

Kirklington Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held online on Monday 22nd May 2023 (commencing 7.00pm)

Present: Bob Radford (RSR)(Chair) Ian Woolridge (IW)(Treasurer/RFO), Andrew Twidale (AT), Sarah French (SF), Graeme Wheatcroft, Cllr Penny Rainbow (PR), Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk).

Public: two residents present, including Colin McGarrigle

1. Apologies for absence

Martin Smith (MS) – apologies were given due to prior commitments, and were accepted by the Parish Council.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th May 2022 were approved as a true record – proposed RSR, seconded IW.

3. Chairman's Annual Report on behalf of the Parish Council

Chairman's Report Draft May 2023

With the pandemic over we now have PC Meeting back in the Village Hall. We meet in the main hall the general public are welcome to attend to hear our updates, or to raise any matters. We have had quite a few planning applications ranging across a secure dog exercising field, building modifications and through to Listed Building Consent. Early in the year we still needed one more Councillor & after a village wide search, we welcomed Graham Wheatcroft in early 2022. We are all volunteers & we do not claim fees or expenses for our efforts.

I show, below, how we split the jobs of the Parish Council among the Councillors. This means that we do not wait for a meeting to do jobs, we get on with it as it happens.

The current duty split is as follows:

RSR – Chair - Highways – Health and Safety – Church Christmas tree – bank signatory.

MS – Vice Chair – Village School - village school liaison.

AT – Planning – VHMC Liaison - bank signatory – defibrillator.

IW – Treasurer - accident reporting - Wings School liaison – bank signatory.

PM - verges – street lighting - footpaths.

GW – flooding – drains.

SF – Wings School liaison – SNG Committee/Police Liaison (when meetings restart).

Defibrillator

There are a total of three defibs in the village – one outside the Village Hall, one at Archway House (provided by Tim Farr) and one at the entrance to the School.

The Parish Council pays for their maintenance / replacement parts, and Cllr Andrew Twidale oversees their regular checks and maintenance.

Dog Fouling /Litter

This remains a problem. Please pick up any dog mess it is so unsightly, as well as being unsafe. Also, we expect to be picking up car thrown rubbish from the verges again as the Weather warms up. The Parish Council is hoping to set up a litter pick in the Summer of 2023.

Wings School

We are in regular contact with the Principal at the School who continues to work with us to resolve issues to be resolved as required. They have a number of areas they are working on but are keen to build positive links with the village.

KPC accounts

Cllr Ian Woolridge keeps us in the black with the accounts. Every month he keeps up to date with all the bank balances and he manages the precept so that we have enough to resolve any issues. Thanks, Ian, for doing a great Job with the village finances.

Police Liaison

We get regular e-mail news from the Police we are in contact with the local PSCO to organise 'surgery' in the Village Hall, which everybody can attend.

Planning

We get a lot of Applications in the village & we try to give a balanced view of what is best for the village. All applications can be viewed on the NSDC Web site if you want to give a personal view. You can also view planning matters at www.kirklingtonparishcouncil.co.uk.

Village Hall Refurbishment

The Village Hall has just had a complete makeover - inside and out.

The windows have been repaired, the Hall has been redecorated inside and out. The floors in the Garden Room and Main Bar have been replaced and there is new furniture throughout. The Parish Council, on behalf of the village, says a very big thank you to Peter Emmerson (Village Hall Chairman) and his team of volunteers for a great job.

The Parish Council / District /County Council Team

A very big thank you to the whole team who support the Parish Council (Local / District / County Councillors) as without their commitment we could not provide a service to the village.

Bob Radford Chairman Kirklington PC 01 03 2023

4. County and District Councillor items

PR was given feedback about concerns about Robin Hood Caravan Park and Belle Eau Park (lorry movements).

PR advised she remains District Councillor, and other District Councillors for the area are Peter Harris and Karen Roberts (newly elected).

5. Open session to allow residents to raise any matters they wish the Parish Council to consider

First Aid – training has previously been organised via Nicky Larke and anyone wishing to register interest for future sessions can do so directly with her, or via the Clerk. **ACTION – HC to find out if it is possible to have shorter, more informal, sessions to remove any fears or preconceptions about using the defibs.**

Ivy Farm – concerns were raised about its current state and what the future plans for it would be. The fact that a blue roof on a listed building is permitted is frustrating as it is not in keeping with the conservation area. The Parish Council has previously pushed for the site to be brought into better repair, however, NSDC have previously confirmed that the buildings are water tight and not unsafe. Any reports relating to health and safety, or trespassing would, of course, be reported immediately but there have been no reports indicating progress. PR to send any updates through as received.

Southwell Road junction – concerns were raised about the visibility at, and safety of, the junction especially when turning right. Concerns have been raised with the local Policing Team. **ACTION – PR will speak to enforcement to see if anything can be done; Clerk to draft letter to write to MP to see if we can escalate in any way.**

School Parking – this afternoon huge lorry couldn't get through and a backlog was created; although lorries exceeding the weight limit are permitted to use Southwell Road if they are delivering in to / out of the zone, specific examples can be reported to the relevant companies to enquire if they can take a different route, or travel at different times. At this time there are no known plans to use buses to try and reduce traffic volumes.

GTSF – enquiries were made as to the success of the Gate to Southwell Festival – it has been well organised, with feedback being responded to very well. Although there have been few issues with events so far, any feedback for this year's will be reviewed and passed on accordingly.

Meeting ended at 20.00 to start the Parish Council meetings.