

Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council

Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 20 January 2025 at 7.00 PM

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

MINUTES

Welcome and open the meeting.

- The meeting was opened by the Chair at 7.08pm.

- Present: Cllrs Angela Bailey, Ken Hanslip, Wendy McConnell, Andy Parker (Chair in the absence of Cllr Phil White), Angela Rankin (following co-option); Dermot Daly (Clerk); District Councillor Mervyn Head; 2 members of the public.

001/25 Receive and approve any apologies for absence.

- The apologies for Cllrs Mickey Glithero and Phil White were noted.

002/25 Receive disclosures of interests from Councillors on matters at this meeting.

- None declared.

003/25 Agree the co-option to the position of Councillor for the casual vacancy and complete relevant documents.

- It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve Angela Rankin as a co-opted Parish Councillor.

004/25 Suspend Standing Orders and allow for Parishioner Observations, Sleaford Town Neighbourhood Plan presentation (Cllr Oates), District Councillor and County Councillor reports.

- The Chair moved to suspend Standing Orders.

- Cllr Oates from Sleaford Town Council presented a summary of their Neighbourhood Plan and welcomed a response.

Sleaford Town Council (STC) Neighbourhood Plan (NP)

This is adding detail to the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. It is now at a draft stage and heading into Regulation 14 consultation, with responses coming in already. STC are approaching neighbouring areas for comments, as Sleaford acts as a hub to a wider area. There is a website with an online questionnaire. Hardcopy posters provided for noticeboards. Responses either as a Council and/or individuals. STC NP Committee is six Town Councillors and six members of the public. A wider group of 25 local people acted to enhance the building of the NP.

Historic centre to be preserved. Appreciation for edge developments with good design, communications, and services. Preserve green spaces. Protecting the river. Supported and growing businesses. Continued approach to changing sustainability themes as time goes on. The NP is aimed to be a steer for developers.

There was some discussion around preservation of green spaces from development; relocation of the schools and the 'last mile' connectivity of these to rail services; GP surgeries, capability of local bus services.

This is followed by Regulation 16, local referendum, and then becomes part of planning law.

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County Councillor questions...

In his absence Cllr Andrew Key asked "How the parking restrictions are working around the school" – Response: zero enforcement may undermine the restrictions; traffic flow appears to have improved; drivers more inclined to park across gateways; U-turns tend to cause issues still but the location has moved up the road. Suggestion of the APCOA smart-car to appear. Further possibility of a 20mph advisory limit.

"Whether the flooding situation has improved on Ewerby Road" - Response: Following site meeting there were actions for NKDC, AWS and KLTPC. Newly built houses run-off is not going anywhere – this needs to be chased with LCC. Run-off water is breaching into the sewers. Q: Has the contractor's report been received by LCC and what is the intended plan. Furthermore, flooding outside Power Station is lethal. Flooding is across the carriageway. No improvement has been observed.

District Councillor Report:

Resilience Plan is being asked for as part of the Lincs Resilience Forum. Only 10% of Parish Councils have a resilience plan. Power Station has £25,000 / yr grant available for 5 years is available covering up to £1,000 and £5,000. Fruit trees still available for community orchard. Parcel of land from garages to end of bungalows owned by NKDC that could be made available. Louisa Macintosh is the contact. County Council and mayoral elections may not happen due to unitary authority discussions. No further information about Beacon Fen.

MEETINGS

005/25 Approve the Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd December 2024.

- It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the Minutes as circulated.

PLANNING

006/25 Review any last minute planning applications.

- None received.

007/25 Agree response to Sleaford Town Neighbourhood Plan.

- It was RESOLVED that there was no perceived benefit of responding to this plan as a Parish Council.

- It was RESOLVED that Cllr Angela Bailey to place Sleaford Neighbourhood Plan notices in the noticeboards and the Clerk to place links on the website.

- It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to email current and previous Councillors for which we can get contact details for the return of noticeboards keys.

008/25 Provide update on Beacon Fen Energy Park and decide on any associated actions.

- It was RESOLVED that the Clerk email out to other Clerks as to what actions are being taken on these plans and whether we can offer our support against the plans.

FINANCE

009/25 Present the period accounts and sign the bank reconciliation.

- It was unanimously RESOLVED to defer this item due to unavailability of the report on the Councillor library.

- The Clerk is to email the park repair list to Cllr Angela Bailey.

- Chase Cllr Phil White for written quote.

- Clerk to chase quote from Cllr Wendy McConnell's contact.

- Need to ensure the list includes fitting of noticeboard replacement and fitting of two benches.

010/25 Present and approve the accounts for payment.

- It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the payments as circulated.

011/25 Agree budget and precept for 2025-26.

- It was RESOLVED as a majority (with one abstention) that there be no further changes to the budget as circulated and that the precept be set at £11,050, an increase of 7.7% on last year. This would result in a 5.61% increase in a Band D property, or 53p per week.

POLICY & PROCESS

012/25 Review standard template for Biodiversity Policy and decide next steps.

- Only received one biodiversity statement from Wendy.

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GENERAL

013/25

Provide an update, discuss, and agree actions relating to local flooding issues.

- The discussion in the public session will be summarised and sent through to County Cllr Andrew Key for action.

REPORTS (For information only)

014/25

Clerk's Report

- Grit bin on Mount Lane reported on FixMyStreet.
- NKDC are refusing to service the bin in the Southern lay-by until fixed. Issue to be raised with LCC.
- Community Orchard – Request for 24 fruit trees to be delivered on to spare land off Mount Lane identified by Cllr Mervyn Head. Clerk to talk to someone about the land for the orchard. Also check whether this land has grass cut.

NEXT MEETING

015/25

Note further agenda items and arrangements for the next meeting (3rd March 2025).

- Orchard / fruit trees.
- Flooding.
- Beacon Fen.
- Update on grit bin.
- Update on waste bin in lay-by.

Meeting Close

- The meeting was closed at 9.34pm.

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