

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Agenda for the Parish Council meeting held on 7th February 2022 7.30pm

Present: Bob Radford (RSR)(Chair), Martin Smith (Vice Chair), Andrew Twidale (AT), Ian Woolridge (IW), Sarah French (SF), Patrick Mitchell (PM), Cllr Bruce Laughton (BL), Cllr Malcolm Brock (MB), Helen Cowlan (HC) (Clerk).

Public: Graeme Wheatcroft (GW)

1. Apologies for absence

None.

2. Declaration of interest

None.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 10th January 2022 were approved as a true record – proposed MS / seconded IW.

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

Update from BL:

Highways – plans are in place to double the number of patching ‘gangs’ repairing roads.

A614 – works are scheduled to start in 2023. Compulsory Purchase Orders are under review / completion, and some work has been done to redesign some sections for example, the introduction of lights rather than a roundabout at the Mickledale Lane junction.

Levelling up – NCC have the 5th highest level of investment (out of 42 regions).

Devolution – it is likely that devolution will be with Leicester and Derby which could create a mayoral area (like Manchester and Birmingham). Devolution would be a way of ensuring that the area keeps up with others and could increase funding / power without having to go through Government. They are looking at balancing the advantages (e.g. Social, Care, Education, skills) with any potential disadvantages. The White Paper enables three levels (with 1 being the lower level, 2 having a string leader, and 3 having the greatest powers). Additional funding will be enabled, at least in part, by the costs savings of centralising / merging. Devolution reduces levels of centralisation in London, but is reliant on those given power having good and wise decision-making skills.

Updates from MB:

Sainsbury’s planning application – will now be reviewed at a Planning Committee Meeting – possibly March.

Spread Eagle, Hockerton – the application to change for domestic use was declined, as was the appeal (due to being a loss of a community asset).

Members of the public (GW):

The first aid training was successful with a stark reminder of the statistics for victims of heart attacks. National response time is 11 minutes but chance of survival decreases rapidly with the time taken to receive treatment – only a 30% of survival after 7 minutes. The average response time for our area is 14 minutes, which means that it is vital that assistance is given while awaiting the ambulance. It has been suggested that a second defibrillator could be very important and Parish Council support was requested. Ideas have included fundraising, looking at types of defibrillators (mains / battery operated), potential locations (e.g. Southwell Rd bus shelter), and possibly approaching the School for support. Although the matter will need to be added to the next agenda for formal discussion, it was suggested that some research could be started. **Actions – HC to research types of defibrillators and approximate costs, liaise with Southwell Town Council, and whether or not such items would fit within CIL funding guidelines (NSDC); AT to speak to the person who previously looked after the defibrillator to see if they have information (22-05).**

Updates from RSR:

Pothole - the pothole at The Green / Southwell Rd junction has deteriorated further. **Action – HC to chase up again for further review (20-26).**

Church fundraising projects - the Church would like to be able to repair/replace the organ at a cost of more than £10,000 and repairs for the tower could cost up to £50,000. They will be fundraising but are looking for funding opportunities. BL advised he may be able to contribute some funds. **Action – HC to send information to BL, and add to future agenda to give consideration in the next financial year (22-06).**

5. Planning:

- i) 20/00077/HOUSE - Three Gables, Main Street – *single story rear extension to replace existing conservatory*. Proposals were discussed and no issues / objections were raised. **Outcome – no objection (unanimous / 6 votes).**
- ii) 21/02665/TWCA – The Lodge, Main Street – *crown reduction(s)*. **Outcome: permission granted (info only).**

6. Action points review (HC/all)

Number	PC member	Subject	Date Raised	Status
16-45	HC	<p><u>Ivy Farm</u></p> <p>No issues at the moment. Some window/lintel repairs completed. No further information has been received about proposals. It is understood that there should be consultation with Severn Trent as drainage should be connected to / with the main system (although currently blocked).</p> <p>Action: no further action at this time - awaiting next steps.</p>	Nov-16	ongoing
17-53	HC/RSR	<p><u>School - Parking issues/ related CIL</u></p> <p>RSR proposed a formal 'opening' of the car park to promote it (inc possible update to Advertiser), and establish usage / success (inc frontage being kept clear as agreed). HC has contacted School about both.</p> <p>Action: HC to contact School to enquire if staff could help to manage traffic at busy periods (e.g. directing / walkie-talkies), even for a trial period. RSR to get the registration number of the car that parks on the Green to pass to the School for review.</p>	Oct-17	ongoing
19-57	HC	<p><u>School Playing Field</u></p> <p>Feedback on the document: clarify if it meant that motor vehicles, rather than 'wheeled' vehicles, should not access to make sure bicycles / pushchairs retain access; politely challenge proposals to charge for use of field as the School isn't charged for use of the Church / Village Hall facilities.</p> <p>Action: HC to chase NCC for response.</p>	Nov-19	ongoing
20-25	HC	<p><u>Flooding / drainage projects</u></p> <p>HC has sent email out to village about riparian ownership and responsibilities. Resident TB is monitoring dyke. Gullies have been swept but drains not cleared.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to report storm drains on A617 needing attention.</p>	Oct-20	ongoing
20-26	HC/AT	<p><u>Potholes</u></p> <p>BL advised to escalate pothole issues on Eakring Rd. Hedge near chicken sheds needs cutting back. RSR highlighted pothole(s) at The Green's junction with Southwell Rd.</p> <p>Action – HC to chase Eakring Rd pothole/drainage issues with NCC (BL/JH); AT to find out landowner responsible for hedgerow.</p>	Oct-20	ongoing
21-13	HC	<p><u>Parish Council Vacancy</u></p> <p>New Cllr training is available online. New vacancy to be promoted in the New Year - interest noted from resident GW.</p> <p>Action – HC to send vacancy notice out with minutes to be posted / liaise with NSDC.</p>	Feb-21	ongoing
21-22	HC	<p><u>National Grid</u></p> <p>Action - HC to establish how to escalate concerns about traffic/speeding.</p>	Sep-21	ongoing

21-24	PR/AT	<u>Sewerage</u> Envt Health are checking Robin Hood Caravan Park records relating to emptying of tanks. NSDC have advised there is a lack of evidence to identify the source of the issue. AT feels it is unfair to expect affected landowner to pay thousands of pounds to install additional ditches. Item closed until further progress can be made.	Sep-21	closed
21-25	HC	<u>Lamppost poppies</u> Action - HC to contact Royal British Legion to confirm price and availability of poppies (this financial year if possible).	Sep-21	ongoing
21-28	HC	<u>Bridge repairs</u> All repairs have been reported. Reopen if/when further issues are identified.	Dec-21	closed
22-01	HC	<u>WINGS</u> No outstanding actions - new issues to be raised as needed.	Jan-22	closed
22-02	IW	<u>Precept</u> Action - IW to submit requirements to NSDC by 1/2/22.	Jan-22	closed
22-03	HC	<u>CIL</u> Action - HC to check CIL criteria re boundary hedges and defibrillators.	Jan-22	ongoing
22-04	HC	<u>Storage</u> Action - HC to source lockable filing cabinets.	Jan-22	ongoing
22-05	HC	<u>Street signage</u> Signs have been put forward or inclusion in next year's budget. No further action at this point.	Jan-22	closed

7. WINGS (IW/all)

No updates. Principal would like to be able to get some sort of School / warning signs on the main road. HC has already passed information about how to request via NCC, and will forward to BL as requested.

8. Financial matters (IW)

- i) *Balances* - current account £4904.00, deposit account £532.57 including the remainder of the CIL funding which needs to be spent in the next financial year.
- ii) *Clerk payment* – payment for January authorised - proposed RSR, seconded AT.
- iii) *Review any payments due* – £28.78 to 123Reg for website domain name (paid for by Clerk) - proposed RSR, seconded AT.

9. Traffic Report (IW)

- 2nd Feb – a car was on its side at The Mill (going up the hill), telegraph pole had been hit.
- 3rd Feb (seen) – post knocked down near Ivy Farm.
- A section of hedge is also missing near Hexgreave but no further details are known other than it being recent.

10. Correspondence (HC)

- i) NALC Consultation – OFCOM Postal regs – *already circulated/no further action.*
- ii) NCC Proposal for new Council decision making model – leader & cabinet rather than multi-political committees – *already circulated, no further action at this time.*
- iii) NALC Personal Safety Webinars – *already circulated / book directly.*
- iv) NCC Draft Waste Plan running 7th Feb to 4th April – *review and collate comments at next meeting.*

11. Date of next meeting

7th March 2022 at 7.30pm.

Meeting ended at 20.50.