

**Minutes of the Meeting of Kirby Cane & Ellingham Parish Council on Monday, 9th
December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Kirby Cane**

Present:

John Cook Richard Canham James Lally Lesley Lodge
Julie Pickering Michael Skipper Iain Wright

Also the clerk to the council, Jane Love, and five members of the public.

1. To receive apologies for absence:

There were none.

2. To receive declarations of interest from members on items on the agenda, and any requests for a dispensation on those interests:

John Cook and Michael Skipper were trustees of the Kirby Cane Memorial Hall, Iain Wright was a trustee of Kirby Cane Charity, Richard Canham was a trustee of the Ellingham United Charities, and John Cook had a non-pecuniary interest in the Ellingham United Charities.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 18th November 2019:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 18th November were agreed to be correct and were signed by the chairman.

4. To report matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 18th November 2019:

The clerk had reported various highways issues, including the overgrown hedge near Gillingham and near the Wardley Hill Road junction with the A143.

The clerk had also spoken to the pest control contractor, who would be attending the playing field to deal with the mole hills and rabbit problem. Councillors expressed their concern about the condition of the field, and queried whether it might be necessary to change contractor.

5. Opportunity for public participation:

A representative from the Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group gave a presentation about the new arrangements for permissive access to the Kirby Cane Estate, which would come into effect on 1st September 2020 and be an overall annual cost of £225.

6. To consider new arrangements for permissive access to the Kirby Cane Estate:

Councillors voted unanimously to accept responsibility for the cost of the new permissive access arrangements as they provided a valuable amenity to the village.

7. Correspondence:

a) councillors discussed residents' concerns about the 50-mile-an-hour speed limit on the A143 through the village. The chairman explained that the parish council had enquired before about the possibility of reducing the speed limit, without success, but councillors asked the clerk to contact Norfolk County Council Highways again and ask the highways engineer to visit the village, and also to enquire whether there might be any alternative measures, such as road markings etc that might be of help.

b) coincidentally a 40-mile-an-hour speed restriction was in effect on the A143 due to electrical work and would be in place from 9th to 13th December – residents commented that the improvement for them was already noticeable after only one day.

c) Norfolk County Council had published its environment policy, which the clerk had placed on the website.

d) a faulty footway light had been reported again in Lockhart Road, and the clerk had asked the contractor to visit.

8. To consider the appointment of trustees to the Ellingham United Charities:

A decision on this issue was deferred to another meeting.

9. **To consider applications for Parish Council funding for 2020/21:**
Councillors considered various applications and decided that the following grants should be made to village organisations: Newgate Allotment Society, £200; Ellingham Church, £500; Kirby Cane Church, £500 (both of these for churchyard maintenance); Kirby Cane Memorial Hall, £750; and a new grant towards the production of the Tidings magazine of £120. The previous grant of £300 for the Ellingham Football Club was again placed in reserve.

10. **To discuss in detail the Parish Council's budget for 2020/21:**
Councillors discussed the budget in detail and made various changes and recommendations and asked the clerk to finalise the figures ready for the next meeting, when a decision would be made on the precept for 2020/21.

11. **To consider the purchase of a grit bin for Mill Lane/Florence Way:**
The council had had a request to reinstate the damaged grit bin that had been removed from the junction of Mill Lane/Florence Way, however the clerk had been told by NCC that they would not supply the grit for the bin as it was primarily used in Florence Way, which was unadopted. They recommended that the residents should apply to South Norfolk Council or to Saffron for the provision of a grit bin and councillors asked the clerk to relay this to the residents.

12. **To consider planning matters:**
2019/2391, 4 Chapel Meadow Kirby Cane NR35 2PR: erection of single storey side extensions – Cllr Skipper had visited the site and the planning committee was of the opinion that it would not be seen and could not see a problem with the application;
2019/2450, 61 Yarmouth Road Ellingham NR35 2PH: Erection of garage, following a visit it was felt that there was no impact on neighbours and the application should be supported;
Wardley Hill campsite: the application for a manager's dwelling and site office and an extension to the campsite would be submitted to the planning committee and councillors agreed that an email of support should be sent to SNC as the site was an asset to the village;
The clerk was asked to get further information from the Broads Authority about a proposed tree felling near Ellingham Mill.

13. **To receive items for information:**
The clerk reported on her attendance at a recent county clerks' conference. Councillors reported that the freehold of the village shop was for sale, and asked the clerk to find out more about the detail of its listing as an Asset of Community Value.

14. **To receive items for the next agenda:**
Budget/precept consideration, appointment of internal auditor.

15. **Date of next meeting – Monday, 13th January 2020, 7.30pm**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 22.01.

Signed.....
Chairman

Dated.....