

Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council

Notes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Kirkby La Thorpe held at Kirkby La Thorpe School, Church Lane, Kirkby La Thorpe, on Thursday 9th May 2013 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllrs Hipworth (in the Chair), Main, Monteith, Johnson and Rossiter, Mrs D Scott (Clerk), Cllr David Dickinson (NKDC), Rhys Clarke (Eco2), Andrew Wright (BWSC) and three members of the public

1. Cllr Hipworth welcomed everyone to the meeting and Apologies for Absence from Cllrs Watson and Yates and David Fisher (Eco2) were received

2. The notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2012 were approved as minutes, proposed by Cllr Main, seconded by Cllr Monteith and agreed unanimously.

3. The Chairman's Report

Cllr Hipworth spoke of the Parish Council's work over the last year. Planning matters had been relatively quiet but the re- equipping of the Play Area on Mount Lane had been a great achievement after so many years' work and external funding. Thanks were given to everyone involved. One of the main concerns has been the impact of the Eco2 construction work and the associated road works, coinciding with the Network Rail bridge works, which apart from the delays to journeys to and from Sleaford, seemed to have caused an increase in HGV traffic seeking alternative routes through the village. This and other Highways matters were raised at a meeting in April with Highways and it was hoped that solutions would be found to many of them. He thanked representatives from the Renewable Energy Plant for attending Parish Council meetings with regular updates. Cllr Hipworth explained about the involvement with the Sleaford REP Community Liaison Panel and the funding available to properly constituted community groups in the parish through the Community Fund.

He thanked all Councillors, Cllr Dickinson and the Clerk for their support

4. Eco2 Community Fund

Notes had been delivered to all properties on Kingslea, Roman Causeway and Hoplands estates inviting residents to the meeting. The Clerk explained the scope of the fund and the process of application, handing round copies of the application form and guidance notes, also available on the website www.sleafordrep.co.uk.

A possible project to provide a community facility on the school grounds was raised and it was advised that an application could be made to the Panel for part funding. Advice could also be sought from the Community Initiatives Team at NKDC

Another resident asked about funding for rewiring at the Indoor Bowls Club, but was advised that retrospective applications would not be considered. If any further work or new equipment was required though, applications could be made to the Panel.

Transport to schools had previously been raised as an issue and the Parish Council had been in touch with LCC regarding season tickets and or pay as you go tickets for pupils not eligible for free transport. It might be possible for a group of parents to become constituted and apply for funding to help with costs, although there would be concerns about the sustainability of such a venture.

The Clerk had also received an enquiry about funding for sports kit for a youth team and had given advice, so it was hoped that an application to the Panel would be forthcoming.



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5. Eco2 Update.

The Chairman invited Eco2 and BWSC representatives to give their update at this stage rather than waiting until the Parish Council Meeting.

All large deliveries had now been completed, the two straw barns were virtually complete, including cladding, and the commissioning of the straw-loading gantries was underway.

The first loads of straw were expected over 4 days at the end of May.

The Boiler building was still open sided and waiting for structural steelwork on side and roof to be completed. The pressure test was scheduled for 28th May.

Woodchip store and gantry was complete with snagging underway.

The Stack lights were currently out of action due to a technical fault. They were required as part of the Planning Permission although it was not high enough to require them for aircraft safety. RAF Cranwell had been informed of the fault as a matter of courtesy.

The steam turbine had arrived in April.

The switching station to link with the national grid was complete and all electrical tests had proved satisfactory.

District Heating Pipe work on Boston Road was on schedule to be completed by June.

Eco2 had arranged for parking at Eslaforde Park for site workers and minibuses were laid on to the Plant, to stop them parking on the roadside and the layby. It was noted that some cars were parking again on roadsides, possibly to avoid the traffic lights. Rhys and Andrew said they would deal with that the next day. Over the next few weeks as construction nears completion there would be fewer workers on site therefore fewer cars to park.

Noise from the plant? Virtually all of the machinery of the plant was encased in sound-proofing chambers so there would be no operating noise, however the various steam blowing tests (about 30 blasts) would be noisy, but they would be during the day and residents would be advised of dates.

District Heating Pipes - road-works as they proceed into town, crossing junctions (Hoplands, St Giles, Milton Way etc)? They were restricted to specific lengths and would continue to be traffic light controlled, to avoid too much disruption

Off site storage sites? 8, mostly on disused airfields, within 50 mile radius. More information about local sites was promised.

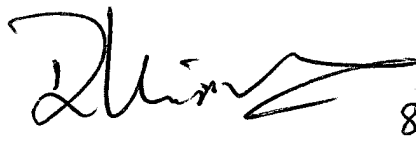
Latest information from NKDC Planning – application to vary some internal locations eg doorways, weighbridge, piping. Decision from NKDC was still awaited but it was suggested that this would not have significant impact.

Commercial operation was still scheduled for January 2014, but the plant's commissioning programme was already underway and therefore operations would commence sooner in practice.

Eco2 still planned to arrange open days for visits to the plant once running. More details to follow.

6. No other matters were raised. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting closed at 7.43 pm



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