

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.35pm

Present: Cllrs Hipworth, White, Parker and Johnson, Cllr Julia Harrison (NKDC), Mrs D Scott (Clerk).

**SID** Before the meeting three members of Leasingham Parish Council, Cllrs Johnson, Wells and Osborne, attended to discuss the shared SID proposal. After discussion it was agreed that the principles of the original proposal were still appropriate, each Parish Council should be asked for confirmation that the data collection option be preferred and that the best way forward would be for a suitable person to be employed to look after the equipment.

Cllrs Johnson, Wells and Osborne left at 7.30.

**School** - Cllr Parker reported that a further serious instance of inconsiderate parking had occurred recently and the school had been involved.

1/16. Apologies for Absence – Cllrs Monteith, Yates, Bridgen

2/16 Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation under the Localism Act 2011 – None

3/16 The notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were approved as minutes, proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Johnson and agreed unanimously.

4/16 Financial Report

- i. The Clerk circulated copies of the cash book to date. It was noted that the balances were Deposit Account £12,358.02, including interest (51p in December, 56p in Jan) and the Current Account £213.48. The cheque agreed for Wicksteed (swing parts £170.04) had not be released (See item Play Area below),
- ii. Payments were due as follows: KLT Primary Academy School Hall Hire £21, Clerk £193.09 including expenses/reimbursement, HMRC £47.80 (due 19/2/15). It was proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Hipworth and agreed unanimously, that the above payments be approved and the necessary transfer made
- iii. External Audit arrangements for 2017-18 onwards – Sector Led Body Opt Out. The Clerk explained that after the current financial year, Parish & Town Councils' Audit arrangements would change. An Internal Auditor would still be needed by there would be no External Audit required unless the Annual Accounts were challenged by an elector. In that case the Council would be expected to appoint its own External Auditor. Recognising the problems in doing so (costs etc) NALC and SLCC had established a sector led body (SLB) to act where necessary and Councils were assumed to be using this unless they opted out. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Councillor White and agreed unanimously, that the Parish Council should not opt out of the SLB.
- iv. Precept and Grant Arrangements for 2016-17 – to note proposals from NKDC including taxbase and support grant figures.  
The Clerk circulated updated information about the spend to date and projected figures to year end, and comparisons with previous years, She explained the latest information from NKDC about the taxbase (increased by 8.02 to 381.25) and the support grant (reduced by £123.94 to £199.65). She circulated options using various scenarios.
- v. Budget 2016-17. After discussion on various options, it was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr White and agreed unanimously, that the precept be set to keep the Band D Council Tax unchanged from last year. This would mean a slightly increased income (by £16.51) of £7,016.51 being Precept of £6,816.86 and grant of £199.65. These figures were subject to no significant difference being announced by NKDC during January.

5/16. Clerk's Report and Correspondence received

- i. Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan – consultation on modifications to the Core Strategy - noted



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- ii. Lloyds Bank – changes to Financial Services Compensation Scheme Limit and faxing - noted
- iii. NKDC – Empty Properties - noted
- iv. LCC Footpaths- Diversion Order Footpath No 3 Grange Farm– official notices – noted, displayed since 3rd December
- v. Local Government Boundary Commission for England – proposed changes to LCC Ward boundaries see [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk) - noted
- vi. LALC newsletter no 156, including Training Scheme Training Days dates - noted
- vii. Cllr M Overton – invitation to meeting 14<sup>th</sup> January at Navenby (circulated) - noted
- viii. NKDC Electoral Registers – distributed
- ix. Clerks and Councils Direct – noted
- x. Pensions Regulator – reminder re staging date. After discussion it was agreed that if registration with a pension provider was required, then NEST would be approached.
- xi. Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday beacons - noted

### 6/16. Play Areas

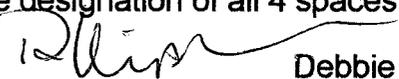
- i. Moles – no activity to date.
- ii. Swings – the Clerk had referred the matter of the colour coming off the cradle seats back to Wicksteed, after the previous meeting. The company had been chased and had today confirmed an offer to send two new replacement seats, free of charge. The Clerk was asked to release the cheque once the new seats had arrived and been fitted to satisfaction.
- iii. Dog Poo – the Clerk explained the issue noted during a routine inspection and her approach to neighbours for information. After consulting with Councillors she had printed and laminated signs for the gate. Subsequent inspections had found fewer, and then no, deposits. It was noted that the hole in the northern boundary fencing had been temporarily repaired, by the neighbour. (Cllr Harrison kindly offered use of her laminator in future)
- iv. Future Projects – none at this time.

### 7/16. Highways Matters

- i. SID – Community Speed Watch. Following the discussions in the Public Session, it was proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Hipworth and agreed unanimously that, subject to Leasingham Parish Council agreeing similarly and subject to Leasingham PC's negotiations to contract for service to erect, maintain and move around, being a reasonable cost, a data collecting option be purchased, order to be placed as soon as possible. It was noted that dates had yet to be confirmed for the installation of the posts, but Kirkby la Thorpe would be in a position to put the SID to use on its approved lamppost sites.
- ii. Other matters – none.

### 8/16. 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 - Cllr Harrison reported that further amendments had been made to the application. Unfortunately the amended documents had not yet been received by the Parish Council. It was agreed that, subject to the amendments not addressing the objections, the Parish Council's previous comments still stood. Cllr Parker was willing to speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the relevant NKDC Planning Committee. Cllr Harrison agreed to call in the application.
- ii. 15/1339/FUL 41-47 Mount Lane. Provision of 4 off street car parking spaces – It was agreed that there was no objection to this application but clarification be requested regarding the designation of all 4 spaces as 'disabled'.



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- iii. 15/1458/HOUS 12 The Hoplands NG34 7HZ. Erection of a single storey rear extension – It was agreed that there was no objection to this application

### 9/16 Eco2

- i. Transport matters – it was noted that the incident on the A17 eastbound before Christmas had resulted in straw lorries going through the village. It was felt that in such cases the A17 was the safer option for diversion than through the village. Clerk to check s106 agreement. Cllr Parker agreed to raise the issue at the next S106 meeting. The Clerk was asked to contact NKDC for a date.
- ii. Community Fund – It was noted that the next meeting of the Panel was 19<sup>th</sup> January. Two applications were to be considered, neither from Kirkby la Thorpe. It was understood that the Church application was still in progress. Cllr Harrison reported on her discussions to extend the deadline for KLT applications. There was discussion about the legality of the Panel's intention to offer the KLT pot to Sleaford projects if applications were not received by Monday 18<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. Parish Council/ Academy project – Cllr Parker brought further detail of the costings for the project and the potential benefits. He explained that the school had agreed to the installation of further solar panels, which would run the air-source heat pump, which would reduce the school's heating costs and provide surplus energy to feed-back into the grid, generating an income for the Parish Council. This income could be used for future community projects. He explained that the school had agreed to the installation subject to the project being cost-neutral and the school would expect the Parish Council to guarantee that. Considerable further investigations were needed and information collected before the application could be submitted. The Clerk had arranged a meeting with the Headteacher on 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss this matter and the parking issues. It was proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr White, that if the Parish Council could be proved to be able to take benefit from this project, after ensuring that it was cost-neutral to the school, then the application should proceed. This was agreed with 3 votes for and 1 against. It was noted that the cost predictions were £48,000 plus £12,000 installation. It was further proposed by Cllr Parker, seconded by Cllr Johnson, that the previous resolution (73/15 iii, from September 2015) to consider contribution of 10% of the grant requested, up to £5,800, be confirmed as a definite commitment. This was agreed with 3 votes for and 1 against.
- iv. Arrangements for community visit(s) to Sleaford REP – The Clerk was asked to follow this up with Darren Smith.

10/16 Broadband. It was noted that new cabling had been recently laid to a junction box at the junction with Evedon Road.

11/16 Inconsiderate Parking. It was noted that the school had featured the matter again in its newsletter before Christmas. The Clerk had arranged a meeting with the Headteacher to consider any further actions.

12/16 Matters for the next meeting – as above.

13/16 Dates of Next Meetings: 10<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting), all at 7 pm

The meeting closed at 9.26pm.

