

KIRKLINTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Kirklington Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday **20 May 2024**.

PRESENT

M Jack (Chairperson), Mrs B Irving, J Marston, Mrs M Story.

APOLOGIES

Mrs N Spedding.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 17 May 2023 were approved and signed as a true record.

REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Mr M Jack, Chairperson of the Parish Council, presented a report covering all the Parish Council activities during 2023/24.

A general discussion followed the presentation during which no further issues were raised.

It was agreed that a copy of the report should be posted on the public notice board.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M Jack', is located in the bottom right corner of the page.

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ANNUAL REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR 2023/24 TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING ON MONDAY 20th MAY 2024

Mr Allan Dawes our Clerk, has now served his first year and has been a valuable addition to the parish council, He can be contacted at kirklingtonpc@gmail.com

Play area on Ryehill Park

Weekly inspections of the play area are carried out by members of the Parish Council and an annual inspection was carried out by a qualified Inspector from The Play Inspection Company Ltd for Insurance purposes. The overall Risk Assessment for the play area and its' associated play equipment was graded 'Low Risk' by the Inspector.

Ongoing maintenance of the play area during 2023 were carried out by some residents of Ryehill park, Parish Coucillors and Mr Andy Parr professionally cuts the grass when required.

Bottle Bank

The Parish Council continued to promote the Bottle Bank at the Robin Hood Inn which now includes cans, tins, plastic and cardboard. The re-cycling facilities at the Robin Hood Inn are still available.

Defibrillator

The defibrillator has now been re-sited on the lamp post opposite the school.

Lobbying on behalf of residents

The Parish Council lobbied relevant authorities and/or individuals in respect of various issues raised by local residents. These included:

- * road repairs and potholes;
- * public rubbish bins;
- * safety concerns and road repairs at various locations along the A6071;
- * overgrown hedges and trees;
- * dog fouling;
- * street lighting;
- * the inappropriate parking in and around Smithfield;
- * support to the replacement weekly bus service provided by the Border Rambler

Planning Applications/Tree Preservation Orders/Footpath Diversions

The Parish Council provided the Planning Authority with comments and observations on Planning Applications within the Parish area.

Consultative documents

The Parish Council receives a large number of draft Policies and Procedures on a consultative basis. The Parish Council's views, comments and observations, reflecting the views of local residents, are relayed to the authors of these various documents following a discussion of them at Council meetings.

Hallburn Wind Farm Community Fund

Hallburn Wind Farm provides a community benefit fund for community projects which benefit residents of the local area. The Parish Council is represented on the Advisory Group which considers all the funding applications. The Parish Council will be submitting future applications in its' own right, mainly to do with the play area, but being a small local authority it is limited as to which of its' projects would be eligible for funding.

Any local community group can apply for funding relevant projects and are encouraged to do so. If anyone would like further information/advice please contact any Member of the Parish Council.

Parish Council Website

During 2015/16 the Government published a Transparency Code for smaller authorities, including parish councils, which required them to publish various documents such as year end accounts, agendas and minutes of meetings, parish council assets, audit reports, expenditure over £100 and a list of parish councillors and for these documents to be made available on a publicly accessible website.

In order to meet these regulations Kirklington Parish Council has a dedicated website. At present it provides all the necessary information but can be developed to provide other community based information such as a notice board for future events.

The website can be accessed via the following address:

www.hugofox.com/community/kirklington-middle-parish-council

Vacancies

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Councillor. Anyone interested should contact me on 01228 675594 or on michael.jack13@btinternet.com.

Mike Jack - Chairperson of the Parish Council