

Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council

Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 11 March 2021 at 7.00 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Phil White, Michelle Morris, Simon Kirman, Andy Parker, Richard Bridgen, Carl Denton and Dermot Daly (Clerk).

No public representation.

- 020/21** Welcome
- Cllr White welcomed all to the meeting. He then left the meeting to take a visitor, handing over to the Vice Chairman (Cllr Parker)
- 021/21** Apologies for Absence
- None.
- 022/21** Declaration of Interest and any applications for dispensation under the Localism Act 2011
- None.
- 023/21** To receive the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 14th January 2021 for approval (Appendix 1)
- RESOLVED to accept the Minutes, p. Cllr Bridgen, s. Cllr Parker, Unanimous.
- 024/21** To review and decide on the next actions regarding the proposed new Defibrillator for Mount Lane
- the various options for defibrillator and cabinet were assessed. It was RESOLVED to go with the option that did not require electrical connection by use of insulated cabinet and defibrillator bag. p. Cllr Parker, s. Cllr Bridgen
Great thanks were extended to the local power station (Sleaford REP) courtesy of Greencoat Capital for provision of a significant funding toward the project.
Once installed, Cllr Denton will coordinate local community training.
- it was confirmed that existing defibrillator has been registered through The Circuit and details are with the Clerk.
- Cllr White rejoined the meeting and took over the Chair of the meeting.
- 025/21** To receive a report from District Councillor Mervyn Head
- Unfortunately Cllr Head experienced technical difficulties accessing the meeting but the Parish Councillors took this opportunity to discuss some elements of the recent public discussion with Anglian Water on local flooding issues. It is hoped to re-visit this topic at the next meeting.
- 026/21** To receive a report from County Councillor Barry Young
- Cllr Young was not in attendance.

Planning Matters

- 027/21** (i) 21/0092/HOUS - Single storey rear extension - 61 Mount Lane Kirkby La Thorpe NG34 9NR - Amended plans
- No objections.
- 028/21** (ii) 21/0304/HOUS - Erection of a front porch, re-roof existing bungalow and erection of a front/side single storey extension - 72 Church Lane, Kirkby La Thorpe, NG34 9NU
- Cllr Parker declared an interest due to position as School Governor. No objections were received from other Councillors.

029/21 Flooding to roads and local residential properties - To receive updates and make decision on the next actions
- To be re-visited at the next meeting.

030/21 Highways flooding, gritting and maintenance: To receive updates and make decision on the next actions
- It was recognised that these issues are to some extent related to the previous item (029/21). To be re-visited at the next meeting.

031/21 St Denys Church: To receive updates and make decision on the next actions
- A precis was presented from a meeting with the Church Estates Office - three quotes received upwards of £23K, insurance provision of £7K, deficit to be raised through grants; replacement will be non-lead option; awaiting bat survey results; Parish Council to retain watching brief.
Cllr Bridgen to draft letter to Archdeacon; Clerk to provide previous letter to Rural Dean.

Playpark

032/21 (i) To review swing flooring quotes and decide on the next actions
- Discussion was had around the options of repair against building the repair into a larger playpark investment scheme.
- Through a sealed bid process involving four suppliers, it was RESOLVED to repair the flooring under the swings through replacement of the wetpour surface and edging, rather than loose-fill options - p. Cllr White, s. Cllr Morris, Approved 5:1, Against Cllr Parker.
- It was RESOLVED to proceed with option 'D' which was announced as Eastern Play Services Ltd - p. Cllr White, s. Cllr Morris, Approved 5:1, Against Cllr Parker.

033/21 (ii) To review plans and proposals for playpark investment and decide on the next actions - An amount of discussion was had around possible options that are being investigated for the play park. Three suppliers are being involved in this investigation. Options that are being looked at are a roundabout, covered seating and replacement goalposts. Cllrs Morris and Kirman are looking at options and possible funding streams that can be presented back to the Council with relevant justification. Cllr Morris will circulate Facebook feedback on the playpark to fellow Councillors. Concerns were raised on whether there is justification for investing in the playpark - analysis and investigation will be presented back to the Parish Council when ideas are more advanced.
- The swing seats show wear and will need replacement - previous supplier information to be provided by Clerk to Cllr Morris.
- The gate post has been reported as faulty - Clerk to arrange fix/replacement.

Finance

034/21 (i) To note balances and transactions to date (Appendices 2 & 3)
- Duly noted.

035/21 (ii) To approve payments (Appendix 4)
- RESOLVED to accept payments - p. Cllr White, s. Cllr Bridgen, Unanimous.

036/21 (iii) Agree level of membership for LALC
- It was RESOLVED to retain membership of LALC with the included (ATS) training scheme option - p. Cllr White, s. Cllr Bridgen, Unanimous.

037/21 Clerks' Report and Correspondence received

(i) Census reminder - 21st March 2021

- The Parish Council retains a purely communication role on this topic.

(ii) Planning for Annual Parish Meeting

- To occur prior to the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2021 and to be advertised through the website, social media and noticeboards.

(iii) Other correspondence

- General correspondence and communications of worth are circulated by email.

- The Chairman has been approached for use of his front paddock for a garden fete or similar; it was felt this would create a more social aspect to village life and is an opportunity to gain feedback on the expectations of the Parish Council from the community. The Chairman will progress.

- Cllr Parker raised questions about the Sleaford Neighbourhood Plan and the need to raise public awareness such as a link on the Parish Council website

- The Chairman has been approached about the need to cut back vegetation overhanging roads and pavements in and around the village. A letter will be provided by the Clerk for use where necessary.

038/21 To resolve to exclude the press and public from the meeting to consider sensitive personal data (Data Protection Act 1998) relating to Clerk employment

- There being no members of the public this resolution was not required.

039/21 Staffing matters - Clerk probationary period and training

- Good feedback was provided to the Clerk by the Chairman, following responses from Councillors, regarding the successful completion of his probationary period. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk had successfully completed the probationary period.

The Clerk agreed the intention to commence CiLCA training at the next opportunity in the Autumn.

040/21 Close meeting - 21:20