

Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council

Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 4 March 2024 at 7.00 PM

Location: Longwater Stadium, Eslaforde Park, Boston Road, Sleaford, NG34 9GH

MINUTES

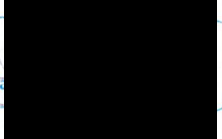
- (i) Public Comment.
- The meeting was opened at 19:00.
- In attendance were Cllrs Phil White (Chairman), Andy Parker, Angela Bailey, Mickey Glithero, Wendy McConnell (following co-option); Dermot Daly (Clerk); One member of the public.
- There were no comments received from the public.

- (ii) Report from District Councillor Mervyn Head.
- The District Councillor was not in attendance.

- (iii) Report from County Councillor Andrew Key.
- The County Councillor was not in attendance.

POLICY & PROCESS

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Name: <i>P. White</i>	Date: <i>20/3/24</i>



- 011/24 To receive and agree apologies for absence.
- There were no apologies for absence.
- 012/24 To acknowledge the resignation of Helen Collin and agree the co-option to the position of Councillor for the two casual vacancies and complete relevant documents.
- The resignation of Helen Collin was noted. The District Council have been informed, have advertised the Casual Vacancy, and have informed the Parish Council may now co-opt into the position. There are now three Councillor positions into which we may co-opt.
- It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept Wendy McConnell as Parish Councillor into a casual vacancy position. The Declaration of Acceptance form was duly signed.
- 013/24 To receive disclosures of members' interests and any applications for dispensation from Councillors on matters considered at this meeting.
- No interests were declared.
- 014/24 To determine which items on the agenda, if any, require the exclusion of the public and press.
- No items were deemed necessary to be held without public or press in attendance.
- 015/24 To approve the Freedom of Information Policy.
- There being no substantial changes, it was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the policy as circulated.
- 016/24 To approve the Publication Scheme.
- There being no substantial changes, it was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the scheme as circulated.
- 017/24 To approve the Training and Development Policy.
- There being no substantial changes, it was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the policy as circulated.

MEETINGS

- 018/24 To receive the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 15th January 2024 for approval.
- It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the Minutes as circulated.

PLANNING

- 019/24 To recognise the fact that due to the recent changes made to the Governments Planning Guarantee the Local Planning Authority will be strictly enforcing the timescales for planning application responses.
- The changes and approach were duly noted.
- It was noted to remind Councillors of the localised planning response process for the Parish Council.

FINANCE

- 020/24 To present the period accounts and sign the bank reconciliation.
- It was RESOLVED unanimously to accept the Period Accounts as circulated.
- It was noted that there is now a reasonable budget for the next financial year based on the current outturn figures.
- It was further noted that there is now a longer-term strategy in place from the budget setting process moving in to the next financial year.

- 021/24 To present and approve the accounts for payment.
- It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the Accounts for Payments as circulated.

GENERAL

- 022/24 To decide whether to have a Council representative attend the Police Engagement session online on 25th June 2024.
- It was RESOLVED to have a representative attend and to decide which Councillor by email in due course.
- 023/24 To report on the new Rural England Prosperity Fund.
- The communication had been circulated and was reiterated at the meeting.
- There was discussion about what assets are in the ownership of the Parish Council that might require investment. There only appears to be the play park on Mount Lane.
- It was RESOLVED for any Councillors with views on investment to come to a subsequent meeting with a proposal under a requested agenda item.
- 024/24 To discuss and agree any actions relating the D-Day 80 commemorations.
- It was RESOLVED to look at placing a commemorative/memorial stone with engraved brass plaque on the village green. The stone is to be donated.
- The Clerk to investigate permitted development from Lincolnshire County Council when exact location is known.
- There was a suggestion that organisers of the above write to the local military organisations for funding or plaque production/engraving.
- 025/24 To discuss and identify suitable locations to be considered for EV charge points in the future for Lincolnshire County Council.
- It was RESOLVED to recommend the Queens Head car park for two EV recharge points, knowing that it would also assist with local business - the recommendation would also highlight the lack of recharge points in and around Sleaford.
- There is also a need to repair the footpath to Sleaford so that cycles and foot traffic can traverse safely.
- 026/24 To report on the correction of road sign at Ewerby.
- Following the highlight of erroneous (Kirby) signage in Ewerby, the Clerk has requested this be corrected through FixMyStreet. The work has been planned in.
- 027/24 To discuss and agree any actions relating to recent flooding and drainage issues relating to Anglian Water.
- It was RESOLVED to follow up with the District Councillor regarding this issue.
- It was pointed out that residents are having to pump out local sewers. There is a lot of blame being passed between organisations. The issue is starting to spread down Church Lane. Anglian Water have acknowledged in writing that the pumping station on Mount Lane is not sufficient but is triggered by a pumping station downstream going offline and there has been a lack of investment in infrastructure. Rain run-off from Ewerby does not help.
- It was recognised that more pressure needs to be placed on the District and County Councils, Anglian Water, Ofwat, our MP (Caroline Johnson), Environmental Health, and the Environment Agency. A draft letter to be circulated.
- It was further noted that houses are being flooded with sewage; they are unable to use their toilets; pumps are not working; separation of water systems is not happening (the sewage system is not sealed); there is potential for impact on the Aquifer; there has been significant lack of investment; new housing development is clearly happening without regard for impact on local sewage systems, or investment as part of the approval requirements, and when this is proved to be the case there is no responsibility being taken by the relevant Authorities. Water run-off will become worse when the developed properties are in full use. These issues have potential to create physical and mental illness.
- It was RESOLVED to provide a repository to store and access relevant information.
- It may be that the Parish Council will need to employ the services of a Principle Environmental Consultant.

NEXT MEETING

- 028/24 To note further agenda items and arrangements for the next meeting (20th May 2024).
- No items were identified.
Meeting Close
- There being no further business the meeting was closed at 21:06.

Authorising Signature

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