

Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council

Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 24 March 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 7.12pm.
- Present: Cllrs Mickey Glithero, Ken Hanslip, Wendy McConnell (Chair), Angela Rankin; Dermot Daly (Clerk); District Councillor Mervyn Head; No members of the public.

016/25 Receive and approve any apologies for absence.

- The apologies for Cllr Phil White, Angela Bailey, and Andy Parker were noted.

017/25 Receive disclosures of interests from Councillors on matters at this meeting.

- None declared.

018/25 Agree the co-option to the position of Councillor for the casual vacancy and complete relevant documents.

- Apologies, there are no Casual Vacancies Documents were submitted by Cllr Angela Rankin.

019/25 Suspend Standing Orders and allow for Parishioner Observations, District Councillor and County Councillor reports.

- District Councillor Mervyn Head described the proposal for the new local government structure. Boundaries are preferred to be along existing District Council lines. AD power plant near Alnwick has now been submitted.

MEETINGS

020/25 Approve the Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 20th January 2025.

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

PLANNING

021/25 Review any last minute planning applications. 23/1419/FUL - Land Formed By Two Parcels Of Land On The Eastern And Western Side Of Mareham Lane Between The Villages Of Screddington And Silk Willoughby Sleaford - Installation of a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar PV panels with a generating capacity of up to 49.99MW (AC), including mounting framework, inverters, underground cabling, stock proof fence, CCTV, internal tracks and associated infrastructure, landscaping and ecological works for a temporary period of 50 years. - Refused.

022/25 25/0088/TPO - 37 Church Lane, Kirkby La Thorpe, NG34 9NU - T1 - Walnut (Juglans Regia) Reduce Walnut tree by 2/2.5 meters (blue ring). [Deadline: 24/02/2025]

- The delegated response was confirmed.

FINANCE

023/25 Present the period accounts and sign the bank reconciliation.

- The period accounts were presented by the Clerk with no significant anomalies.

024/25 Present and approve the accounts for payment.

- It was noted that the annual VAT reclaim had been carried out.
- It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the payments as circulated.

POLICY & PROCESS

025/25 Agree latest Health & Safety Policy.

- No changes from the last issue.
- It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the latest version.

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- 026/25** Agree latest Risk Management Policy.
 - No changes from the last issue.
 - It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the latest version.
- 027/25** Agree latest Risk Log.
 - No changes from the last issue.
 - It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the latest version.
- 028/25** Agree latest Safeguarding Policy.
 - No changes from the last issue.
 - It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the latest version.
- 029/25** Agree latest Social Media Policy.
 - No changes from the last issue.
 - It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve the latest version.

GENERAL

- 030/25** Agree the purchase as placement of two public, floor mounted, waste bins to replace damaged bins on fly-over road to A17.
 - It was RESOLVED unanimously to purchase two waste bins for the lay-bys and to agree the installation through the District Council.
- 031/25** Agree any involvement in the celebration of VE Day anniversary.
 - It was RESOLVED unanimously to approve up to £100 for lamp-post rondels (pack of 40 is approx. £20) and/or wreath for the memorial rock.
 - VE80 day is being commemorated in Sleaford centre. It is expected to have representation from the services. It was suggested that an approach made to the school through Cllr Andy Parker to involve children with the event, including a reading the national proclamation. It was suggested to have a beacon lighting in the early evening. Cllr Ken Hanslip will look at sourcing rondels and wreaths.
 - VJ80 on 15th August will have a similar commemoration in Sleaford. It was suggested that a further beacon lighting again and place a second wreath; again; Cllr Ken Hanslip will source the wreath.
- 032/25** Agree approach to community orchard.
 - It was RESOLVED unanimously to progress this through District Cllr Mervyn Head.
- 033/25** Agree approach to Trees for Communities in celebration of NKDC 50th anniversary.
 - It was RESOLVED unanimously to progress this through District Cllr Mervyn Head.
- 034/25** Agree approach to taking on land to rear of bungalows on Mount Lane.
 - It was RESOLVED unanimously to progress this through District Cllr Mervyn Head.
- 035/25** Agree next steps in respect of flooding issues around the parish.
 - It was RESOLVED unanimously to ask the Clerk to write to NKDC Planning with issues (below) and ask for a plan of action.
 - Pipes damaged when/where the new houses were built on Ewerby Road creating the foul odour. Still flooding issues some of which is due to drainage pipes filled with earth (which are still in place).
 - Trees and hedges were ripped out prior and during the development despite NKDC planning direction.
 - Cllr Wendy McConnell will remind Cllr Phil White for addresses of landowners so that the Clerk can send out the letters of request to clear dykes.
- 036/25** Agree involvement with the North Kesteven Parish and Town Council Forum.
 - Need to await further information on the event before circulating to the Councillors.
- 037/25** Discuss issues with the state of the pavements on and around Mount Lane and agree associated actions.
 - It was RESOLVED unanimously to respond to public for them to raise on FixMyStreet and also for the Clerk to do the same.
- 038/25** Agree involvement with the proposed public rights of way improvement plan.
 - It was RESOLVED unanimously to register intention to get involved and to let Cllrs Ken Hanslip and Wendy McConnell represent the Council.

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- 039/25** Discuss and agree actions related to Anti-Social Behaviour.
- A confidential matter was discussed with a recommendation to approach Crimestoppers regarding an Anti-Social Behaviour issue on Empire Court.
- 040/25** Agree arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting.
- It was RESOLVED unanimously to remind Cllr Phil White to confirm arrangements.

REPORTS (For information only)

- 041/25** Clerk's Report
- Completed re-declaration for The Pensions Regulator.
- Lining up a new Internal Audit service.
- There has been a further note from a resident, through District Cllr, of icy pavements near bungalows - need to check if grit bin has been fixed – the community group will be approached to discuss volunteering for pavement gritting in the area and also to provide a report on litter picking to support NKDC litter picking grant.

NEXT MEETING

- 042/25** Note further agenda items and arrangements for the next meeting (19th May 2025).
- Land acquisition and purchasing of trees.
- Annual Parish Council meeting items.
- Meeting Close
- The meeting was closed at 9.06pm.

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