

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Draft Minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 7th September 2026 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Andrew Twidale (Chair) (AT), Cllr Nigel Chattin (Vice Chair) (NC), Cllr Graeme Wheatcroft, Cllr Ian Woolridge (IW), Cllr Bob Radford (RSR), Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk).

Public: none

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Penny Rainbow sent apologies for being unable to attend.

2. Declarations of interest

Cllr Mitchell declared an interest in item 5iv).

3. Minutes of last meeting

It was unanimously **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2026 be approved as a true record. Cllr Radford suggested there be a rota for volunteers to look after any planter to ensure plants were maintained effectively.

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

- i) To acknowledge the passing of Honor Radley – led by Cllr Twidale, it was unanimously agreed to acknowledge the passing of, and offer condolences for, the sad passing of Honor Radley who had previously been a Parish Councillor and had been very active in the community, including supporting many local events. It was **resolved** that formal recognition be given by way of either flowers or donation (Clerk to establish family's wishes) - proposed Cllr Radford, seconded Cllr Chattin (unanimous).
- ii) Electric powered vehicles on footpaths - concerns have been raised about the use of electric powered vehicles on footpaths in the village. Cllr Twidale confirmed that the matter has been raised with the relevant landowner.

Additionally, Cllr Radford confirmed that the Christmas tree has been ordered.

5. Planning /

- i) 26/01271TWCA Land adjacent to The Lodge, Main St – felling of two ash trees. Outcome: NSDC has no objections (info only) - actions taken as requested by NSDC.
- ii) 26/01175/TWCA WINGS East School, Main St – height reduction of two ash trees. Outcome: NSDC has no objections (info only).
- iii) 26/00505/FULM Land at Southwell Rd – change of use of agricultural area to dog exercise area. Outcome: it was unanimously **resolved** to restate concerns which remain the same despite the new information presented. Clerk to restate objections.
- iv) Land adjacent to The Lodge, Main St – creation of a new vehicular access and crossover. Cllr Mitchell answered questions raised. It was confirmed that the driveway would be permeable, that some fencing/hedging would need to be removed/cut back to improve visibility, and that the access is designed for the vehicle to be driven in forward and turned to drive out facing forward. Cllr Mitchell left the meeting during discussion and voting and was instructed to return once the decision had been made. Outcome: it was unanimously **resolved** that there were no objections (Clerk to submit response to NSDC accordingly).

6. Flooding

Cllr Wheatcroft advised that NCC are funding a natural flood management scheme which will be implemented this summer and next – this will slow the speed of water from upstream (details to be confirmed). The collapsed drain under the A617 was initially considered run from north to south, however, NCC believe it is now the opposite. If reinstated properly it could drain to the northern lake (possibly through an existing underground route/culvert). Surveys will need to be done before anything can be decided. The pipe which takes water from the A617 down the footpath and through a resident's garden to the dyke seems to be coping with heavy rain.

Cllr Woolridge has been liaising with NCC (MD) who are looking to join sections together. Initial contractor proposals were rejected due to the size and complexity, however, proposals from a different contractor could be considered (specialist kerbs with drainage routes into a channel) as they have potential to share the load. Currently disjointed sections would need to be connected so work is underway to design a plan which should be delivered within the current financial year's budget (although unlikely before winter this year).

Cllr Chattin gave formal thanks to both Cllrs for their hard work and dedication.

7. Outstanding actions review

Lineage – although numbers are high, some drivers have been observed to be following the new signs; sat nav accuracy will be reviewed next.

Village signs – issues with production and availability of materials have slowed the process. The Clerk will chase NCC to confirm what else is required and to clarify positioning of the sign at the Mansfield end of the village.

Vegetation – Cllr Mitchell advised an apple tree has fallen near the footpath near the dig field/Top Dam – Clerk to report to landowners.

8. WINGS

Cllr Woolridge was unable to meet with the hen Principal (Jake) before he left but will arrange a meeting with the new Principal. The School's name is being changed to Dukes Wood School.

9. Financial matters

- i) Balances – current account £8203.60, village signs £4050.00, CIL £6396.90, Flood Reserves £6000.00 and £8595.05 general reserves, total reserves £33695.55.
- ii) Clerk payment – payment for July and August was approved – proposed Cllr Twidale, seconded Cllr Mitchell (unanimous).
- iii) Flood Reserves Expenditure – none made.
- iv) Review any other payments needed since last meeting – only regular website Direct Debit.
- v) Review any other payments due before the next meeting –
The charge of £1 for hire of the field has been paid to the School as previously agreed; Cllr Twidale will need to buy a replacement battery for the defibrillator; Cllr Chattin has ordered a new padlock for the school gate (£22.99) and will submit a claim for this. All unanimously agreed and will be ratified at a future meeting.

10. Traffic Report

30/7 a car hit a stationary combine harvester on Kirklington Rd, Bilsthorpe and it is understood that the driver was badly injured.

Two weeks ago – a car was upside down in a ditch near Hexgrave Hall's turning – no further details known.

11. School Playing Field Access

Cllr Chattin advised that the field has been hired and used on two occasions since the new agreement has been in place. Access will need to be from the bottom end of the field (not the main entrance due to access issues). The Parish Council will have access to the school padlock. When booked, that padlock will be removed and replaced with one owned by the PC (and the code given to the person hiring the field). Cllrs Chattin and Twidale will continue to assist with enabling access.

12. Vacancy

The position has been advertised within the village. One candidate has put themselves forward for co-option and after discussion it was unanimously resolved that they be invited to attend the next meeting. Subject to correct procedures being followed, they could then be co-opted at the start of the meeting. The Clerk will liaise with them about processes.

13. Himalayan Balsam

Cllr Wheatcroft advised that landowners and volunteers have cleared everything possible, however, issues have been identified with it coming from the Edingley direction for which further help will be needed to remove it/risks. Cllr Twidale will speak to landowners to establish their plans to tackle it. It was recommended that action is not taken until Spring to avoid spreading it.

14. Straw

Tractors and lorries have carried straw through the village which has created significant deposits along the roads, raising concerns about impacts on drainage. After discussion it was acknowledged that there are barriers to sheeting loads, and that there are several companies to which the shedding could be linked. It was felt that a fast / reactive response was the best approach at this time i.e. prompt reporting / requests to clean. Although gullies need to be cleared it was acknowledged that leaf fall could negate any benefits if done too soon. It was **resolved** to this add to the agenda of the next meeting to review again.

15. **Correspondence**

Nothing had been received at the time of the meeting.

16. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting was confirmed as 5th October 2026 at 7.30pm

Additional points raised:

Clerk to request vegetation is cut back on the hill coming into the village from Newark, and also near the Church.

Cllr Chattin raised concerns about being overtaken on Southwell Road and subsequent safety.

Cllr Woolridge advised that speed guns and cases are approx. £150-£180 each. Based upon previously minuted discussions it was agreed that a speed gun be purchased with formal ratification at the next meeting – proposed Cllr Twidale, seconded Cllr Wheatcroft (unanimous agreement).

Meeting ended at 21.10

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