

KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE CANTEEN ,FORTERRA BRICKWORKS, KIRTON ON MONDAY 10TH FEBUARY 2025

PRESENT.... D SURGEY (CHAIR) H ATHERTON, N BATTY, R BATTY, R FEGAN, C BOWN

ACTING CLERK.... N BATTY

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE.... NONE

NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION/DECISION	ACTION POINTS.
1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Apologies were received from Cllr Wildgust	
2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	None	
3	TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10 th Dec 2025 were agreed by all and signed off by the Chair.	PDF of minutes sent to Cllr Surgey for inclusion on the website 11th Feb 25
4	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	No members of the public attended	
5	HR COMMITTEE FEEDBACK	Cllr Fegan ran through matters they are dealing with (see attached minutes) A terms of reference (TOR) document has been produced and all councillors voted to adopt this.	
6	PINFOLD	A grant has been applied for to assist in the on going improvements in the pinfold. Ground preparation and fencing will be erected when the weather is more suitable, equipment is available and Councillor's have the spare time. The PC hopes that by the end of this year we will have completed this.	Work to commence as stated
7	PLAYING FIELD	The playing field is currently very wet. It was cut on 25 th Jan along with strimming, weeding, leaf / branch removal, bark fluffed, bins emptied. Safety checks were completed all equipment in good	RB Bin attachment

		order. String was removed that someone had hung from the tree as a hazard and a pair of scissors were removed from the grass. Bin still needs attaching to a pole. Our Resident mole has returned. After receiving no response from Flexspace last year to clear the brambles work on this has commenced as is a health and safety issue for the users. Flexspace were contacted again to meet up and discuss moving forward, an offer to dredge the dyke and do the work required was suggested, but again they were uncooperative and would not meet. Dyke clearance is Flexspace responsibility and should be done yearly, if this was completed we would not suffer with the encroachment of brambles from the other side of the dyke. There is a small section left to clear, the dyke at the pipe has been cleared as was blocked and there remains a fair bit of soil sitting in this. Planning application to remove the overhanging branches is in progress. Once this is complete the boarder will be clear for a while. Trees at the banking to playing field. Work has started to reduce these. The Ash trees have less life left than suggested as most are near enough all dead. Ash dieback has overtaken them so we anticipate losing these in the next few years. They have done well as have survived for the last 55 years. The silver birches are in reasonable condition, hopefully reducing the weight and height they were supporting will give these the anticipated 10 years left. The trees on the playing field will be addressed when the ground is dry enough, which may be some time. Thanks to Mr D Watson for offering his assistance with these ones, any help with any village maintenance is greatly appreciated!	
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		The PC wishes to thank Mr P Hoggard for the loan of the loader, tractor and trailer to enable us facilitate this work. This is appreciated greatly as is loaned to us for no cost. Councillors wished to say thank you to R & N Batty for carrying out this difficult job thus saving the PC and the village a significant amount from our small precept. New trees to be sourced and planted where others have died.	
8	TPO MEDEN ROAD BOUGHTON IND ESTATE	Councillors agreed we should invite a representative from NSDC to attend our next meeting to explain the poor outcome and reasons given on this, which is unacceptable .	Cllr Wildgust to respond to NSDC
9	VIA PROGRESS	Following the meeting in Sept 24 we are still left with outstanding works to be completed. Road markings /cats eyes church corner and brickyard corner Replacement sign at Egmonton Junction Rebuild of collapsed drains at Egmonton junction Gully and drain clearance Grass cutting schedule Tree branch removal at bus stop for street lighting New public footpath sign at Hall Farm Riparian ditch clearance Over growing hedge at footpath side of ind estate Secure church banking at road side Cllr Atherton chasing all the above jobs	On 2025/6 financial year Awaiting feedback How long is a piece of string No information on this Meeting tba but he is a busy man No information on this Should be replaced by the end on this financial year Via chasing this No information on this Probably wont happen until it is in the road
10	DITCH CLEARING	To help alleviate the flooding at Egmonton junction/ Main street we have Adam Fox coming to re dig out the ditches to help hold back more water. This work is recoverable under the lenghmans scheme	Work will commence shortly
11	HUGO FOX . GOV WEBSITE	There was some confusion on who was looking into the costings of this, so has been moved to next meeting	Cllr Surgey to enquire about this

12	BANKING CHANGE	Our current bank has been a bit challenging of late. Cllr Fegan to look into moving banks and if we decide to change Cllr Fegan will deal with this	Cllr Fegan to report back at next meeting
13	LENGTHMANS	We are pleased to hear that VIA are continuing with the lengthmans scheme again this year Last years receipts have been submitted 28 th Jan 25	Awaiting payment
14	ACCOUNTS	N Batty ink/paper subscription Dec City Signs sign for baby swing (missed in sept) Key Builders grit bin re fill Microsoft subscription NALC Membership Hugo Fox Website Adam Fox (recovered through lengthmans) Postage Files Stamps Tree Tags CLA Fabrication security key HM. GOV Postage N Batty ink/paper subscription £5.49 £27.98 £78.50 £84.99 £113.48 £11.99 £480.00 £7.59 £5.97 £13.20 £11.09 £21.00 £30.00 £6.39 £5.49	
15	CORRESPONDANCE RECEIVED AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA	1. Planning Application for Greensleeves Approved with no comments 2. Funeral of Tony O’Keeffe Friday 14th Feb. The PC sends their condolences to the family of Tony. Tony was a member of the parish council for many years and also served as Chaiman. Tony was passionate about the village and the residents in it. We have him to thank for our village Defibrillator. He was the driving force behind this. Tony will be missed by all that knew him, a sad loss to Kirton.	

16	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	The next Parish Council meeting will be held at the Canteen, Forterra Brickworks, Kirton on Monday 24 th March 2025	
17	MEETING CLOSED	The meeting closed at 20.35 hours	

Minutes prepared by Nicola Batty, Covering Clerk Kirton Parish Council 11th Feb 2025.