

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 14th May 2015 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllrs Hipworth (in the Chair), Monteith and Yates, Cllr Julia Harrison (NKDC) 4 members of the public and Mrs D Scott (Clerk),

1. Cllr Hipworth welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for Absence were received from Darren Smith (Eco2).

2. The notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2014 were approved as minutes, proposed by Cllr Monteith, seconded by Cllr Yates and agreed unanimously.

3. The Chairman's Report

Cllr Hipworth spoke of the Parish Council's work over the last year, which in retrospect had been quite busy. Highlights had included the opening of the railway bridge and the improved avoiding line after considerable disruption to Boston Road traffic. Highways issued continued to be raised – potholes, mud on roads, blocked drains etc, some of which had been resolved. Also the improvements that have been made to the footpath along the Boston Road had been completed, with funding from Eco2 and LCC. The Parish Council had looked at taking on cutting the grass verges but LCC had only offered the 'amenity verges' which it was felt were already well kept. Highways verge cutting would continue to be monitored.

The Parish Council had planned to remove the Bus Shelter on the A17 and a quote were about to be accepted in September when a lorry fire damaged the shelter and its removal was therefore organised by LCC. The adjacent bin was later removed by the Parish Council's contractor.

The Power Station had been officially opened too and was now fully operational after a planned outage; demand for the community visits had been high. Darren provided updates to most meetings. Councillor Hipworth pointed out that he chaired the Community Liaison Panel whose job it was to assess the grant applications made for the Community Fund. So far, less than £2000 had been awarded from the KLT share of the pot and the balance, £58,000 over the 3 years, was still available. He warned again that if applications were not forthcoming the money may well be lost as the demand for funding for Sleaford projects had been high.

A significant planning application was on the table for the variation of conditions for Lakeview to allow 365 day occupancy.

The issue of speeding vehicles continued to be a concern and the Parish Council was in the process of purchasing a Community Speed Watch sign to share with Leasingham Parish Council, usage would alternate between the Parish Councils and between the approved locations.

The Playing Field was kept in good order and new parallel bars had been ordered at the request of young parishioners.

Despite the above expenditure, the Precept (including support grant from NKDC) had been kept at £7000 for 2015-16.

Three councillors had resigned during the year, all due to moving away from the parish, including Councillor Main who had served for many years

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

4. Questions arising.

SAJONSON

Debbie Scott, Clerk to Kirkby la Thorpe Parish Council,
9 Forum Way Sleaford NG34 7FF 07973 330765 www.kirkbylathorpe.com
Clerk.kltpc@gmail.com

Kirkby La Thorpe Parish Council

Mr White asked whether the speed signs would qualify for the Eco2 Community Fund grant – it was explained that the general feeling had been that the KLT funding should go towards bigger capital projects eg the Church project or a School project. If no such projects came forward then an application could be made, prior to placing the order for the signs.

Councillor Julia Harrison was welcomed to the meeting and introduced herself as the new District Councillor. She explained some of her links with Charities and would speak to Mr Parker further about funding.

Mr Drayton explained that the school's bid to EFA for funding for the classroom (to replace the mobile classroom) had been turned down. The Governors were still exploring the idea of a drop-off point and had also been in talks with BT about improving the Broadband to the school (and consequently the Village), to upgrade the IT in the building and make it more community friendly with the possibility of IT drop-in sessions. Resolving the Parking Issues remained a priority though.

Councillor Hipworth questioned the additional classroom and was reassured to hear that there was no plan to increase numbers at the school, because of the lack of highways infrastructure to cope with extra vehicles. The Governors were to meet the following week to progress ideas.

Mr Drayton asked about the possibility of installing a defibrillator in the village, this had been raised in school. The Clerk explained that the Parish Council had considered and dismissed the idea in November 2014, but the idea could be revisited now if required.

Mr Drayton also explained about the Church project which included installing toilets – essential for community use and for the convenience of the 30-40 young children who attended Sunday School.

Mr Johnson thanked Councillor Hipworth for his chairmanship of the Parish Council

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

The meeting closed at 7.29 pm

SA JOHNSON
12/5/16

**Debbie Scott, Clerk to Kirkby la Thorpe Parish Council,
9 Forum Way Sleaford NG34 7FF 07973 330765 www.kirkbylathorpe.com
Clerk.kltpc@gmail.com**