

Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council

Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at Kirkby La Thorpe School, Church Lane, Kirkby La Thorpe, on Thursday 13th March 2014 at 7.40pm

Before the meeting started, presentations were made by other organisations, as follows:

Network Rail. Iliam Costain McCade, Steven Hart and Paul Brighton attended and gave a presentation on the ongoing GNGE project of improvements on the Doncaster-Lincoln-Peterborough Line which included the Sleaford Avoiding Line, £280m essential repairs, including works at 84 level crossings, 35 bridge renewals, many miles of line renewals and new signalling.

Forthcoming works in Phase 3 included level crossing replacement, at Scopwick, Rowston, Blankney and Sleaford North as well as the completion of the A153 bridge at Ruskington (in conjunction with Anglian Water – road closure 4th to 14th April) .

The new level crossings would be MCB – OD (Obstacle Detection) at £250k each.

Further works would be carried out to remove the signal boxes (at Scopwick and Sleaford South).

They explained that the Avoiding Line had been single track for around 30 years but recent work had rebbed the track and reinstated the second line. Test trains had already passed along the track but before it could be brought into use formally, a DTS train (Dynamic Track Stabiliser) was due to run over it overnight 20th-21st March, with before and after surveys checking the stability of the bed and embankments etc. DTS trains would travel very slowly (1/4 mph) over the 7km and constant oscillation would replicate heavy loads, therefore significant noise and vibration would be expected. Letters would be delivered to all affected properties and a copy sent to the Clerk for the website and the Noticeboards.

Once fully commissioned freight trains could use the line twice in each direction, per hour, but actual take-up would depend on the new freight contracts for the Freight Operating Companies (FOCs).

The Network Rail Schools Liaison Officer was visiting every school and college within 2 miles of the track, with age-specific presentations to warn of dangers of the crossings and explain how the new crossings would work, encouraging children to take the message home.

Community Engagement events were planned (Sleaford 7th March, Metheringham 15th March). It was also noted that two footbridges were being installed in Lincoln, Brayford Wharf and High St using the Superdrug premises.

In answer to a question, they confirmed that a few user-operated crossings, including that at Holdingham Mill (Leasingham Moor) were being left, with the phone still being answered by Lincoln control, except for short periods when the crossing would be staffed while work on the communication system was carried out. Funds had not allowed for OD equipment to be installed at every crossing.

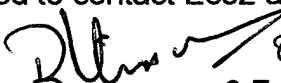
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Phil Drayton, Governor, attended. He reported that applications for September 2014 were looking healthy. The Governors were looking at capital projects and had decided that off-road car parking was a priority. An application would be made to the Eco2 Community Liaison Panel once other sources of funding had been identified.

Questions from the Public:

Councillors were asked about a rumour circulating in the village about an affordable housing project off Ewerby Road. The Chairman explained that a piece of land had been identified as a possible site under the SHLAA (re Strategic Housing Land Allocations), but there was nothing definite particularly in the light of the Core Strategy being rejected by the Planning Inspectorate.

Eco2. Representatives were not in attendance. Problems had been noted with vehicles using the wrong route, details need to be reported to Eco2 and parking on the path by the layby. The Clerk reported that Pc Martin Green had arranged for some lorries to be ticketed. The Clerk agreed to contact Eco2 about the promised tour.



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Present: Cllrs Hipworth (in the Chair), Rossiter, Monteith, Yates and Main, and Cllr David Dickinson (NKDC), Mrs D Scott (Clerk) and one member of the public

12/14. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Watson and Johnson

13/14. Declaration of Interest and Applications for Dispensation under the Localism Act 2011 – None

14/14. The notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2014 were approved as minutes, proposed by Cllr Main, seconded by Cllr Monteith, and agreed unanimously.

15/14. Financial Report

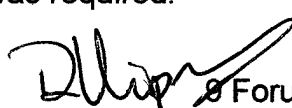
- i. It was noted that the bank balances stood as follows: Lloyds Current Account £48.26, Lloyds Savings Account £9300.62, inc 1.22p interest (3 months inc 9th Jan) since the last meeting. The Clerk distributed copies of the accounts to date.
- ii. Two payments had been made since the last meeting (Tony Walker, £280 Noticeboard Repairs and KL Morbey £66 Emergency Fencing Repairs as agreed), and the following payments were due be made: Woodland Tree Care £210 Play Area Hedging, KLT CoE PA Hall Hire £21, LALC Subscription and Training Scheme £337.85, Clerk £228.87 (salary and £45.15 reimbursements and exps), HMRC £46 (due 19/4/14).
It was proposed by Cllr Main, seconded by Cllr Rossiter and agreed unanimously, that the above report be accepted and the payments be made along with the necessary transfer from the savings account.
- iii. **Budget 2014-15.** The Clerk reported that the Precept forms had been delivered to NKDC and no change to the figures had been made by NKDC Full Council in February
- iv. **Internal Audit.** The clerk reported that Mrs Gascoyne had agreed to act as Internal Auditor and this was accepted.

1614. Clerk's Report and Correspondence received

- i. NKDC Dog Notices – Clerk to distribute
- ii. NKDC Electoral Registers Disclaimer Form – noted and signed, Clerk to check with Cllrs Main and Watson
- iii. LALC Newsletter 149 - noted
- iv. NKDC – Energy Switching Scheme (already displayed on noticeboards) - noted
- v. Central Lincs Joint Strategic Planning Unit – moving to a joint Local Plan - noted
- vi. NALC Financial Briefing re S150 (5) LGA re payments signing - noted
- vii. LCC Highways Temporary Road Closure Mount Lane Level Crossing 1/3 - 2/3 - noted
- viii. NKDC Garden Waste Charging 2014-15 - noted
- ix. LALC – re completion of Audit Form – noted, and the Clerk reported that she would be attending LALC training on 7th May
- x. Zurich – re insurance 2014-15 - noted
- xi. Marie Curie Cancer Care – free wills service - noted
- xii. NKDC – Bins collection re-routing – noted
- xiii. Network Rail – Flyer re Community Engagement events - circulated
- xiv. LCC – 4All information – noted
- xv. LCC – Citizens Awards – noted
- xvi. NKDC Tree Officer – notification of revocation of TPO at 10 Church Lane – noted

17/14. Play Areas

- i. Update on moles and other works – No mole activity at the last inspection. Regular equipment inspections by the Clerk continue. It was agreed that Rick Webster's contract be continued. The Clerk reported Oliver from Woodland Tree Care had carried out the Hedging works.
- ii. Other Areas, future projects – outdoor parallel bars, it was noted that more information was required.



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18/14. Highways Matters

- i. Mount Lane. It was noted that the damaged barriers had been repaired
- ii. Boston Road. It was noted that the Give Way sign had been replaced at the junction with the A17 westbound, but there was little evidence of road/path sweeping. The Clerk had been assured that the path improvements were still scheduled for the summer holidays.
- iii. General condition of the roads, in addition to various potholes several sections needed resurfacing. Clerk to report that the trench pothole that had been temporary filled at least twice had broken up again. Local residents were encouraged to report any problems directly via the LCC website www.lincolnshire.gov.uk. Clerk to check reference on the KLT website. Clerk to contact Rowan Smith re permanent repairs to surfacing.
- iv. Bramling Way. The Clerk reported that she had tried to get photographic evidence of the parking issues, but on each visit access to the farm-gate was clear. Cllr Rossiter reported that NCHA had written to all residents and this seemed to have been effective.

19/14. Planning Matters

- i. 13/1398/HOUS – 8 Church Lane - Erection of first floor extension above garage and vehicular crossing of footway (reinstating previous footway crossing), new wall and gates to front boundary – noted approved by NKDC
- ii. 14/0062/HOUS 5 Burns Crescent Erection of single storey extension to front of property - noted approved by NKDC
- iii. 14/0082/PNAGR Mount Farm, Mareham Lane NG34 0BL Installation of 16 no. biomass boiler and 8 no. silo - noted Prior Approval Refused by NKDC
- iv. 14/0136/HOUS 1A Church Lane Erection of single storey extension to North elevation
- v. Kirkby La Thorpe Sleaford Lincolnshire NG34 9NU – noted pending decision

20/14. Eco2 Community Fund

Public Art

It was noted that the artist, Michael Condron, had been running workshops but no update was received on the installation

Community Liaison Panel Updates

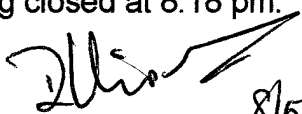
The next meeting was scheduled for 8th April. The funds in the Sleaford pot for the current year had been exhausted and it was noted that there had been some pressure to release some of the Kirkby la Thorpe pot for Sleaford projects. It was agreed that this should be resisted as large projects were expected from both the Church and the School

21/14. Website – the Clerk had updated the website and it was noted that she would set up a new email address specifically for the Parish Council work (post meeting note: email now confirmed as clerk.kltpc@gmail.com)

22/14. Network Rail – report from Stakeholder event February 2014 – as per presentation above - noted

23/14. The Date of Next Meetings: 8th May (APM, AM and PC meeting), starting at 7 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.18 pm.



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