

KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 13th June, 2016
at 7.30 pm, in Kirklevington Village Hall, Kirklevington**

Present: Mrs K. Brown (Chair) (KB),
Mr S Ward (SW) Mrs J Smith (JS)
Mr G Tebbs, (GT) Mrs J Beaumont (JB)
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)
Rev P Sanders (RevP)
Borough Councillor Mrs E Hampton, (EH),

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillor J. Whitehill

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

A Declaration of Interest was duly completed by KB & EH who declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of the Church of St Martin and St Hilary. JP, JB, KB & GT declared a non-prejudicial interest as member of the Kirkfest Events group. JP declared a non-prejudicial interest as part of the Leader Project. JB declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of Kirklevington Action Group (KAG). JB declared a prejudicial interest as Treasurer of Kirklevington Memorial Hall. JB declared a prejudicial interest as a resident of 3 St Martins Way, Kirklevington re planning application 15/1643/OUT. EH declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of Stockton Borough Council's Planning Committee.

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the May meeting were duly read, approved and signed.

4) MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

11b) Defibrillator

The PC informed the meeting that she had been in contact with the Parish Clerk for Hilton as she had observed that Hilton village had a defibrillator attached to The Falcon Inn. Hilton's Parish Clerk had given all the details of who to contact and also information re training that would need to be carried out. It was clear that the siting of the defibrillator at The Falcon Inn was chosen for its security. Whilst the Parish Council are willing the financially support the installation of CCTV at the Village Hall the need for Wi Fi at the hall was needed in order to install an up to date CCTV system. All three issues needed to be looked at together.

Buckingham Palace Visit

KB informed the meeting that she had had a very enjoyable day at the Queen's Garden Party representing the Parish Council.

5a) PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

- a. It was agreed that all future discussion group meetings to discuss the proposed housing development on land south of Kirklevington should be joint between the Parish Council and Kirklevington Action Group (KAG). This would help to keep all parties updated enabling the sharing of knowledge and information.
- b. Two discussion group meetings have been organised – 9th and 15th June. Further discussion group meeting will be organised.

- c. The expected date for the planning application to go before the SBC Planning Committee meeting is Wednesday, 6th July, 2016. Notices to be placed around the village, the community web site updated, and leaflets delivered to all residents once this is confirmed.
- d. It was suggested that a legal challenge may be a possibility re the formula being used by SBC. **GA** was drawing up a list of questions that she proposed to present to a local Borough Councillor and will report back shortly with answers received.
- e. Questions had been asked of the Parish Council re the 5 housing supply. The formula being used was explained.

JB suggested that the calculation of 5 year housing supply figures being used by SBC is questionable, using old historical figures which resulted in a miss calculation.

Investigations to be made into the government's formula.

- f. **KB** to contact Shane Sellers and Helen Pickering who were actively involved in the previous Egglecliffe/Yarm School planning application.
- g. Road Safety for residents wishing to cross Green Lane was discussed. With planning already approved for 700 dwellings south of Green Lane in Kirklevington, and now in the process of being built, hundreds of young people and residents will need to be able to cross Green Lane safely. The unwillingness of SBC to provide a safe crossing point along Green Lane is of great concern. The travel plan for the proposed development (15/1643/OUT) supports walking to access education, health, work, and Yarm but, at this present time, there is no safe crossing point along Green Lane.

SW had represented the Parish Council at the Western Area Partnership meeting but unfortunately, following a vote, no funding or support was given for the installation of a safe pedestrian crossing at any point along Green Lane.

- **JB** questioned as to whether it was a condition of the Green Lane planning approval that a pedestrian crossing be installed. The Parish Clerk to investigate.
- **EH** who also attended the meeting reported that a survey had been carried out and that this issue may be considered in the future.
- **SW** questioned why if they are keen to use sustainable transport why are SBC not willing to provide a safe crossing point along Green Lane. Just what support are they willing to give? The reliance of congestion to allow both residents and pupils to cross the road by weaving between traffic along Green Lane is just not acceptable.
- **KB** questioned the parking along Green Lane outside Conyers School by what is presumed to be 6th formers. What has changed to make them park there? There used to be cones placed along this section of the road to discourage unsafe parking. This parking can only make the crossing of the road unsafe resulting in students crossing between cars.
- **EH** confirmed that the speed limit from the railway bridge on Green Lane towards Worsall was to be reduced from 40 to 30 mph.

h. Questioned were asked as to the Professional Code of Practice for Planning Officers and asked if it is being followed by them. Are the planners at SBC affiliated to the Code of Practice? **JB** stated that Planning Policy Guidance is being followed but that the NPPF needed to be looked at

i. **GA** reported the need to run through all the 3 minute presentation at the next joint **PC/KAG** discussion group.

5b) OTHER POSSIBLE PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS

KB informed the Parish Council that an approach had been made by Banks Group re a possible development to the west of St Martins Way. They were hoping to hold a consultation event but had now decided to defer for the time being. It has also been reported that Theakston Developments are looking to develop on land between the A67 and Green Lane around the sports field used by Yarm Independent School.

6) KIRKFEST 2016

KB expressed her concern that the Kirkfest Week this year was not receiving the support as in previous years. Scarecrow entries were very low. The new Garden competition to date had received only 6 entries. The Evening Social Event reported the sale of ticket being very slow. Church party for children and adults to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday had received replies from 7 children and 6 adults to attend. KB suggested that Kirkfest may have run its course in its present form. A meeting to review the future to be organised after the Kirkfest Week. The need for new people to become involved was important and in particular the younger element of the village.

7) CORRESPONDENCE

- NALC – Revised Legal Topic Note – LTN 79 – Staff Pensions
- Mrs R Butler – The History of Kirklevington to be placed in Archives in Middlesbrough
- NALC – Newsletter – 4th May
- NALC – Deadlines for Transparency Funding 2016/17
- NALC – Newsletter 10th May, 2016
- NALC – Newsletter 16th May, 2016
- NALC – Star Council Awards Scheme
- NALC – SLCC Salary Scales 2016-18
- NALC – Newsletter 23rd May, 2016
- Hilton Parish Clerk – Maggie Agar – Details of Defibrillator at Hilton
- Parish Council Websites – Deadline to publish 2015-16 financial information online
- NALC – Newsletter – 2nd June, 2016
- Dr Malcolm Bell – Planning Consultant information
- NALC – Newsletter – 8th June, 2016

8) LEADER PROJECT UPDATE

JP reported that The Tees Valley & Vale of Mowbray LEADER programme has been awarded £1.283m by the government to promote the rural economy in our area over three years from October 2015. The Programme offers grants for small and medium sized rural businesses, farmers wishing to diversify, rural tourism projects, community groups, foresters and other rural enterprises. It covers the rural areas of Hartlepool, Stockton, Darlington, a small part of Middlesbrough and Hambleton district north of Northallerton. The grant scheme is now open and applications from eligible businesses are welcome. For more information and an online application form go to the programme website: <http://tvvmleader.org/> Further details are available from the Programme Manager, Nick White (email: nwhite@teesvalleyrcc.org.uk; or Telephone: 01642 213852.) The PC to display the information of the Parish Council Notice Board and also on the community website. <http://www.Kirklevingtoncommunity.co.uk>

9) FINANCE MATTERS Mrs R Mazonas

Salary June 2016 plus	£271.70	
Salary increment 3 months April – June 2016		
Broadband May 2016	£14.99	
Play Area Preservative (2 tins)	<u>£30.00</u>	<u>£316.69</u>
HMRC 2 months PAYE		£195.80
GGN Sportscare Ltd		£72.00
Grass Cutting May 2016		
SK Transport Planning Limited		£170.00
Consultancy – Proposed Development N. DeBadgecoe		£123.60
Printer Ink – Printing on behalf of PC Mrs K Brown		£100.55
Expenses – Buckingham Palace Mrs K Brown		£80.00
Chair’s Allowance 2016/17		
SK Transport Planning Limited		
VAT Omitted from invoice		£34.00
Stockton Borough Council		£1,220.29
Play Area Inspection		

9) PLANNING

a) Planning applications

16/1439/RET – 8 Hall Moor Close, Kirklevington, TS15 9NN

Retrospective application for the erection of two timber sheds to the rear

16/0754/X – The Meadows, Thirsk Road, Kirklevington

Application to raise crown 1 no. Ash Tree to 10 metres to balance tree and raise canopy and to thin out by 10% and remove deadwood.

16/0767/REV – 18 St Martins Way, Kirklevington

Revised application of 15/2251/FUL: Single storey extension to the rear (Demolition of existing extension)

b) Planning decisions

16/0628/FUL – Land South of Green Lane, Kirklevington

Application for the creation of a temporary site access off Green Lane to sales area – Barratt Homes North East

APPROVED

16/0765/REV - The Meadows, Thirsk Road, Kirklevington

Revision to 15/2448/FUL – Extensions to front and rear, incorporating part raising of roof height to incorporate additional living accommodation at first floor.

APPROVED

16/0967/OHL – Hedgeside, Leven Bank Road, Castle Leavington, Yarm

Exemption notice for proposed electricity supply to Hedgeside, Leven Bank Road – Northern Powergrid

LA HAS NO OBJECTIONS

15/2199/FUL Spell Close Farm, Castle Leavington

Erection of two storey extension to side with the erection of a porch, single storey extension to rear

APPROVED

10) VILLAGE ISSUES

a) Planning Enforcement

The Parish Council had been informed that Planning Enforcement had looking into a change of use query on Braeside which still needed to be monitored.

b) Flower Tubs

A big thank you to Andy Alton who has, once again, taken it upon himself to improve and maintain the flower tubs around the village. **EH** reported that the maintenance of the tubs was now being carried out by contractors. **EH** to speak to Care for your Area .

c) Dog and Waste Bins

It was felt that the bins within the village were not being emptied enough. Whilst residents who were using the bins to deposit their dog bags they were finding that the bins were overflowing. **EH** to speak to Care for your Area.

d) Play Area Maintenance

A big thank you to **GT** was expressed by **RevP** re the repair work carried out on the gate connecting the Play Area to the Church path. **GT** had also re-varnished the Anniversary Bench and painted all the roofs with preservative of the play equipment in different colours. **KB** also expressed her thanks to **GT**.

12) BULB PLANTING

KB requested that volunteers would be needed to plant bulbs around the parish.

13) ROAD SAFETY MATTERS

The PC to invite Hurworth PC re the monitoring of speeding traffic within their Parish and the solutions that they have implemented.

14) MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING

Kirkfest Review

Planning

15) MEETING DATES

Monday, 18th July, 2016

Tuesday, 13th September, 2016

Monday, 10th October, 2016 or Tuesday, 11th October (date to be agreed)

Tuesday, 15th November, 2016

Monday, 12th December, 2016

Circulation: Mrs. K Brown (Chairman), Mrs. J. Beaumont (Vice Chair), Mr. T. Hampton, Dr. J.G. Parker, Mrs. J. Smith, Mr G Tebbs, Mr. S. Ward, Reverend Pam Sanders, PC Suzanne Higginson.

Councillors, Mrs E Hampton, Mrs J Whitehill and B. Houchen

Post approval: Mr. D.E. Bond, (Stockton Borough Council Monitoring Officer)