

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 10th March 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Hipworth, White, Parker, Monteith, Yates and Johnson, Mrs D Scott (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

No matters were raised in the Public session

14/16. Apologies for Absence – Cllr Bridgen (for lateness), Cllr Julia Harrison (NKDC),

15/16 Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation under the Localism Act 2011 – None

16/16 The notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th January 2016 were approved as minutes, proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr White and agreed unanimously.

The notes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 28th January 2016 were approved as minutes, proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Johnson and agreed unanimously.

17/16 Agenda Item 13, Inconsiderate Parking, was brought forward. Cllr Johnson declared an interest as a parent and school governor. The meeting moved out of formal session to allow Mr Bailey to take part. Mr Bailey had produced a draft parking questionnaire which was shared.

Approximately 37 properties had been identified as affected by the parking and the questionnaire designed to be as fair and unbiased as possible. It was felt that the school should be made aware of the questionnaire and it was only fair to offer parents the opportunity to voice their thoughts to a similar questionnaire. Going back into formal session it was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Monteith and agreed unanimously, that the Clerk would arrange the printing, Mr Bailey's offer to distribute would be accepted, with responses to be returned to the Chairman, or by email to the Clerk. The Chairman thanked Mr Bailey for his help.

(Mr Bailey left the meeting at 7.20)

18/16 Agenda Item 10, Neighbourhood Planning, was brought forward. The meeting moved out of formal session to allow Cllr Paul Coyne from Sleaford Town Council to speak. His email had been circulated to all Councillors. He explained that Sleaford Town Council intended to lead on a Neighbourhood Plan and had invited the neighbouring parishes the opportunity to take part. He assured the Parish Council that there was absolutely no plan to change boundaries, ie absorb the Hoplands and Milton Way estates into the Town. He explained the 4 options for KLT PC - no involvement, develop its own NHP, join with STC or consent to STC producing a plan to include part of KLT Parish. He pointed out that the NHP process was daunting for many small parishes and costs would be incurred.

(Cllr Bridgen arrived at 7.28)

There was considerable discussion about the prospect of a Southern bypass which would run along inside the town's southern boundary then cross Mareham Lane and up to the A17 through KLT Parish, potentially joining near the A17 flyover. It was acknowledged that this was unlikely to be in the near future, but Cllr Coyne said it would be included in the Sleaford NHP as a marker for the future, although there was no mention of it in the draft central Lincolnshire Local Plan.

Moving back into formal session, the Chairman thanked Cllr Coyne for attending.

(Cllr Coyne left at 7.40)

Further discussion on the risks and benefits of being involved took place. The Clerk advised that some caution was necessary as, in some quarters, it was felt that this might be a first step towards subsuming the parish into the town. After discussion, Councillors felt that it would be much better to be involved and have some say in the NHP in order to preserve the existing independence and boundaries of KLT Parish, which were important to the parishioners as well as the Parish Council.

It was therefore proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Bridgen and agreed unanimously, that the Clerk reply to say that the Parish Council wished to be involved in the Sleaford NHP



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steering group, subject to the constitution of that group, the projected costs and being able to influence any decisions that affected the Parish as a consequence.

Cllr Johnson volunteered to represent the Parish Council.

19/16 Financial Report

- i. The Clerk circulated copies of the cash book to date. It was noted that the balances were Deposit Account £12,093.50, including interest (48p in February) and the Current Account £46.55.
- ii. Payments were due as follows: KLT Primary Academy School Hall Hire £45, Clerk £197.12 including expenses/reimbursement, HMRC £48.00 (due 19/4/15), LALC Subscription and training scheme 2016-17 £357.41. A further standing order for £62.50 would be due on 25th March, for the mole contract. It was proposed by Cllr Monteith, seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed unanimously, that the above payments be approved and the necessary transfer made
- iii. Precept and Grant for 2016-17 – it was noted that the forms were submitted by due date.

20/16. Clerk's Report and Correspondence received

- i. Cllr Marianne Overton re LCC Recycling sites and Budget cuts – noted, as the closure of the Leadenham and Whisby recycling centres was unlikely to affect KLT residents, no further action
- ii. The Pensions Regulator - auto-enrolment update - noted
- iii. NKDC Clean for the Queen – previously circulated and put on NBs - noted
- iv. Black Sluice Catchment Area – update on consultation - noted
- v. Lloyds Bank - re changes to the account - noted
- vi. NKDC Tree Surveying and Maintenance Service - noted
- vii. LALC News 157 previously circulated for info - noted
- viii. Tower Mint – HM Queen's birthday commemorative medals - noted
- ix. LCC – Lincolnshire Permit Scheme (for Highways Works) Consultation – closing date 31/5/16 - noted
- x. LCC – Fire & Rescue – Integrated Risk Management Consultation - closing date 16/5/16 - noted
- xi. Lincolnshire Environmental Awards – closing date 31/3/16 - noted
- xii. Clerks and Councils Direct - noted

21/16. Play Areas

- i. Moles – no activity to date.
- ii. Swings – the Clerk reported that the new seats had arrived and been fitted. The payment had been made. It was proposed by Cllr Monteith, seconded by Cllr Hipworth and agreed unanimously, that the Clerk dispose of the defective seats.
- iii. Dog Poo – the Clerk reported that on the latest inspection, further poo had been found and removed.
- iv. Future Projects – none at this time.

22/16. Highways Matters

- i. SID – Community Speed Watch. The Clerk reported on information received from Leasingham Clerk about a potential candidate to look after the SID. It was suggested that at 2 hours per week at minimum wage and no additional travel costs, a cost of approximately £375 per year would fall to each Parish Council. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Bridgen and agreed with one against, that this offer be accepted. Clerk to report back to Leasingham Clerk. It was understood that the Leasingham PC meeting on 14th March would confirm the arrangement, then the SID could be ordered.

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Further information had also been received from Community Speed Watch about wheelie bin stickers.

- ii. Highways safety – in view of the recent overturned straw lorry on the slope from the flyover heading towards the REP, an incident believed by many to have been caused by the excessive speed of the vehicle, Councillors were disturbed that the previous fears of the Parish had been realised. It was proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Monteith and agreed unanimously that the Clerk ask Highways, NKDC Planning and the Police whether they still considered the path, on which the lorry landed, still a safe route for pedestrians and cyclists.

It was also noted that a number of vehicles had been seen going through the village to and from the new Holdingham Biogas Anaerobic Digester. It was agreed that this be deferred to the next meeting to collect evidence of traffic volume and vehicle speeds. The Clerk reported that she would raise the matter at the PartnershipNK Better Transport Group meeting on 15th March.

23/16. Planning Matters

- i. 14/1480/VARCON Lakeview (Formally Sleaford Ballast Pits) Mareham Lane Application to remove condition 4 to allow for the permitted mobile home development to be used for 365 day residential use attached to planning permission 02/1147/FUL –it was noted that this had been refused by NKDC 23rd February 2016. Cllr Parker had attended the Planning meeting and spoken on behalf of the Parish Council. Officer recommendation had been for refusal and the Committee had agreed. It was expected that the applicant would now sell the site.
- ii. 15/1339/FUL 41-47 Mount Lane. Provision of 4 off street car parking spaces –approved by NKDC 10th February 2016 - noted
- iii. 15/1458/HOUS 12 The Hoplands NG34 7HZ. Erection of a single storey rear extension – approved by NKDC 5th February 2016- noted
- iv. A further application had been received too late for the agenda - 16/0210/LBC Mount Lane Farm House Mount Lane NG34 9NR Replacement front door and two sash windows. In informal discussion Councillors could see no objection to this application.

The Clerk also drew Councillors' attention to a current government petition to allow Parish councils the right to appeal against Planning decisions, deadline 19th April, on <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/110489>

24/16 Central Lincolnshire Local Plan

It was noted that a further consultation period would be held this Spring with submission to the Planning Inspectorate expected in June and a decision on adoption expected by December. There would be a number of public events, and it was noted that any comments would be submitted with the plan rather than informing any changes pre-submission.

25/16 Eco2 Sleaford Renewable Energy Plant.

- i. Matters from Public Forum – Councillors were again disappointed that no representative from REP had attended. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Glennmont for advice.
- ii. Update from s106 meeting 10th February 2016 – Cllr Parker reported that he and the Clerk had attended the s106 meeting. Traffic tracking information had been circulated but the content presented had been incomplete and in insufficient detail. On breach identified had been caused by a short term closure of the A17 and therefore was reluctantly felt by the group to be justified. The major A17 closure by two incidents on 29th December from lunchtime to 9pm, which led to a large number of straw lorries using Church Lane, was not highlighted by the tracking data at all, in fact most if not all of December's data was omitted. NKDC officers agreed to supply the data in a better format. The group did agree that each incident would be considered on its own merits in



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terms of fines and each fine would be £1000 regardless of whether it was the first, second offence. The Enforcement officer explained that they would need to be able to justify the fines in court as Eco2 and the hauliers could appeal.

- iii. The Clerk was asked to check the arrangements for deliveries over the Easter holiday.
- iv. Community Fund - Update on progress of any KLT projects. The Clerk reported that a number of applications had been received for the next CLP meeting, including in KLT, one from the Church and the Bowls Club based at Eslaforde Park.
- v. Joint Academy/Parish Council project . Cllr Parker had circulated a comprehensive set of quotes and background information about the proposals. He explained that operating ground heat-source pumps had proved too expensive due to the construction costs but air source was offered as an alternative. It was understood that this could be powered by additional solar panels to provide heating in the existing heating system, with a surplus of power generated by the solar panels to provide electricity for the school as well as feeding into the grid to generate an income. The income would be due to the Parish Council subject to any cost incurred by the school, eg maintenance, being paid first.

(Cllr White left the meeting briefly at 8.50)

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Johnson and agreed unanimously, that the application be completed and submitted.

The Clerk agreed to fill the form as far as possible and Cllr Johnson and Parker arranged to meet to complete the technical details and supporting information about community involvement, outcomes and benefits to the community etc.

The Clerk explained that she was going through the process of registering the Parish Council as Buyer with Contracts Finder as required by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Cllr Parker agreed to send a tender brief for submission to the website.

- vi. Arrangements for community visit(s) to Sleaford REP – None had yet been possible although the Clerk had discussed potential dates with Eco2 representative at the s106 meeting and emails had been sent to Darren Smith.

26/16. Policies The Clerk explained that the policies were due for review. No changes were recommended except to the Financial Regulations for which the model had been updated to include internet banking and compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015

- i. Equal Opportunities
- ii. Financial Regulations
- iii. Publication Scheme
- iv. Standing Orders

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Parker and agreed unanimously that the Policies listed be adopted en bloc.

27/16 Matters for the next meeting – as above.

28/16 Dates of Next Meetings: 12th May (Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting), at 7 pm

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

