KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday, 15th October, 2019 at 7.30p.m

Held in Kirklevington Village Hall, Kirklevington

Present: **Mrs J Beaumont (Chair) (JB) Mr G Tebbs (Vice Chair) (GT)**
Mrs J Smith (JSm), Mrs P. Deepak (PD)
Mrs. R. Mazonas (RM) (Clerk) (PC)
Borough Councillor Mr. Andrew Sherris and Mr. Tony Hampton

Also in attendance: Mr. A. Alton and Mr D Bell (KAG Members)

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Tees Valley Mayor Mr. Ben Houchen

2) DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

A Declaration of Interest was duly completed by **JB who** declared a non-prejudicial interest as a members of the Kirkfest Events group. **JB & JSm** declared a non-prejudicial interest as a members of Kirklevington Action Group (**KAG**). **JB** declared a non-prejudicial interest as Treasurer of Kirklevington Memorial Hall. **AS** declared a non-prejudicial interest as a member of SBC Planning Committee. **AS** also declared a non-prejudicial interest re planning application **19/1570/REM**

JB requested at this point in the Parish Council meeting that item 7a) be brought forward to allow the KAG representatives to take part in this discussion. Approved

7a) Planning Update

1) **JB** opened the discussion by updating the meeting re a meeting that had been held with Story representatives to discuss the now active building of the housing development south of St. Martins Way. This meeting was arranged to encourage a working relationship with the developers Story in order to keep residents informed of all issues. The meeting had been successful and the Parish Council now have a direct communication link with key workers both at Story and at the development site. During the meeting we were able to point out the problems of the site and in particular the issues of natural ponds and springs which were taken on board by Story. Some residents had already expressed concerns re the mounds of soil that were being placed to the rear of their gardens and the possibility of flooding. Story were able to agree to place drainage in front of the mounds to allow for water to drain away from the gardens. **JB** was able to show the plans for the development site and the following issues were discussed:

- There is a change to the plans and there will be no continuous road through the site to the south. The development will now have cul de sacs. These changes are to prevent the site being used as a rat run.
- The existing exit on to the A67 from Pump Lane is to remain for the time being which will allow the developers workers and equipment to use the new road for safety reasons.
- The new link road from Pump Lane to the new A67 exit is not going to be built for the time being.

- The public footpath that cross the development from St. Martins Way will, at some time, be closed and rerouted when the electricity cables are being put underground for safety reasons to the public.
- Leaflets will be going out to residents shortly.
- The proposed car park was discussed and its ownership.
- The developer will be building a 'mugger'(multi-sport area enclosed by fencing) and they are considering where this might be placed on the site.
- The developers will be siting a play area within the development and, once again, no final decision as to where it is to be sited has been made.
- The proposed shop will be advertised but, if this proves not to be viable, it will be changed to housing

The PC made a request that any planings be used on the existing public footpath around the school to upgrade the footpath. It was pointed out that residents from their site would most certainly use this footpath to access the local Primary School.

At this point AA and DB left the meeting.

3) MINUTES OF THE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the September meeting were duly read, **APPROVED** and signed. **JB, GT**

4) MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

All items for discussion on Agenda

5) PLAY AREA - PLAY EQUIPMENT

a) Funding

The **PC** informed the Parish Council that she had received an email from the Trustees of the William Hall Trust indicating that they would welcome an application from the Parish Council for funding towards the refurbishment of the Play Area. Parish Councillors expressed their appreciation.

b) Quotes

No further quotes have been obtained at this stage although, new quotes may be needed from existing companies who have already given us quotes due to the time it is taking to organise for the refurbishment.

PD had obtained some photographs of the Picton Play Area to give ideas for equipment that might be considered for our Play Area together with suggestions from her children as to the equipment that they liked to use. **JB** thanked **PD** and the **PC** to download the pictures.

c) Maintenance Issues

JB brought the meeting up to date re the damaged wall at the Play Area. Ownership of the wall has taken some considerable time to clarify but, for some unapparent reason, it would appear that the Church Commissioners transferred the land to the owners of the land which is now the Play Area. Therefore we are responsible for it. As mentioned at the previous Parish Council meeting a meeting had been held with Stuart Hibbert and work is due to be carried out shortly to cut back invasive vegetation and some of the branches from the trees

at the adjoining property. A quote had been received from a Structural Engineer but it was considered to excessive. Investigations were carried out to ascertain if SBC had an expert who could give some advice. Mr. Cliff Burgess, Construction and Facilities Services has been to have a look at the wall and had submitted a very constructive report and given advice as to what action need to be taken to secure the safety of the wall. A decision needs to be made as to what action should be taken. 2 to 3 quotes for the work would need to be obtained and also, once the vegetation has been removed a decision as whether the existing fence needs to be replaced needs to be made and quotes for this work may also be required. **JB** pointed out the tree problems needed to be sorted out first before any work can be carried out on the wall. **This was agreed by all present.**

6) KIRKFEST 2019

JB reported that no follow up meeting has been organised to date and would contact Jim Parker to arrange a date.

7) PLANNING

a) PLANNING UPDATE

2) **TH** thanked **JB** and the **PC** for their contribution at the Planning Meeting re planning application no.18/1064/COU. **TH** wished it to be put on record that he still remained concerned re the 40mph exit from the site on to a 60mph road and the possible safety issues. **TH** also questioned as to why Highways had changed their minds and approved this exit and application. **AA** had also objected to this application prior to the Planning Meeting which resulted in him being unable to vote against the application. **JSm** questioned the blocked lay-by which is part of the highway and, was this setting a precedent?

b) APPLICATIONS

19/1982/FUL – Stable Cottage, Far End Farm Worsall Road, Kirklevington

Erection of single storey rear extension

19/0345/OUT - Handley Cross, Leven Bank Road – REVISED APPLICATION

Outline application with some matters reserved for the erection of 7 dwellings with associated means of access

c) DELEGATED DECISIONS

18/1064/COU – Agricultural Field to the South of Forest Lane at 'Ned's Bridge'

Change of use of part of an agricultural field to a recreational dog walking field. **APPROVED**

19/1570/REM – Land off Springfield Grove

Reserved matters application for the erection of 3no. dwelling houses including details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. **APPROVED**

8) CORRESPONDENCE

- Wendy Hindmarch, SBC – Remembrance Service, Kirklevington
- Stuart Hibbert, SBC – Quote for removal of vegetation southern edge of Play Area
- NALC – Policy E-Briefing PC11-19 – NAQ Audit Code of Practice Part Two
- John Barnes, Duchy Homes – Update re progress of Highfield Development.
- Cllr Peter J Monck – Yarm Town Council – Invitation Riding of Fair
- G. Waters – Nails on Road – Punctures
- Cliff Burgess, SBC – Inspection Report Damaged Wall, Play Area

9) COMMUNITY GRANTS

The following two applications were both considered and **approved**. **GT, JSm**

1) Kirklevington Primary School – Grant to purchase litter picking equipment for the pupils to use around the school site **£177.82**

2) The Church of St. Martin and St. Hilary – Grant to provide refreshments after the Remembrance Day Service. - **£30.00**

10) FINANCE

a) Payments

Mrs R Mazonas		
Salary October, 2019	£293.24	
Broadband September 2019	£15.99	
123 Reg – Web Site Domain License	£11.99	
KidsHiVis – Litter Picking Equipment	£177.82	£499.04
HMRC – PAYE		£187.20
3 months July/Aug/Sept		
GGN Sportscare Ltd.		£205.20
Grass/Hedge Cutting September, 2019		
The Church of St. Martin & St. Hilary		£30.00
Donation towards cost of refreshments		
Remembrance Sunday		

b) Accounts Update

The **PC** circulated the monthly update to all Parish Councillors for their information. Approved **JB, JSm**

AS left the meeting

11) VILLAGE ISSUES

a) Yarm Cobbles

TH requested that he update meeting re the cobbles in Yarm.

TH reminded the meeting that Yarm High Street is within a conservation area. He had been investigating the condition of the cobbles and had identified that the wrong mortar had been used in the past. The cost of replacing cobbles was in the region of £80 per square meter but hoped that work would be carried out shortly to improve the condition of the existing cobbles. Members of the Parish Council expressed their concern re the uneven surfaces and the difficulties for many residents walking on these cobbles.

b) Railway Station Car Park Extension

Concern was expressed re the slow progress in the construction of the extension to the Railway Station car park on Green Lane. **TH** agreed to look into this issue and chase.

c) Litter Bin

The **PC** reported that **AS** had been able to arrange for a litter/dog waste bin to be placed at the north (Green Lane) of Saltergill Lane.

d) Rural Crime

JS was requested by the **PC** to obtain a poster to be placed on the Parish noticeboard.

e) St. Martins and St. Hilary Church – Removal of Font

JSm expressed concern re the removal of the font and plinth. The **PC** to make enquiries

12) ROAD SAFETY

a) Crossing Green Lane

It had been hoped that the Parish Council would have been given an update re the installation of safe crossings along Green Lane.

d) Christmas Event

The **PC** requested approval for a budget of £250 to organise this event**. APPROVED JB, GT**

11) ROAD SAFETY

a) Crossing Green Lane

The **PC** was requested to write to all Borough Councillors to request an update re the survey that that been agreed to be conducted at Western Area Partnership.

c) Parking Issues

A problem that continues to be of concern to residents. Residents are encouraged to report their concerns to The Police by telephoning 101.

d) Forest Lane SID

The **PC** confirmed that this has still not been replaced but the situation will continue to be monitored and enquiries will be made to **SBC** re its reinstatement.

12) PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

JB reported that Chris Philip had given his notice as Parish Councillor due to family commitments. **JB** to contact to express our thanks for his contribution to the Parish and hope that in future he may be able to rejoin as a Parish Councillor.

Two vacancies now exist in the Parish Council

13) MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MONTHS MEETING

Newsletter

14) MEETING DATES

Tuesday, 12th November, 2019 at 7.30p.m.

Tuesday, 10th December, 2019 at 7.30p.m.

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