FIELD UPDATE INCLUDING BARK BENEATH THE PLAY HOUSE.	Before the 2 nd lockdown NSDC Street Scene offered to re aerate the bark chippings below the Play House, sadly this offer has not come to fruition and will not now be available until the Autumn so in the meantime the Parish Council need to aerate the bark. This is a hard manual task and would take at least 4 people with rakes to do the job properly on a suitably dry day as the bark needs to be moved from the very bottom of the pit.	Cllr R Batty will try to rotovate this area first to see if that will work before manual aeration.
6.2	PLAYING FIELD LITTER AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR.	Recently there has been a large amount of litter left by some users of the field near the football nets and within 10feet of a litter bin.! The football nets are a big draw to the field and after 18months of lockdown it is good to see them being used so much, however they are in a pretty poor state of repair currently. Mr Dean Watson has offered to put up a brand new net Cllr N Batty has also spoken to PCSO Ian Cotton regarding some of the anti social behaviour and he has confirmed that adults urinating in a public place is an offence and if caught they will be prosecuted. PCSO Cotton has agreed to keep coming down to the Village so that people are aware there is a Police presence in the area.	Cllr N Batty to contact Mr Watson regarding replacing the football net. The Parish Council agreed to put up signs warning that these facilities will be removed if littering and anti social behaviour continues.
6.3	REQUEST FROM A RESIDENT FOR ACCESS TO THE FIELD FOR RESIDENTIAL TREE CUTTING.	The Parish Council had no objections to this request, provided that the tree surgeon has the correct insurance in place, a licence for removal of garden waste and has done a risk assessment as the Field is a public place. This work also can only be undertaken when the ground conditions are suitable and outside of the bird nesting season.	Clerk advised resident of this decision 04 August.
6.4	REQUEST FROM RESIDENT FOR ERECTION OF A BOUNCYCASTLE 14 AUG 12-4PM.	The Parish Council had no objections to this request provided a disclaimer regarding health and safety, child safeguarding and current Covid 19 regulations was signed.	Clerk advised resident of this decision and sent disclaimer for signature 04 August.
6.5	DOGGY BAG DISPENSERS	Cllr Surgey highlighted that if the Parish Council tried a couple of these at locations where dog fouling is at its worst, it may possibly help to alleviate the problem. The dispensers are approx.. £13 each and can be filled with cheap bags for the users.	Cllr Surgey to purchase doggy bag dispensers and speak to Jonathan Price about possibly locating one of the dispensers near Hall Farm.

		The Council agreed that we should purchase a couple of these to try.	
6.6	PUBLIC FOOTPATHS AND RIGHTS OF WAY	The Parish Council are very grateful to the local landowners and field users for the excellent work they have done in restoring the grounds on public footpaths when the problems were highlighted. Cllr Surgey advised that some fencing has been erected and is blocking the Public Footpath to Boughton Brake. The Parish Council are very conscious of not losing any footpaths within the Parish.	Cllr R Batty to check with Mr Hoggard if this is a temporary situation. Cllr Surgey to speak to NCC/VIA regarding this footpath if the fencing is going to be permanent.
7.	CLEARANCE OF DRAINS AND GRASS VERGE CUTTING THROUGH THE VILLAGE.	Despite numerous requests to VIA for this work to be undertaken we are sadly no further forward. The Parish Council has requested a face to face meeting with the VIA management to get answers on this and many other outstanding issues.	
7.1	REQUEST FOR LITTER PICK ON BOTH SIDES OF BOUGHTON INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.	NSDC undertook this litter pick on 20 th July.	
8.	VILLAGE CONTRIBUTIONS		
9.	RED ENSIGN DAY 03 SEPT.	The Parish Council will be supporting this event and the Church will be flying the Red Ensign.	
10.	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	CS Arable Services-Diesel for Mower £14.32 Basketball Hoop for Playing Field £49.99	Paid 04 August.
11.	CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA.	Mr Dean Watson, a resident of Kirton Court contacted the Council regarding the parking situation in that road caused by the current construction work for 2 bungalows. He has requested the Parish Council assistance in trying to make Kirton Court resident only parking.	The Clerk has contacted NSDC regarding this request and this item is also on the agenda for the meeting with VIA.
12	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday 14 th September 2021 at 7.30PM.	

The meeting closed at 21.30 hours.

Minutes prepared by Kate Hall-Clerk to Kirton Parish Council 04 August 2021.