

Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council

Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 21 August 2023 at 7.00 PM
Location: St Denys' Church, Kirkby La Thorpe

MINUTES

- (i) Public Comment.
- Comments were made regarding the road safety and traffic issues on Church Lane. These included the policing of any restrictions. The Parking Manager at the County Council would need to be informed of infringements.
 - The Clerk will be seeking a meeting with the Traffic Regulation Office, the school and the parish council.
 - It was suggested that the parish council might want to refresh their position on the shared Speed Indicator Device shared with Leasingham.
 - Rabbits appear to be causing damage to the grounds in the play park on Mount Lane (possibly domestic). The Clerk will prepare signage to assist with sorting out the problem.
 - Trees have been cut down to the South of Boston Road thus removing a wind-break for HGV - the trees appear to be on private land.
- (ii) Report from District Councillor Mervyn Head.
- The District Council has responded to initial enquiries on the National Infrastructure Projects (in the scoping reports) but formal comment will not occur until the formal applications arrive.
 - Proposals total around 42,000 acres.
 - There should be money in the projects for local community investment.
- (iii) Report from County Councillor Andrew Key.
- Drainage on Mount Lane is due for jetting out with a new drainage scheme which has passed feasibility and is looking for funding to implement in 2025/26.
 - The road bridge embankment now has a geotechnical engineer inspecting the cracks on a quarterly basis and there does not appear to be significant recent movement but there may be over a longer period (many years).

Present: Cllrs Phil White (Chairman), Wendy McConnell, Angela Bailey, Helen Collin; County Cllr Andrew Key; District Councillor Head; Dermot Daly (Clerk); 3 members of the public.

Welcome.

- The formal meeting was opened at 20:17.

POLICY & PROCESS

- 099/23 To receive and agree apologies for absence.
- Not attending was Cllr Richard Bridgen.
 - It was RESOLVED to accept apologies from Cllr Andy Parker.
- 100/23 To receive disclosures of disclosable interests and applications for dispensation from Councillors on matters considered at this meeting.
- None.
- 101/23 To determine which items on the agenda, if any, require the exclusion of public and press.
- None.

MEETINGS

- 102/23 To receive the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 31st July 2023 for approval.
- It was proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED unanimously to agree the Minutes as circulated.

PLANNING

- 103/23 To discuss any planning applications received since the agenda was issued. (for information only)
- The proposals for changes to the Market Place in Sleaford with the loss of up to 55 parking places was discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council will not be providing a formal response but that individuals can respond privately.

GENERAL

- 104/23** To discuss any further actions relating to the road safety issues on Church Lane, Kirkby La Thorpe.
- It was proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED unanimously that the Clerk is to write back for meeting dates initially involving the Parish Council and the School.
- 105/23** To discuss any further actions relating to the local National Infrastructure projects.
- The Clerk appraised the Council of the Mailchimp service, providing free email circulation facilities up to a prescribed limit free of charge. It was proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED unanimously that the Clerk was to pursue this service and to load up the circulation list provided at the public meeting.
- 106/23** To discuss and agree actions relating to local public footpaths.
- There were no actions for this item.

FINANCE

- 107/23** To present the period accounts and sign the bank reconciliation.
- It was proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED unanimously to agree the Budget Monitoring Statement as circulated and to approve the bank reconciliation.
- 108/23** To present and approve the accounts for payment.
- It was proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED unanimously to agree the Accounts For Payment as circulated.

NEXT MEETING

- 109/23** To note further agenda items and arrangements for the next meeting (30th October 2023).
- It was proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED unanimously to agree that Nicky Clitheroe is co-opted as a Parish Councillor (this will be re-affirmed at the next meeting).
- Rabbits damage on the play park on Mount Lane.
- Purchase of a Christmas Tree up to the value of £500.
Meeting Close
- The meeting was closed at 20:54.
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