

Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council

Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 6 November 2023 at 7.00 PM
Location: St Denys' Church, Kirkby La Thorpe

MINUTES

- (i) Public Comment.
- There were no members of the public present.
- (ii) Report from District Councillor Mervyn Head.
- The Sleaford Recycling Energy Plant grant applications are to be opened to Parish Councils for capital projects. It is expected that it will be run in a similar manner to the non-capital projects.
- The District Council had a couple of sessions with local parish councils regarding the North Kesteven District Council (NKDC) forward plan. This was more of a presentation than a seminar so feedback from the parish councils was limited.
- (iii) Report from County Councillor Andrew Key.
- Cllr Key had apologised.
Present:
- Cllrs Phil White (Chairman), Andy Parker, Angela Bailey, Wendy McDonnell, Helen Collin, Mickey Clitheroe (following co-option), Julia Baumber (following co-option); Dermot Daly (Clerk); District Cllr Mervyn Head; No members of the public.
Welcome.
- After relocating the meeting from the Church due to low temperature the meeting was opened at 19:11.

POLICY & PROCESS

- 110/23 To receive and agree apologies for absence.
- None.
- 111/23 To acknowledge the resignation of Cllr Richard Bridgen and agree the co-option to the position of Councillor and complete relevant documents.
- It was recognised that Richard Bridgen had resigned from the Council and the Chairman thanked Richard for all of his work on the Council.
- It was RESOLVED that Julia Baumber and Micky Clitheroe become Parish Councillors.
- The Clerk received the completed Declaration of Acceptance forms from the new Councillors.
- 112/23 To receive disclosures of disclosable interests and applications for dispensation from Councillors on matters considered at this meeting.
- None were declared.
- 113/23 To determine which items on the agenda, if any, require the exclusion of public and press.
- None.

MEETINGS

- 115/23 To receive the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 21st August 2023 for approval.
- It was RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved as circulated.

PLANNING

- 116/23 To discuss any planning applications received since the agenda was issued. (for information only)
- None.
- 117/23 23/1224/LBC - Church Lane Kirkby La Thorpe NG34 9NU - Remove existing fireplace and cover the chimney access leaving a blank wall.
- It was RESOLVED that the Council had no objections.

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- 118/23** To discuss and identify any actions relating to the planning application 23/0803/FUL for major alteration to the Sleaford Market Square.
- There was an amount of debate regarding the parking of vehicles on the Square, including impact on disabled access, and impact on businesses around the Square. It was thought that a better consultation process would have been preferred. Only three members of public can make representation at the NKDC Planning Committee on 07/11/2023.
 - There was further discussion on the potential inconsistencies of who was involved in the statutory consultation and the funding mechanism.
 - It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council do not proceed with any action regarding this application due to NKDC Planning Department stating that the Parish Council was not required to be consulted even though the majority of residences and electorate live in the curtilage of Sleaford Town which is the area of the development.
 - The Parish Council further RESOLVED to reflect in the Minutes that no action has been taken as above, reflecting that in other matters for the Hoplands and Poets (Milton Way) Estates these areas will be treated as part of the Kirkby La Thorpe Parish, which would include all planning matters in these areas and as defined by the Parish map.

GENERAL

- 119/23** To agree the purchase of a Christmas Tree up to the value of £500.
- It was RESOLVED that the Council purchase a Christmas Tree for the village.
- 120/23** To discuss public concerns regarding grass cutting in The Hoplands.
- It was RESOLVED that the Council pass the item on, to be dealt with by District Cllr Mervyn Head and to update the member of the public accordingly.
- 121/23** To discuss and agree whether to take advantage of the conservation grant scheme from North Kesteven District Council.
- It was RESOLVED that the scheme be promoted on the website and Facebook.
- 122/23** To discuss and agree any actions resulting from the Play Park Safety Inspection Report.
- It was RESOLVED that Cllr Helen Collin takes the report away to identify what can be done, including replacements and new items, and to bring back a proposal including potential funding to a future meeting.
 - It was RESOLVED that an immediate fix is to purchase and display a 'no kite flying' sign.
 - It was RESOLVED that Cllr Helen Collin will look at painting the goal post at a cost of up to £100.
- 123/23** To discuss and agree the priority list to put forward to the Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- It was RESOLVED that the Police be informed that following are the priorities for the Council:
 1. A stronger police presence would be appreciated.
 2. Parking enforcement.
- 124/23** To discuss and agree next actions on vermin in the play park and subsequent damage.
- It was RESOLVED that an 'Active Pest Control in progress' sign be purchased and displayed.
 - Cllr Andy Parker requested names of voting; Cllr Andy Parker voted against the motion and all other Councillors voted in favour.
- 125/23** To receive updates and discuss any further actions relating to the road safety issues on Church Lane, Kirkby La Thorpe including the latest proposal from LCC Highways.
- There was a five-minute pause in proceedings for the Councillors to look in to the most recent proposal.
 - Feedback was provided by the Councillors that attended the meeting at the School with LCC Highways and School representatives.
 - It was RESOLVED by a majority that a positive response be made to LCC Highways regarding this latest proposal and that it move forward to a public consultation.
- 126/23** To receive updates and discuss any further actions relating to the local National Infrastructure projects.
- An approach had been received from Burton Pedwardine, Little Hale, Helpringham, Heckington, South Kyme, Asgarby & Howell, and Anwick to be involved in further action regarding the Wind Farm. However, it was RESOLVED that the Council is to wait until the next approach by the relevant applicants.
- 127/23** To agree attendance at the Police - Parish Council Engagement Session on 7th December.
- It was RESOLVED that Cllr Julia Baumber will attend given availability and subject to location and time of day.
- 128/23** To agree a donation to the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance.
- It was RESOLVED by a majority that the Council donate £300.

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- 129/23 To agree a donation to the local Citizens Advice service.
- It was RESOLVED by a majority that the Council donate £100.
- 130/23 To discuss and agree to support LCC Highways placing No Through Road signage on Mount Lane.
- It was RESOLVED that the Clerk write to LCC Highways to request the improvement of the No Through Road signage, to make it more visible.
- 131/23 To review the quotes and decide on the new noticeboard for The Hoplands.
- It was RESOLVED that the cost limit of £1,000 be retained but to reduce the specification accordingly.
- 132/23 To discuss and agree the maintenance of the defibrillators by SHOCK Sleaford.
- It was RESOLVED that the Council arrange the transfer of the defibrillators to Sleaford SHOCK and that the Clerk manage the registration mechanism and keep Andy, Charlie, and Carl informed of the change and the progress.
- 133/23 To agree and decide on bench security anchors and concrete pads.
- It was RESOLVED that concrete and anchor packs are purchased for up to £200 to site the new commemorative benches.
- It was RESOLVED that the Clerk order three sets of anchors.
- 134/23 To discuss and agree whether to follow up on the communication and offers from the local Heritage Officer.
- It was recognised that this was a duplicate item.

FINANCE

- 135/23 To present the period accounts and sign the bank reconciliation.
- It was RESOLVED that the Council accept the report as circulated and sign the reconciliation.
- It was RESOLVED to present future financial reporting earlier in the meeting to before the Planning section.
- 136/23 To present and approve the accounts for payment.
- It was RESOLVED that the Council approve the accounts for payment as circulated.
- 137/23 To discuss and agree key areas of spend for the next year budget.
- This item is to be deferred to next meeting and allow one hour to discuss.

NEXT MEETING

- 138/23 To note further agenda items and arrangements for the next meeting (11th December 2023).
- Budget.
- Status of play-park proposals.
Meeting Close
- The meeting was closed at 21:41.

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