

KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 01 MARCH 2022 AT 1930 HOURS AT THE CANTEEN FORTERRA BRICKWORKS,KIRTON.

PRESENT T WILDGUST (VICE CHAIR), N BATTY, R BATTY, D BEARD, D SURGEY

IN ATTENDANCE K HALL (CLERK).

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION POINTS/FEEDBACK/DECISION.	ACTION POINTS.
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies were received from Cllr H Atherton and Cllr R Fegan (Chair). Cllr T Wildgust as vice Chair led the meeting.	
2.	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	Cllr D Beard declared an interest in Item 6.3 as a resident of Kirton Court.	
3.	TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING	The minutes of the meeting held on 01 February 2022 were agreed unanimously and signed off by the vice chair.	PDF of these minutes sent to Cllr Surgey for inclusion on the website 02 March.
4.	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	None	
5.	COUNCILLOR ACTION POINTS FROM FEB MEETING.		
5.1	UPDATE ON FOOTPATHS	Cllr Surgey has spoken with Mr Buckle from Wolds Pigs as he had agreed to contact VIA regarding the possible diversion of the footpath whilst the pigs are in residence. Unfortunately the response from VIA was not positive and the path cannot be diverted and the gate has to remain open at all times. This path is technically not in the Parish of Kirton but many dog walkers use it and have raised concerns regarding the state of the ground underfoot, we will keep in contact with Mr Buckle as the year progresses.	
5.2	DITCH BEHIND THE PLAYING FIELD	Cllrs Wildgust, N Batty & R Batty met with the Planning Officer from NSDC who deals with compliance issues and they walked	

		<p>through the area at the back of the playing field to the brickyard corner and through the woods where the trees have been felled Photographs were taken by NSDC of the damage to the trees where they have been cut back into the tree preservation (TPO) area and where it appears that the regulations have been breached.</p> <p>The planning officer has to make further checks before a report can be filed and will report back to Cllr Wildgust.</p>	Cllr Wildgust to give an update on reply from Planning Officer.
5.3	ACTIONS ON SPEEDING.	<p>Cllr Surgey continues to write to all the haulage companies that are observed speeding through the village.</p> <p>He advises that responses from these Companies can be very haphazard with some taking note immediately and some not even giving him the courtesy of a response at all.</p> <p>It was agreed that once the lighter mornings are here ,Community Speed watch will undertake some early morning action.</p> <p>Despite the best efforts of Cllr Atherton, we are finding it difficult to recruit new volunteers to help with this service.</p> <p>If anyone would like to apply for speed watch training and duty,please contact the Parish Council.</p>	Cllr Surgey & Atherton to draft a response to the letter from Mark Spencer regarding traffic in the village.
6.	VILLAGE AMENITIES INCLUDING THE PLAYING FIELD		
6.1	FINAL PAYMENT FOR MOWER	A deposit of £3000 has been made for the new village mower and this meeting agreed that the final payment will be made as soon as we receive the first part of the 2022/23 precept in April.	Cllr N Batty to contact supplier re delivery date and possible further down payment on the mower.
6.2	SILVER BIRCH TREES BEHIND KIRTON COURT.	<p>A resident of Kirton Court has contacted the Parish Council regarding the Silver Birch tree on the Playing Field behind her residence and requesting the possible topping off of this tree to let in more light to the rear garden.</p> <p>The Parish Council has taken advice from Michael Reid in the Planning Enforcement department at NSDC who advised that as the tree is not diseased or a danger to people or property it should be left as it currently is and that there is no “right to light”</p>	

		<p>The Parish Council have obtained several quotes for the cutting back of a tree and this is currently approximately £450 per tree and the Parish Council does not have the wherewithal for this type of expense at the moment or for recurring expenditure in the future.</p> <p>After much discussion regarding responsibility for trees throughout the village, it was agreed that it would not be feasible to cut back this tree as it is not directly behind the residence and any type of work like this could set a precedent which the Council would not be able to fulfil. The Parish Council are also aware of their responsibility for the preservation of trees and following the above advice would not be prepared to cut back a healthy tree. The alternative solution could be for the resident to have this work done at their own expense.</p> <p>However it was noted that if this was done, in 2 years the tree would have grown back so this would be a continuing expense. If this alternative offer was acceptable, further discussion would be required regarding the amount of branches to be cut back along with organisational requirements for the Playing Field to be closed whilst the work was undertaken by a properly insured and qualified arborist.</p> <p>Cllr Wildgust suggested this as the best option and a vote unanimously agreed to the above.</p>	<p>Clerk to write to the Resident with the outcome of the discussion.</p>
6.3	MEETING WITH STREET SCENE AND PARKING AT KIRTON COURT.	<p>Cllr N Batty met with Ben Stacey the Street Scene Manager from NSDC to discuss trying to alleviate the parking problems at Kirton Court.</p> <p>All other avenues of discussion have failed to reach a solution. Ben Stacey suggested that the corner of the green that sticks into the road at the bottom of Kirton Court could be moved back to make 3 additional marked parking spaces, and this would include a space for the only NSDC Homes house on this road.</p> <p>Cllr Batty has been advised that Kirton Court is on the list for the next round of road resurfacing and that the suggestion for the extra parking spaces is currently under discussion.</p>	<p>Cllr N Batty to update April meeting.</p>

6.4	EXCESSIVE LITTER IN VERGES	<p>Cllr R Batty had contacted NSDC regarding the amount of litter in the verges outside the Boughton Industrial Estate and in the car park at Clipper.</p> <p>Cllr R Batty was unavailable when Ben Stacey came to the Village so Cllr N Batty took him on a walk through to see the problem for himself and as a result of this both these organisations have now been served with enforcement orders to clear this litter.</p>	
7.	THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE		
7.1	RBL PLAQUE FOR THE QUEENS GREEN CANOPY	<p>As a permanent reminder of the Platinum Jubilee the Parish Council will plant an oak tree near the Jubilee Noticeboard and this will be part of the Queens Green Canopy celebration.</p> <p>The Royal British Legion are making commemorative plaques available for this and it was agreed that a plaque would be purchased by the Parish Council to mark the celebration.</p> <p>The RBL are also offering lamp post signs and 25 will also be purchased to mark the event on the lamp posts through the village.</p>	<p>Clerk to order tree plaque and lamp post signs.</p> <p>Ordered 02 March 2022.</p> <p>Clerk to contact the Church Council regarding mutual financial support for these items of commemoration.</p>
7.2	VILLAGE ACTIVITIES FOR THE BANK HOLIDAY	<p>It is currently not feasible for the Parish Council to organise any activities for this extra holiday but we hope that the above will be a permanent record of this special occasion for the village.</p>	
8	REPORT FROM VIA RE CHURCH CORNER	<p>Following the meeting with Mark Spencer, the Police , County and local Councillors ,Jo Horton from VIA agreed to take a fresh look at the Church Corner ongoing situation following suggestions made at the meeting by Cllr Wildgust.</p> <p>Sadly the report received by the Parish Council was an historic report from January 2020 and in fact was not about Church Corner but about a location called Rigg Hill.</p> <p>This would therefore appear to show that the wrong location is being investigated and that yet again no positive action is being taken by VIA regarding the Parish Councils concerns.</p> <p>Cllr Wildgust has raised this with Mark Spencer's office and awaits an update</p>	<p>Any response from Mark Spencer's office ?</p>

8.1	PLACEMENT OF WARNING SIGN ON CHURCH HILL	<p>For safety reasons the Parish Council requested in February 2020 the placement of a warning sign advising of traffic in the middle of the road on the Church Hill.</p> <p>We were advised that this sign would be installed on 25th February 2022 but that instead of it being placed at the top of the hill it would, due to the speed restrictions in that area of 30mph, be placed half way down the hill in the hedgerow closer to the corner.</p> <p>The Parish Council consider that this is not the optimum place for a warning sign as vegetation in the summer will cover it over and as there are no footpaths on Church Hill it will be difficult to maintain.</p> <p>We were over ruled in these suggestions and the sign is now in place. Sadly VIA did not see fit to take away their rubbish after completing this work and left it under the new post.</p>	
9.	THE LGA CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS	<p>All Councillors when taking up their office have to abide by a code of conduct.</p> <p>This has recently been updated by the Local Government Association and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would work with this new guidance.</p> <p>All Councillors have been given a copy of this document for reference.</p>	
10.	NEW PARISH COUNCIL LETTERHEAD.	<p>To reflect the Parish Council signing the Armed Forces Covenant, Cllr Surgey has redesigned the Council letter head to reflect this. It was agreed to alter the design slightly and Cllr Surgey will bring examples of the updated letter head to the next meeting.</p>	Cllr Surgey to bring copies of updated letterhead to April meeting.
11.	AGREEMENT OF CLERKS JOB DESCRIPTION UPDATE.	<p>Following the Clerks appraisal recently, it was agreed that the job description required an update to reflect the role that the Clerk now undertakes.</p> <p>The Clerk asked for authority to make small payments ,under £50, for agreed expenditure throughout the month and this was unanimously agreed moving forward.</p> <p>Cllr Fegan updated the job description and this was agreed by all.</p>	
12.	VILLAGE CONTRIBUTIONS	<p>The Parish Council would like to thank the following people who continue to make Kirton a pleasant place to live.</p>	Cllr Surgey to put up Keep Britain Tidy Dog Waste awareness signs

		Heather Atherton, Georgina Batty and Nicola Batty for all their efforts with litter picking. Richard Batty for making safe the bolt heads on the climbing frame and rope ladders on the Playing Field.	and take broken dog waste bag dispenser to Cllr R Batty for repair.
13	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	SLCC Annual Membership (KH) £36.00 Loctite (RB) £6.21 Bolts (RB) £2.36	All agreed and signed off Paid 02 March 2022.
14.	CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF AGENDA.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parliamentary boundaries are changing and residents can have their say at bcereviews.org.uk. The Clerk has put posters up in the notice boards reflecting this 2. Cllr Wildgust advised that Mark Spencer will be holding a surgery in April and dates for this will follow. 	
15	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 05 April at 1930 hours at the Canteen Forterra Brickworks.	
	MEETING CLOSED	The meeting closed at 20.55 hours.	

Minutes prepared by Kate Hall Clerk to Kirton Parish Council 02 March 2022.