

KIRTON & FALKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th January 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Recreation Ground Pavilion

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

PRESENT 11 Parish Councillors, Mr P Negus (PTLO), Mrs S B Harvey (DC), Mr G A Harding (DC), Mr R A Kerry (DC), 2 Parishioners.

1. **Police Report**

None received, but burglary and car theft in Meadowlands. and attempts at primary schools reported. Dates for community/tasking meetings in pavilion in January had been confirmed (c120968).

2. **Parishioners Questions**

Nothing raised

3. **County Councillor's Report**

Mrs O Brien had sent her apologies and had nothing to add to her last report.

4. **District Councillors' Reports**

Mr Harding (DC) reported on the recent Housing Scrutiny meeting and congratulated the Chairman on his input, particularly in respect of the S106 payment arising from The Maltings . Mr Kerry (DC) noted that the District Council was examining support for funding for CAB, whose role would continue to increase in the future. Mrs Harvey (DC) drew attention to the forthcoming Boundary Review, the District Council were to make a visit to the proposed Solar Farm off Croft Lane, and to look at 30mph speed limits; particularly on Trimley /Kirton Roads. She had followed up complaints about noise from bird scarers.

Chairman proposed and Council agreed that outline discussions on the Precept for 2013/14 should be discussed while District Councillors were still present. Following explanations of the Government's transitional grant proposals towards funding cuts (C1209841036), agreed the Council would consider accepting the grant of £928.55. The Chairman closed POF at 8.15pm, opened Parish Council during which the District Councillors left.

PARISH COUNCIL

PRESENT: Messrs I Cade, A P Hutton, D Jacobs (Chair), F Last, M A Paul, G Walker, Ms EY Choi, Mesdames , C M Cooper, J L Matthews, J L Shaw, E A Colville, Mr P Negus (PTLO), Mrs S B Harvey (DC), Mr G A Harding (DC), Mr R A Kerry (DC), and 2 Parishioners.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Mrs P M O'Brien (CC)

ACTION

2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2012 having been previously circulated were taken as read, approved and signed.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

i) Road markings/drainage SCC had responded (c120973); the Rectory/ Church Lane markings will be dealt with in the spring and drains attended to. A pot hole in Park Lane and other drainage flooding hotspots will be brought to their attention.

ii) Grocery van stops Councillor Cooper had still not received any response.

iii) Web site Chairman has this in hand.

iv) Core Strategy Examination (LDF) Councillor Cade gave an update on progress on the Core Strategy examination, covering the next stages of the process (c1209981017). An approach to Probono, for limited legal assistance at a later stage, if needed in relation to any Innocence Farm development, had been successful.(c121018). A further meeting with Mr Ridley may be appropriate as the Inspector had not been responsive to objections to SCDC change of policy on employment land.

v) Deben Estuary Councillor Paul reported that a funding meeting had been held that day and a report on the costs of walls should be out shortly. The Management Plan should be complete in a few weeks which will be circulated to Parishes. He brought Councillors attention to events in Aldeburgh in early February and would circulate details.

MP

vi) Locality budget Mrs O'Brien having submitted the Council's applications for use of the budget (c120997/1021), SCC had agreed to grants of £456 towards tree surveys and £344.40 towards additional tree lights (c121029).

SCC

4. **F & G PURPOSES COMMITTEE REPORT**

i) Precept Dispensation Proposed A Colvill, seconded G Walker and carried that a Dispensation should be sought from the Clerk for Councillors, who are Community Charge payers, to discuss and resolve the Precept for 2013/14. This having been granted, agreed the Council would accept the Government Grant of £928.55, adding this to the recommended Precept from the F&GP Committee for £14,995, producing a Precept demand of £15,900. Clerk to respond to SCDC (c121036/9). Proposed M Paul, seconded J Shaw and carried, with 1 objection, that the grant should be put to reserves.

CLERK

ii) F&GP Report Proposed J Shaw, seconded M Paul and carried that the other recommendations of the committee on grants and Clerk's salary be accepted.

iii) Tree lighting ceremony Agreed this had gone well, considering the poor weather conditions during the day. The various elements lacked a degree of co-ordination, and for a future event someone should be responsible for overall direction. Lighting and sound amplification reliability could be improved, but were better than previous years. £96 was raised in the

collection, which, as agreed, had been divided equally between the Salvation Army and EACH (Ipswich). Insurance cover for the beacon had been confirmed(c120972).

vi Audit effectiveness review

The Clerk, Chair, vice-Chair and Councillor Colvill would arrange to meet and carry out this review before the next meeting .and report..

CL/DJ/IC/AC

5. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

i) Kirton Footbridge Noted that work has yet to be completed.(c120981).

ii) Boundary Commission review

SCDC advice of meeting on 6th February (c121010) for explanation by Commission on the process circulated and noted..

iii) Energy switch SCDC scheme for bulk energy supply (c121022) circulated and noted.

iv) Town/Parish Council meeting Notes of budget control meeting held on 19th February (c121032) was not attended. Circulated and noted.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Planning** (attached)

i) Flagship R Kerry had supplied a copy of the latest Flagship report (c120987)

ii) Sizewell C Environment Agency had forwarded its Generic Design Assessment and notice of future communication procedures (c121005); noted and passed to Councillor Cade. SALC report for area meeting (c120989) circulated.; Agreed no action for the time being.

b) **Finance** (attached)

i) Bank account Barclays had advised of availability of credit cards and information on overdrafts. (c12096/1034); no action. Statements for October to December received (c120992).

ii) Funding Funding opportunities for village facilities forwarded by SAcre (c120967) noted.

iii) Invoices Proposed J Shaw, seconded C Cooper and carried and approved

a) A/C for photocopying per Kirton PCC for £4.96 be increased to £50 in acknowledgment of publicity assistance during the year

b) A/C for VG grass cutting per SCDC for £495

c) A/C for hire of cherry picker for tree lights per Wildwood for £48

c) **Environment & Transport** (transport attached)

i) Untidy gardens Noted from report from S Harvey (DC) (c12097) that problem with plot in Meadowlands best dealt with locally to begin with. **CLERK/DJ**

ii) Tree Warden Chairman had a name for a volunteer ad would report at next meeting. **DJ**

iii) Tree safety Need for safety check of trees on Recreation Ground and Village Green agreed. Proposed J Shaw, seconded A Colvill and carried that Masters of Wildwood should be approached for a quotation. **DJ**

iv) Quiet Lanes Initiative through SALC/AONB (c121004) noted; agreed not appropriate to the parish.

vi) Footpath/bridleway signs Missing b/w sign at Swiss Farm and damaged f/p sign at Brook reported. **CLERK**

d) **Recreation Ground** (attached)

i) Dog fouling No significant improvement reported.

ii) Charity Commission Confirmed that annual return had been received (c121003).

7. **SALC REPORT**

i) Circulations Various courses noted, appeal from EA ambulance referred to F7GP next autumn, Local Councillor circulated (c121004), Coasts and Heaths newsletter circulated (c120966)...

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Other correspondence as listed on agenda noted.

9. **MATTERS FOR INCLUSION IN FUTURE AGENDA**

Deben Estuary/Speaker for Annual meeting, Sizewell C, Off shore wind farm, Tree survey/Warden,. Reserves.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 4th February 2013 in Recreation Ground pavilion at 7.30 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10 pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Prior to the Parish Council meeting, at 7.20 pm, the Planning Committee met to consider the application

**C12/2335 58 MEADOWLANDS, KIRTON
Proposed 1st floor extension**

In attendance F Last, M Paul, J Shaw, D Jacobs, A Hutton, I Cade (chair). No objection, unanimous. No other comments.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING

C11/2802	The Cockles, Back Road, Kirton Construct new access to B & M concrete, close existing access, change of use of agricultural bldgs to B1 use, Remove Agric from “Cockles” and replace S106 on B& M dwelling.	Support with comment on access	Pending on S106
C12/2058	Goseford Hall, Falkenham Alterations to entrance hall, staircase and upper floor landings, relocation of existing 1 st floor windows and new doors onto rear terrace, etc, etc	Support	Granted
C12/2059	Land @ Walk Farm, Croft Lane, Stratton Hall Application for development of solar panels and ancillary works; inverter h’sse, access tracks, security fences.	Support Monitor screening	
C12/2253	Equitation Centre, Swiss Farm, Falkenham Installation of 2 micro wind turbines (14.97m to hub, 5.6m dia. blades)	Object	
C12/2334	Ramsholt View, Falkenham Road, Falkenham Erection of carport and garage/games room	Support	Granted
C12/2335	58 Meadowlands, Kirton Single storey sun lounge extension	Support	Granted
C12/2371	123 Bucklesham Road, Kirton Erection of Ss front & rear extensions, carport	Support	Granted
C12/2437	5 The Maltings Alterations to facilitate garage conversion (bedroom, en-suite, study)	Support Q. parking?	Granted
C12/22507	58 Meadowlands, Kirton Proposed 1 st floor extension	Support	

New applications

C12/2519	13 Burnt House Lane, Kirton Erection of rear extension.
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FINANCE

Cheques written since last meeting:- Norse £495 (VG grass cut), K& F VH/Disability Adv Serv/Homestart/CAB (£100 grant to each), C A Shaw £208.80 (Clerk salary), HMRC £52.20 (paye), C A Shaw ££97.63 (clerk exp)

	Budget	
	£	£
Clerk's salary (incl £55 Tel rental)	3188	2610
Administration, post, tel audit stationary etc	800	657
Councillor's Expenses: Travelling, Courses	750	400
Insurances	2000	630
Subscriptions SALC etc	600	457
Grants	1000	450
Contingencies	700	540
Electricity - Christmas Tree	27	0
Publicity	500	110
Environmental Services	1730	562
Reserves	nil	0

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Less VAT Refund	100	206
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GENERAL ACCOUNT PRECEPT	10495	0
RG GRANT	4500	4500
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TOTAL PRECEPT	14995	10710

Current account £18,333

Deposit account £14,848

ENVIRONMENT & TRANSPORT

Proposed changes to Bus services.

Although no contracts have been signed, the changes to services **from Tuesday 2nd April** appear to be as follows:

Service 179: Woodbridge-Kirton-Ipswich. I have pointed out that the 1520 school day departure from Ipswich takes over an hour to reach Kirton as opposed to the normal 36 minutes This is because it diverts through Kesgrave and Woodbridge to pick up schoolchildren. The problem appears to have been solved by cancelling the call to Kirton.

Service 178: Woodbridge-Kirton-Felixstowe. There will be no reduction in services, because the buses are used by schoolchildren then additional funding for the service is available. However this means the following major change:

ON SCHOOLDAYS: We will have a 39 seater coach (with seatbelts!). However no buses will travel round the Falkenham Rd./Back Rd. loop. This is because of safety concerns about taking a large coach round the Back Rd./Falkenham Rd. Junction. The buses will travel along Trimley Rd and Bucklesham Rd. via the Green.

ON NON-SCHOOLDAYS and SATURDAYS: We will get a 28 seater coach, and which will travel round the loop as at present.

On the plus side, buses will call at the new Grove Medical Centre when it opens later this year.

I would repeat that all the above is **provisional** at the moment. Please let me have your comments and I will pass them on to Suffolk County Council.

Paul Negus