

# Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Draft Minutes for the Parish Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 at 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Andrew Twidale (Chair) (AT), Cllr Nigel Chattin (NC), Cllr Ian Woolridge (IW), Cllr Bob Radford (RSR), Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM), Cllr Sarah French (SF), District Cllr Penny Rainbow (PR), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk).  
Public: 2 members of the public attended

## 1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Graeme Wheatcroft submitted apologies for being unable to attend the meeting, and it was **resolved** to accept the apologies.

## 2. Declarations of interest

None.

## 3. Minutes of last meeting

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2026 be approved as a true record – (unanimous).

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

Cllr Rainbow gave several updates. The planning application and planning application in principle, for WINGS and Hawthorn Cottage respectively, gained approval at the planning meeting. The Enforcement Team will be visiting the WINGS site to review building works for which a planning application does not appear to have been received. News is awaited about Council Tax proposals. A review of procedures for, and training about, the Code of Conduct and complaints policies is underway. A final decision about the local government reorganisation is awaited. The recent Careers Expo was well attended.

Cllr Radford gave an overview of research done for the pricing of daffodil bulbs and liaising to see where they should be planted.

Cllr Radford raised concerns about a controversial planning application that has been approved in Halam. Cllr Rainbow confirmed that although it was refused at Committee level, it was overturned on appeal and there may be another application to be reviewed. The government allocates numbers to be built and as NSDC does not have a 5-year supply of housing they cannot force a change of decision.

## 5. Planning

- i) 25/02078/TWCA – Land adjacent The Lodge, Main Street – felling of 1 x hawthorn. Outcome – NSDC has no objections (info only).
- ii) 26/00078/FUL - WINGS School, Main Road – creation of a dedicated drop off and pick up area for pupils alongside widening of the main driveway. Outcome – **it was resolved to request NSDC for further information about the impact in the culvert and the safety of the structure, and request a deadline extension to enable further discussion at the next meeting; further consideration will need to be given as to whether the size of the turning areas is too big in proportion to the number of vehicles likely to use it (given student numbers) (Clerk to action).**
- iii) 25/01823/PIP - Land to the north of Hawthorn Cottage, Main Road – application for Permission in Principle for residential development of one dwelling following demolition of existing open-fronted car port. Outcome – permission in principle granted (info only).
- iv) 26/00103/FUL - Agricultural Barn, Hockerton Road – proposed change of use of traditional agricultural barn to residential use (one dwelling). **Outcome – Clerk to respond to NSDC to advise of no objections being held (unanimous).**

## 6. Flooding

No known issues. The main road and Southwell Road have been swept.

## 7. Outstanding actions review

*Path issues* – the path near The Green and near the hill further down Southwell Rd need attention **ACTION - Clerk to report and email residents with links of how to report issues.**

*Hedgerows near Ivy Farm* – NCC are reviewing if/when cutting is needed.

*Lineage* – no further updates or reduction in lorry numbers.

*Dog Fouling* – permitted footpaths would need landowner approval for any signage to be added; consideration needs to be given to whether dog bins are needed including a consultation on where they could go. **ACTION – Clerk to email costs of bins and dog bins and add as an agenda item for further discussion at the next meeting.**

8. **WINGS**

No known issues.

9. **Financial matters**

- i) Balances – current account £5434.78, village signs £4500.00, CIL £6396.90, Flood Reserves £5993.21 and £8487.87 general reserves.
- ii) Clerk payment – payment for January was approved – proposed Cllr Twidale, seconded Cllr Chattin.
- iii) Flood Reserves Expenditure – none made.
- iv) Review any other payments needed since last meeting – none made.
- v) Review any other payments due before the next meeting - NALC subscription due by 1 April £146.09 - proposed Cllr Twidale, seconded Cllr Chattin.

10. **Traffic Report**

20<sup>th</sup> January – junction of Eakring Rd and A617, 3 vehicle crash, emergency services attended, no known injuries.

11. **Village Signs**

Permission for siting the signs is being processed with the Clerk checking positions at locations with NCC. Once permission has been granted by Via/NCC, instruction for installation can be approved via the sign making company.

12. **School Playing Field Access**

Cllr Chattin advised that the school has confirmed that they are working on a response and that they have apologised for the delay.

13. **CIL Funding**

The pricing of cast iron planters was reviewed (very variable depending on size and style) with suggestions for sites including the village green, near the Hall garden and Southwell Rd (near The Moor bench). Further research will need to be done into costs, and consideration given to how best to consult with residents. **ACTION – Clerk to add to the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.**

14. **Correspondence**

- i) Mayor’s Big Transport Conversation – *consultation - deadline 8<sup>th</sup> Feb*
- ii) Church update – *formal thanks received for donation (circulated)*
- iii) LGR – *briefing sessions to be held for the reorganisation*
- iv) NCC Rights of Way – *update about protecting sheep – keep dogs on leads*
- v) NCC Planning – *review of validation guidance (consultation) - deadline 20<sup>th</sup> Feb*

15. **Date of next meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 at 7.30pm**

Meeting ended at 20.50

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