

Kirton & Falkenham Parish Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

I **HEREBY GIVE NOTICE** that a meeting of the **Parish Council** of the above Parish will be held at:
THE RECREATION GROUND PAVILION
on **Monday the 6th January 2025 at 7.30 pm**

To: **All Councillors**








Signed *G J Walker*. Clerk

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2024
- 3 Declaration of interests *Councillors are reminded that they should consider declaring any interest, pecuniary or otherwise, relating to any agenda item that could be seen as affecting their impartiality.*
- 4 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM**
 - 1 Parishioners questions
 - 2 County/District Councillor Reports
 - 3 PTLO report (inc request to support new bus service)
- 5 Matters arising (All other outstanding actions have been completed)
 - i) Local History recorder (Kirton)
 - ii) EA3
 - iii) RG substation proposal
 - iv) Joint Parish Group
 - v) Felixstowe Peninsular Partnership
 - vi) Park Lane flooding **AP7/05.24/PM**
 - vii) VE 80th celebrations (beacon lighting 8/5/25) **AP2/10.24** (Tree safety)
 - viii) RG Car park **AP2/12.24 /DJ**
 - ix) Play area inspection
 - x) Phone box removal
 - xi) Village Green Parking
 - xii) Raynet emergency practice
 - xiii) Flooding Falkenham Rd drain connection **AP1/12.24/CLERK**
- 6 Finance
 - i) Financial and monitoring reports (on website)
 - ii) Invoices authorised: G Walker salary - £479.59; HMRC - £480.60; Clerk expenses (Broadband etc) - £35.90 (SO). 2024/2025 S137 Grants distribution: 10x£175 Cheques issued (see previous minutes for details)
 - iii) Payments due for authorisation: G Walker salary (circa £480); Grass Cutting (x6) - £403.20; Clerk expenses – £68.51 (£8.50 stamps & £60.01 Xmas tree lighting event); Salvation Army - TBA (Collection receipts £105)
- 7 Planning
 - i) Planning constitution changes
- 8 Environmental
- 9 Recreation Ground
- 10 SALC Report
- 11 Other Correspondence/items for discussion
 - i) Clearance of land at Bucklesham Rd
 - ii) Police & Crime survey
- 12 Matters for inclusion in future Agenda
- 13 Date of next meeting:- Monday 3rd February 2025 at 7.30 pm

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Circulated Correspondence

Item 5 vi)	Park Lane flooding - report reference 496389 - Oops!		10:58 AM
Item 11 i)	Inbox Land to the rear of 31-37 Bucklesham Road, Kirton - Hello G...		12/31/24
Item 11 ii)	PCC consults on new Police and Crime Plan - FYI Begin forwarded ...		12/31/24
General	Fwd: Exciting news about suffolk cloud - FYI Begin forwarded mess...		12/23/24
Item 7 i)	Important - Planning constitution changes affecting how you respo...		12/19/24
Item 5 xiii)	Falkenham Rd flooding - FYI Begin forwarded message:		12/19/24
Item 5 x)	Information regarding your case (CU671625903) - FYI - confirming...		12/19/24
Item 5 vi)	SCC Highways Ref 496389- Park Lane, Kirton - FYI - not sure this ...		12/18/24
Item 5 x)	Clerk Our response to your case (CU663197854) - FYI Begin forw...		12/18/24
General	Port of Felixstowe Local Authority Meeting - FYI Begin forwarded m...		12/17/24
Planning	DC/24/4284/CON_DC/24/4285/CON_DC/24/4286/CON_DC/24/4283...		12/16/24
General	FW: BSIP funding decision - FYI Begin forwarded message:		12/15/24
Planning	Planning consultation - DC/24/4139/FUL - Or me		12/14/24
Planning	Falkenham phone box - Thanks Jack, I've now added this		12/13/24
Item 6 iii)	Financial East Suffolk Services - Sales Invoice 122766 - Interesting...		12/12/24
General	9 arrests made & over 100 vehicles stopped during multi-agency d...		12/10/24
General	Garage burglary in Newbourne - I've already put this on the main vi...		12/10/24
General	Suffolk Police - Now we have even more time for you - We could al...		12/10/24
General	Have your say on the direction of policing in Suffolk - FYI Begin for...		12/10/24
General	Consultation on the Renewal and Consolidation of Dog Related Pub...		12/9/24
Financial	Return Receipt (displayed) -Kirton Community Facility Contribution -		12/5/24
Item 5 x)	FW: Kirton, Suffolk - BT Payphone removal - FYI Begin forwarded ...		12/5/24

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Recreation Ground Pavilion on Monday 9th December 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs M Paul (Chair), J Fothergill, J Shaw, D Jacobs , D Ward, J Sheeran, P Lickert; L Bullard; G Walker (Clerk); T Hatrick (PTO); County Cllr P Mulcahy; District Cllr M Ninnmey; One member of the public

Item No.	Comments	Action
1.	<p>Apologies Cllrs, J Cade, A Colvill, J Durrant; District Cllr L Reeves</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of last meeting The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th November 2024 having been previously circulated were taken as read, approved and signed.</p>	
3.	<p>Declaration of interests No new declarations of interest were recorded.</p>	
4.	<p>Public Open Forum <i>Police report:</i> None received. Police Connect briefings are distributed to Councillors.</p> <p><i>Parishioners questions:</i> During the Public Open Forum, there was discussion around recent road closures, including the fact that not all are communicated out from the One.Network system. One such instance was the lengthy traffic light control system recently in place due to an electrical fault within The Maltings housing area. The issue of the phone box removal was discussed once again. The Clerk reported that ESC had written expressing sympathy but with no intention of actively progressing its reinstatement. The Council agreed to respond detailing errors in their assessment of our complaint, and requesting early resolution, otherwise escalation to the Ombudsman may follow. There were currently 49 signatories to the petition for its return. In the event it does return, ideas for its use include a book swap and a volunteering hub.</p> <p><i>County Councillor's report:</i> Cllr Mulcahy, reporting on flooding, said that issue on Falkenham Rd by Paddock Close was caused by the diameter of pipe connection. It would seem that the builders connected it to the wrong pipe during construction so there is insufficient capacity to handle the flow of rain water. The Council agreed to write formally to SCC requesting they resolve the issue (with ESC and Taylor Wimpey). Concerning Weir Place/Park Lane, after 6 months of ineffective action, the Council was informed that SCC had been unable to open photos detailing the location of the flooding (but hadn't requested they be resubmitted!). SCC are currently awaiting the Government white paper re the forming of Unitary Councils (consolidation of District, County councils across Norfolk and Suffolk).</p> <p><i>District Councillor's report:</i> Cllr M Ninnmey reported that the proposed change to Unitary Councils would significantly reduce representation, with single councillors likely to be representing around 6,000 people. Regarding the Government house building targets, this</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">AP1/12.24 /CLERK</p> <p style="text-align: right;">AP7/05.24 /PM</p>

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	<p>could lead to up to 70% increase in what is currently in the Local Plan. Such an increase would be challenging given the lack of suitable land supply, and the fact that Sizewell C is taking up local building labour resources. Reporting on the North Felixstowe Garden Neighbourhood, the current intention is to close both the Leisure Centre and Brackenbury, with a “Leisure Hub” to be built near the new roundabout on Candlett Road (budget of £35m), although agreement from landowners is outstanding. Under this plan the Leisure Centre will get a “face lift” and will remain open until the replacement is in place.</p> <p>Mr Hatrick (PTLO) advised that a refurbishment of Trimley station platform is complete.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Matters arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Local History recorder (Kirton): ii) EA3 No update iii) RG substation proposal: The heads of agreement has been signed and Fairstep solicitors engaged to represent the PCs legal interests. iv) Joint Parish Group, LALC: Reporting back from the Port of Felixstowe Liaison Committee (LALC) there remains a shortfall of land near the port for logistics activity. Also there is consideration being given to establishing a “Green Travel Corridor” along the A14 for charging electrical vehicles. v) Felixstowe Peninsular Partnership: No update vi) Park Lane flooding: See County Councillor’s report above vii) VE 80th celebrations (beacon lighting 8/5/25): Outstanding action: Cllr Jacobs agreed to confer with Dave Tonge and Paul Dunkerley with respect to the timing relative to impact on the VG trees. The Council should also consider options for VJ day. viii) RG dead tree removal/replacement: Completed ix) RG Car park: Still in Planning approval. Cllr Jacobs to offer support to John Beer x) Play area inspection: In hand xi) Phone box removal: It was agreed to respond to Head of Planning, ESC, detailing errors in their response to the PC’s complaint and seeking early resolution. If an unsatisfactory response is received, the matter will be referred top the Ombudsman. xii) Village Green parking: The subject of how to better manage car parking on the green remains under consideration 	<p>AP2/10.24 /DJ</p> <p>AP2/12.24 /DJ</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Financial and monitoring reports (on website) ii) Invoices authorised: G Walker salary - £759.83, Clerk expenses (Broadband etc) - £287.16 YTD + £35.90 pm Dec; Clerk expenses (stationary) - £36.60; D Cope (grit bin install) - £64; K&F Review - £900; Village web - £139.75 (5 yrs); Transfer to Unity deposit - £20,000 iii) Payments due for authorisation: G Walker salary iv) 2024/2025 S137 Grants distribution: Cheques signed 	

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7.	Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Planning consultation - DC/24/4283/CON8 (Falkenham Phone box). The PC voted by majority to object to the removal of the phone service for Falkenham phone kiosk (the kiosk itself is Grade 2 listed). ii) Public Access Notification - DC/24/2810/VOC (Brightwell Lakes). It was agreed to object to changes to the Brightwell Lakes housing designations (insufficient rentable housing) and tree removal 	
8.	Environment	Nothing to report	
9.	Recreation Ground	Nothing to report	
10.	SALC Report	Nothing to report	
11.	Other Correspondence to note.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Parish Kirton Community Facility Contribution (S106 funding). Clarity had been sought regarding the funding set aside from the Taylor Wimpey development at Paddock Close, this has been confirmed as just over £10k, alternative worthy projects had been suggested by the Council however it is reserved specifically for provision of a Community Shop (for which there currently is no identified facility or location for its provision). 	
12.	Matters for inclusion in future agenda	<p>Local History recorder; EA3; RG substation proposal; Joint Parish Group; Felixstowe Peninsular Partnership; Park Lane flooding; VE 80th anniversary; RG carpark; Play area inspection; Phone box removal; Raynet emergency practice.</p> <p>It was agreed to remove Police Report from future agendas as this is now covered by distributed Police Connect briefings.</p>	
13.	Date of next meeting:	6 th January 2025, 7.30pm.	
		<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.11pm.</p> <p>Signed.....</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Date.....</p>	