



KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 7th JULY 2026

Present: Cllr M Sohail, Chair, Cllr A Bowen, Vice Chair, Cllr F. Baillie, Cllr P England, Cllr Hartfil-Allgood, Cllr P Head, Cllr D Jarvis, Cllr L O'Connor, & Cllr K Shipp.

Also Present: Clerk D. Fairweather.
County Cllrs P. Lock, B. Daish, Two Highways Officers and 28 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM/Q & A OF HIGHWAYS OFFICERS REGARDING PARKING IN KIRTON

Members of the public given the opportunity to bring concerns to the Highways Officers.

Subjects covered:

Escalating road safety issues including King Street and nearby junctions. Repeated hazardous situations with almost zero visibility due to parking on double yellow lines, single yellow lines and close to junctions. Double parking at the junction of King Street/London Road, emergency vehicles not able to pass. Accidents reported.

School time congestion with buses not being able to pass and reversing in King Street. Parking generally grid locked. Suggestions of one way to school via Edinburgh Drive and one way away via Princess Road. Speeding through the village in numerous areas.

Illegal/dangerous parking. High Street kebab shop, parking on double yellow lines and zebra crossing zig zags.

HGV vehicles cutting through even though weight restriction signs in place.

No respect for speed signs in Willington and Station Road, with traffic using 'as a speed track' Parking again in Willington Road hazardous causing poor visibility.

Members of Kirton Road Safety put arguments of the weakness of the recent Archer survey; cameras placed in area close to junction where vehicles would naturally be closing and counts done at wrong time of day. Highways officer felt there was no substance in their survey as LCC had already dealt with some of the issues.

Highways Officer confirmed that some of these problems, i.e. illegal parking, is for the Police to enforce, advising residents to report them, but residents are saying, Police have been advised but do nothing and often do not issue an incident number.

It was felt that reports to Highways of these issues were ignored. Officers had taken on board comments and would work with fellow officers at LCC. Maybe a separate meeting could be arranged in the future. Whilst the Officers listened to the public it was felt that no answers had been received and no progress made for a solution. Highways had; however, intimidated "an assessment will be done"

Planning

B/26/0249 – Outline planning Land at Manor Road. Residents attended to give a statement on why the development should not be approved and advised Highways of some of their reason.



Woodside Road is a single-track road with three industrial units already using HGVs. There are no footpaths at present and no room to incorporate any. There is insufficient room for the passing of vehicles. A statement was read out with numerous valid points and the Council agreed they would support their objections to the development. Clerk to ascertain if the land is in the Local Plan. Highways advised that whilst they comment on planning applications it is the planning authority that make the final decision.

78-26 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND REASONS GIVEN were received and accepted from Cllrs J Barton, M Elston & R. Pryke. Borough Cllrs D. Middleton & C. Rylott

79-26 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT RELATING TO BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA
None

80-26 TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2ND JUNE 2026.
Proposed Cllr Bowen seconded Cllr Hartfil-Allgood these be accepted as a true copy. Unanimous.

81-26 TO RECEIVE CLERK'S UPDATES FROM THE MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING UPDATES

Station Road Zebra Crossing – survey was to be carried out on 7th July regarding footfall and traffic. Has been cancelled due to weight restrictions now on the road. It will not give a true account of traffic. Will therefore have to wait until September when the children are back at school.

Town Hall

Broken drain – have asked contractor to replace broken drain. Reports of survey to be sent.

Diverted guttering at front over storeroom window – there is a low point in the joint and I have asked Mark to rectify it before paying his invoice.

Diverting front right hand side downpipe. Have requested quotation to bring out step at same height to cover pipework. If it is covered as a slope will not be easy to make good at edges.

Downpipe at rear of clerk's office – To do investigative works to existing drains and soakaways and divert this to nearest one.

Clerk had suggested floor could be replaced in storeroom, but it was preferred to have underfloor work completed first.

Drain cover at rear of TH (as per TH maintenance survey) Darren is to replace.

Cllrs Head and England inspected below the floor again following the dry summer. Beams that were saturated have dried out significantly but there is damage to the floor joists near the internal door into the porch. Appears the extension was not keyed into the existing building, which could be the reason of the damp getting through. Flashing on roof short of drains.

Town Hall Play area

Two extra bins to be in situ before children break from school for summer.

More 'no litter' signs to put up and we have been given posters from BBC regarding penalties of dropping litter in public places.

Broken Fence Lighton Avenue

Resident has requested our insurance details and they have been sent.

DSS- Inspection now arranged.



TO RECEIVE EVENTS UPDATES

Bingo going very well. Number monitor purchased to assist players.

Scarecrow competition. Cllr England suggested we bring it to the Town Hall and have another family day. Event group to take away and discuss.

Summer holiday club. All good to go. We are to have the use of the toilets at no cost. A deposit to be paid in case any damage and toilets to be cleaned after each event. Company bringing the bouncy castles run the event, have their own liability insurance and advertise. They will be willing to donate to PC if it is successful. PC to make donation to THMC for use of electricity.

82-26 FINANCE

a) To Approve Payment of Accounts as per schedule. Proposed Cllr Bowen, seconded Cllr Head.

b) To Discuss Anti-Graffiti Paint for play area. Clerk had investigated and this is a clear paint, so equipment would have to be cleaned first. At a cost of over £300 per 5ltr tin it was agreed that a group of Councillors clean and repaint with stain donated by Cllr Jarvis.

c) To Discuss Ramp Option for Town Hall -Fire Risk assessment report stated not mandatory. Cannot legally be fitted due to width and length of gradient. Would also cause problems with the iron security gate. Contractor advised although would not meet legal requirements could be done at a cost around £2500 at least. Portable ramp, an alternative and can be kept in storeroom. Would cost in region of £450. Two would be required per door as there are two steps.

83-26 PLANNING – To Discuss Applications Received Since Last Meeting

B/26/0249 as discussed previously.

84-26 TO RECEIVE MEMBERS REPORTS

MS – conversations regularly regarding PC and THMC responsibilities with the building. Would it be valuable to have a joint meeting, with what ever members of both committees would like to attend to discuss some of the grey areas on the running of the Town Hall. Clerk to put to THMC and ascertain a date. Thoughts of what is to be discussed.

AB – In 2024 LCC made it compulsory for 20 mph outside of schools. Kirton PC therefore must pursue to make area around 20 mph as with other schools in Lincolnshire.

FB -Announced she would be leaving the Parish Council due to her leaving the area following her recent marriage. The Chair wished her well and thanked her for her input over the years.

PE – Concerned that, as owners of the building, we are asked for a deposit before hiring the hall for the summer holiday club. Advised this is the same for all groups.

PH – Skeldyke sign still no action.

DJ – Wash Road, problems with contractors parking again. Report to BBC planning.

THA – Various problems around village that have been reported.

85-26 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING **CORRESPONDENCE**

Complaint from resident in Marketstead over neighbour's hedge. Advised reporting to Fix My Street as this is not something the PC can assist with.

Kirton Bowls Club requesting donation towards a new roof. Clerk to advise that the PC were not at this moment in time able to assist with their project and give details of grants available.

Date of next meeting 4th August 2026