

KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 06 FEBRUARY 2024 AT THE CANTEEN, FORTERRA BRICKWORKS,KIRTON

THE MEETING COMMENCED AT 19.25 HOURS

PRESENT R FEGAN (CHAIR), D SURGEY, N BATTY, R BATTY AND T WILDGUST (FROM 8PM)

IN ATTENDANCE K HALL (CLERK)

| NUMBER | AGENDA ITEM | ACTIONS/DISCUSSION/DECISION | ACTION POINTS |
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| 1 | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr D Beard and Cllr H Atherton | |
| 2 | DECLARATION OF INTERESTS | None | |
| 3 | TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING | The minutes of the last Council meeting, held on 05 December 2023 were agreed by all and signed off by the Chair. | Cllr Surgey has published these minutes of the Parish Council website. |
| 4 | PUBLIC PARTICIPATION | None. | |
| 5 | DISTRICT COUNCILLOR UPDATE | Cllr Wildgust had been called away to another meeting so the update was given by the Clerk | |
| 5.1 | RESPONSE FROM VIA REGARDING LAND SLIPS ON TUXFORD ROAD | After the last Parish Council meeting, Cllr Wildgust contacted VIA regarding the increasing number of land slips occurring from the side of the Church into the A6075 Tuxford Road. His first concern was that a previous land slip into the road had been cleared quickly but the soil waste had then been dumped into the lay by at the entrance to Kirton. This was cleared away the following day. Secondly he raised concerns that with climate change, more wet weather and the increasing number of land slips, that a survey should be carried out by VIA into the possibility of putting in some kind of support mesh or other mechanism to stop the land slipping. | |

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| | | As this road is due to be closed in March for resurfacing, this would be an ideal time for this remedial work to be carried out. Despite chasing VIA several times regarding this he is still awaiting a response. | Cllr Wildgust to continue pressing VIA for a response regarding this issue. |
| 5.2 | TPO VIOLATION AT BOUGHTON CAMP | It had been reported to the Parish Council that a tree had been removed from outside one of the Industrial Units at the edge of the Boughton Camp south side. Cllr Wildgust raised our concerns about this to NSDC Tree and Landscape Department and it was confirmed that the area in question is indeed under a TPO. This has now been left with the District Council for them to investigate and carry out any enforcement notices. | |
| 5.3 | THE HEDGE AT KIRTON COURT GREEN. | Last year NSDC planted a hedge around the damaged fence that borders the green at Kirton Court but in some places it has failed to thrive. A resident has raised concerns with Street Scene at NSDC regarding the state of the hedge as it currently stands. Unfortunately a meeting between NSDC, the resident and Cllr Wildgust was cancelled but NSDC are aware of the situation and want to resolve the issue, whilst waiting to see if there is any growth on the hedge in the coming season. It was agreed by all that this is a query for Newark & Sherwood District Council as the land belongs to and is maintained by the District Council. | |
| 6 | PARISH COUNCILLOR ACTIONS FROM DECEMBER MEETING | | |
| 6.1 | SPEED MATRIX & MOBILE SPEED CAMERA | As Cllr Atherton was away for this meeting, the Clerk read out an update report on this issue. Cllr Atherton has sent out requests on a weekly basis to the speed community members but they have only managed one session with the speed gun in the village so far. As previously discussed and highlighted in video shots the main problems with speeding, which does occur all day is | |

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| | | <p>worse in a morning especially in the period between about 6 and 7.30.</p> <p>Cllr Atherton has written to the Police and Crime Commissioner to request her presence in Kirton on any given morning to see the scale of the problem.</p> <p>Sadly the response from Caroline Henry's office was that Kirton had not been highlighted as a speeding blackspot.</p> <p>Cllr Atherton did ask for the mobile speed camera van to come to the village and this has been present on several occasions recently.</p> <p>This is an ongoing problem and the Parish Council will continue to try and find resolution.</p> <p>The speed matrix sign appears to be working currently.</p> | |
| 7. | THE PLAYING FIELD | <p>Cllr N Batty proposed an idea to better utilise the bottom part of the playing field close to the gate.</p> <p>We have many dog owners in Kirton and her suggestion is that this part of the playing field could be securely fenced off to be used as a dog exercise field.</p> <p>Waste bins and doggy bags would be provided along with a security code to get through the gate and people wishing to take advantage of the facility would rent the space by the hour to do so.</p> <p>Some other small villages have facilities like this and they are booked up weeks in advance so there is a demand for this kind of project.</p> <p>Cllr Fegan suggested that the Parish Council should give this idea some consideration and that it should be an item for fuller discussion at the next meeting in April.</p> | Suggestion to be discussed in more detail at the April Parish Council Meeting. |
| 8 | PATHWAY IMPROVEMENTS BY FORTERRA | <p>A revised plan was forwarded to the Parish Council before Christmas for a change to a public path within the brickworks. Currently the path crosses 2 paths and has veered away from its original track.</p> <p>The revised plan would see the path reinstated to one side so that it only crossed 1 track.</p> <p>The Parish Council have no objection to this change but have advised Forterra that if they have not already done so they</p> | Clerk emailed Forterra 07 Feb to advise that there are no |

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| | | need to make the Footpaths Manager at VIA/NCC aware of this change. | objections to this change and to give details of the footpath manager at VIA/NCC. |
| 9 | PUBLIC FOOTPATHS | <p>A resident had raised concerns with Cllr Surgey regarding the large numbers of people using a public footpath close to his home when we have had so much rain and the ground is completely waterlogged.</p> <p>Currently many public footpaths are impassable due to the rain and frost and users churning up the surface when the paths are used.</p> <p>Cllr Surgey also highlighted that some parts of the paths around the Pig Field are muddy and waterlogged in places at present.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that due to the very inclement weather systems we have been experiencing, all these paths are challenging but that as a Parish Council we have no power to stop people using public footpaths.</p> | |
| 10 | THE HEDGE AT LEASIDE. | <p>Cllr N Batty has spoken to the owner of Leaside and ascertained that there is some confusion as to who is actually responsible for this overgrown hedge.</p> <p>The owner considers that the hedge is the responsibility of NCC.</p> <p>As the village Lengthsman, Cllr N Batty has asked a contractor to cut back the hedge to a depth that is acceptable to both parties.</p> | |
| 11 | PLANNING APPLICATION,HOLLY HOUSE, STATION ROAD. | <p>The Parish Council had no objections to this application.</p> <p>It does however, have concerns regarding continued building in the area with the increased risk of flooding in the event of more inclement weather.</p> | |
| 12 | D DAY 80 CELEBRATIONS 06 JUN 2024 | <p>Cllr Fegan advised the Parish Council that there is a meeting at the Fox on 24th February to discuss social events for the village. He has suggested that the organisation for the D Day event could be handed over to this social committee as they are keen to get involved in the community.</p> | |

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| | | This would be an ideal opportunity for everyone to get together and support a village event. This was agreed by all present. | This item to be put on agenda for April meeting to discuss how the Parish Council can support the event |
| 13 | ACCOUNTS PAID | <div> <div>The Mower Shop</div> <div>£460.00</div> </div> <div> <div>Hugo Fox Website Management</div> <div>£11.99</div> </div> <div> <div>K Hall Printer Cartridges</div> <div>£54.48</div> </div> <div> <div>Hugo Fox Website Management</div> <div>£11.99</div> </div> <div> <div>NALC Annual Membership</div> <div>£96.80</div> </div> <div> <div>K Hall Clerk WFH Expenses 2023</div> <div>£288.00</div> </div> | |
| 14 | VILLAGE CONTRIBUTIONS | <p>The Parish Council would like to thank the following people for helping to maintain the village to such a high standard</p> <p>Colin Haywood for mowing by the bus stop</p> <p>Richard Batty for cutting the playing field</p> <p>Several litter pickers who have been out and about recently.</p> | |
| 15 | CORRESPONDANCE | None | |
| 16 | DATE OF NEXT MEETING | The next Parish Council meeting will be held at the canteen in the Forterra Brickworks on Tuesday 09 April 2024 | |
| 17 | MEETING CLOSED | The meeting closed at 20.45 | |

Minutes prepared by Kate Hall, Clerk to Kirton Parish Council on 07 February 2024.