

# Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council

Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 8 July 2021 at 7.00 PM

## MINUTES

Public Comment: None.

Present: Cllrs White (Chairman), Parks, and Denton. County Cllr Keys. District Cllr Head. Dermot Daly (Clerk).  
No members of the public.

- 072/21** Welcome - the Chairman welcomed those present.
- 073/21** Apologies for Absence  
- RESOLVED to accept apologies for Cllr Morris (work shift) and Cllr Bridgen (long standing appointment).
- 074/21** To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests, pursuant to section 31 of the Localism Act 2011, and applications for dispensation from Councillors on matters considered at this meeting - None received.
- 075/21** To receive the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 4th May 2021 for approval  
- RESOLVED to approve Minutes as circulated, p. Cllr White, s. Cllr Denton.
- 076/21** Recognition of notice of Casual Vacancy caused by resignation of S. Kirman  
- The vacancy notice will time out on 19th July, so will then have two casual vacancies for co-option.

## **GENERAL**

- 077/21** Report from District Councillor Mervyn Head  
- Cllr Head reported the consultation of the Central Lincolnshire Plan, identifying a need for growth. Some discussion took place about the the lack of counting of recent development in the growth identified for the village. There were worries voiced by the Parish Councillors that Sleaford may eventually annexe Kirkby La Thorpe. Cllr Head encouraged response to the consultation prior the deadline in mid August 2021 and that adoption will be in Autumn 2021.  
- Cllr Head also raised the impending rollout of the twin-stream recycling that will separate out paper and cardboard into separate bin and separate collection. He offered to visit any village meeting to explain the reasons, time scales, etc. The Parish Councillors voiced their concern that some residents may not want or may not cope with an extra bin and the potential for overflow issues if each recycling stream was only collected once in four weeks.  
- Cllr Head mentioned the intentions of the District to be Net Zero Carbon by 2030.
- 078/21** Report from County Councillor Andrew Key  
- A written report was received from Cllr Keys and circulated following the meeting. Cllr Keys presented his report verbally at the meeting.  
- Cllr Keys had to leave at 20:35
- 079/21** To discuss and agree actions regarding ongoing Highways issues  
- Following significant discussion between all Parish Councillors and involving the County and District Councillors it was agreed that the Clerk forward on the report of concerns from October 2020 to County Cllr Keys. Cllr Keys also offered that a meeting with the Highways Department representative be arranged as soon as possible on site.
- 080/21** To discuss and agree actions relating to traffic issues outside of the School on Church Lane  
- Following significant discussion between all Parish Councillors it was RESOLVED to approach the School Governors and Head Teacher for ideas on how the Parish Council can work with the School on some initiatives to improve the traffic issues at peak times, p. Cllr Denton, s. Cllr White, a. Cllr Parks,

- 081/21** Update and agree next actions on the Play Park maintenance activities
- It was reported that the surface beneath the Swings has been successfully replaced.
  - It was reported that the Entrance Gate post has been replaced and the Gate re-hung using Councillor resource, equipment and materials. The Gate is to be checked for self-closure.
  - The annual safety check is planned for August 2021.
- 082/21** Clerk's Correspondence
- Lincolnshire County Council, through County Cllr Keys, have kindly provided maps identifying grass verge cutting responsibilities.
  - Concerns have been raised regarding issues with grass cutting in the play park and churchyard. The Clerk was requested to identify and gather quotes to re-let annual contract.
  - We have received notice of the revised Central Lincolnshire Local Plan consultation (email circulated to Councillors).
  - We have received notice of NKDC consulting on a review of our Gambling Policy (email circulated to Councillors).
  - We have received notice of NKDC consulting on a review of our Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEV) Licensing policy (email circulated to Councillors).
  - A late notice of decision on planning application 21/0595/HOUS - has been approved.
  - Received concern from resident on further residential access off corner of Church Lane - this was not the remit of the Parish Council and directed to NKDC Planning Department of LCC Highways Department.
  - VAT training has been completed by the Clerk.
  - Due to apologies for attendance a written report was submitted from Cllr Bridgen on the follow-up with the progress on the Church roof repairs as follows: "[the Church] had the Bat survey completed earlier in the year. Unfortunately, with all being off, the covid issues in the last year and due to the delay of the bat survey, the Faculty has not been granted. As a result the Faculty request has now been submitted. We have had an offer of funding although with this delay for the Faculty our funding deadline of works to begin before month end may be missed. Our funding source has said that they would still be willing to fund, there just may be a delay in the availability of funding."

## PLANNING

- 083/21** 21/0743/LBC - Proposed external alterations including replacement of rear porch and siting of new heating oil tank and enclosure - Proposed external alterations including replacement of rear porch and siting of new heating oil tank and enclosure - Beever Cottage Mount Lane Kirkby La Thorpe
- no objections from the Parish Council. Awaiting decision.
- 084/21** Review and agree next steps on Neighbourhood Plan
- Adjacent villages are not doing anything.
  - Kirkby La Thorpe are definitely not part of the Sleaford Neighbourhood Plan now.
  - Indications are that if we tried to put a Neighbourhood Plan together it could take at least a couple of years, need significant resource input, and costs in 5 figures.
  - There were no resulting actions.

## FINANCE

- 085/21** Presentation of accounts for the current period
- Reports of Account Statement and Cashbook were taken as circulated.
  - There had been an issue in the lack of online payment capability for the Clerk resulting in a complaint to Lloyds being upheld and an £87 refund (£37 costs + £50 for upset).
  - It was agreed that the Clerk should look into further ways of securing bank payments, either with a read-only capability for one or more Councillors, or the Clerk having payment access from the Current Account and one or more Councillors having transfer capability from Deposit Account to Current Account.
  - It was agreed that the value of the Parish Council Assets be reviewed and further Insurance quote to be raised for the Parish Council.

- 086/21** Review and approve accounts for payment  
- The Accounts For Payment were presented and it was RESOLVED to approve.
- 087/21** To discuss and agree the support of the Clerk in membership of SLCC to the level of 50% for forthcoming CiLCA training  
- It was RESOLVED to pay 50% of the SLCC membership in support of the Clerk's CiLCA training, p. Cllr White, s. Cllr Denton.

#### **INITIATIVES**

- 088/21** Update and further actions regarding the Defibrillator for Mount Lane  
- We have no received delivery of the defibrillator and backplate mounting.  
- Cllr White is to arrange the backplates bolting on to metal cross members welded on to rear of noticeboard on Mount Lane.  
- Cllr Denton to hold on to the defibrillator equipment and assist mounting when backplate in place.  
- The Clerk has invoiced GREP for the significant grant and repeated the Parish Council and local resident's thanks for their generosity.
- 089/21** To discuss and agree actions for proposals on Play Park facilities  
- It was reported that progress had been made on potential equipment and costs, however due to work pressures the Parish Council must reallocate ownership of this initiative.  
- It was suggested that the Parish Council seek further clarification of the residents wishes for the play park equipment at a parish meeting.  
- Cllr Parks to provide previous survey of resident's wishes to the Clerk.

#### **CLOSE**

- 090/21** To note further agenda items and arrangements for the next meeting (16th September 2021)  
- It was hoped to arrange a village meeting at the newly opening Queens Head and provide refreshments to the level of £200, p. Cllr Parks, s. Cllr Denton. A leaflet will be printed and distributed to inform residents of the event. It will expect to cover items such as the new recycling streams (supported by District Cllr Head), Central Lincs Plan impact on the village, traffic issues, flooding issues, and ideas on initiatives. Cllr White will approach new owners of the Queens Head.

Meeting Close - 21:50