

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 8th September 2016 at 8.02 pm

Present: Cllrs White, Parker, Monteith, Hipworth, ~~Yates~~ and ~~Bridgen~~, Cllr Barry Young (LCC), Mrs D Scott (Clerk) and 1 member of the public. *Johnson*

There were no questions from the public.

73/16 Apologies for Absence – Cllr ^{Yates} Bridgen and Cllr Julia Harrison (NKDC),
74/16 Declarations of Interest and Applications for Dispensation under the Localism Act 2011 – None

75/16 Highways matters (brought forward)

Cllr Young attended to help clarify a number of LCC-related matters.

Budget Cuts – Highways grass cutting – He explained that safety cutting would take place where there was growth outside the normal verge that would obstruct a view, creating a safety issue. The highway width was defined as the road plus 1 metre of verge. The verges were currently cut 3x per year, but LCC was proposing reducing this to 2x per year 2017-18 and 1x 2018-19, but Cllr Young confirmed that this decision was still subject to LCC approval and admitted that the growth pattern in the current year would not be manageable under that regime.

Road-signs and junctions – if growth was obscuring any signage, visibility at junctions etc, LCC expected that these would be reported by Parish Councils or members of the public.

30mph limits extension – Cllr Young explained that the Highways department was currently being restructured so no Traffic Regulation Orders were being processed but applications were being accepted and queued. He suggested that he would support an extension to the limit over the flyover if the PC decided to apply.

Lorry Routes and the REP s106 – Cllr White explained the problem with the tracking data, its monitoring by NKDC and the enforcement of the restrictions – Cllr Young agreed to raise with the legal department.

Road sweeping – the Clerk agreed to send Cllr Young details of previous complaints about mud/straw on the road.

It was suggested that Councils had in the past tried to make economies but these had led to more serious and costly problems, eg having to unblock drains and gullies instead of keeping the roadside gutters clear of mud and debris in the first place.

Roadside hedges – Cllr Young confirmed that these were the responsibility of the landowner (which in some cases may be Highways). Again these should be reported to Highways who will contact the landowner and ultimately Highways could do the work and recharge the landowner.

Spinney on Evedon Road – this was noted as another site for an extended 30mph limit. Hedge was currently obstructing the speed limit signage.

Overtaken lorry – Paul Taylor's response was noted. Cllr Young agreed to follow up with Highways what action was proposed.

School Traffic – possible yellow lines on bends to provide passing places at peak parking times. Cllrs asked that CPE officers could be sent to the village, possibly one morning a month, to establish order. He suggested that PCSOs could be asked to visit.

LCC Amenity Grass cutting – Cllr Young explained that it was not yet clear what would happen to the cutting that is currently carried out in the Parish on behalf of LCC by NKDC's contractors.

SID posts – The Clerk explained that the long-awaited SID posts on Mount Lane and Ewerby Road had been installed recently but the Ewerby Road post was in the wrong place. She had already spoken to Rowan Smith who had agreed to get it moved to the correct agreed position.

Other matters introduced by Cllr Young:

Boundary Changes – Cllr Young explained the new boundaries coming into effect from the LCC elections in 2017. Kirkby la Thorpe would then come under Heckington Ward, as Sleaford

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Rural South was to be disbanded and parishes split between Heckington and Sleaford Rural Wards. (Post meeting note: Concern was expressed about the KLT Parish Boundary at the Hoplands and Milton Way etc, but it was shown correctly on the clearer larger scale maps.)
Neighbourhood alert re power cuts – it was noted that there was a new number, 105, to call to report a power cut, instead of contacting various suppliers. This could be added to the residents' flyer.

Post Office – as per correspondence below, this facility was welcomed, with caution about accessing the location on foot.

PW thanked Cllr Young for attending.

Cllr Young left at 8.02.

76/16 Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12th May 2016

It was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Johnson and agreed with 4 votes for and one abstention, that subject to the amendment of 'agreement' to 'minute' on page 3, minute 44/16 iii, the minutes were agreed and duly signed.

Minutes of the extra meeting held on 31st August 2016

It was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Hipworth and agreed unanimously, that the minutes were agreed and duly signed.

77/16 Financial Report

- i. The Clerk circulated copies of the cash book to date. It was noted that current balances were D/A £14612.14, C/A £238.99, with cheques from the August meeting still unrepresented.
- ii. Payments due KLT Primary Academy School Hall Hire £24 (to cover 2 hrs extra for this meeting), Clerk £203.43 inc backdated national 1% pay increase, expenses/reimbursement, HMRC £49.60, Rick Webster Grounds Maintenance £399.60 (July and August grass cutting), Leasingham Parish Council (share of SID operative cost) £49.32 and the EnviroTec Mole Contract Standing Order due 25th September, £62.50. It was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Monteith and agreed unanimously, that the above payments be approved, including the National Pay Award increase, be made and the necessary transfer made.
- iii. External Audit 2015-16 – noted not yet returned
- iv. Bank signatories – The forms were completed as agreed
- v. Auto-enrolment – noted actions complete 2015-16
- vi. VAT – claim ready to submit.

78/16. Clerk's Report and Correspondence received

- i. Drone and other issues Flyer – re-wording was discussed and the Clerk agreed to re-draft for distribution as soon as possible, village and Mount Lane.
- ii. NKDC – Open Spaces Strategy. Further information had been received from NKDC and Cllr Johnson had agreed to carry out the assessments. Clerk to forward emails.
- iii. Policing in Lincolnshire – information poster - noted
- iv. LALC newsletter and invitation to AGM, 18th October Waddington - noted
- v. LGBCE – change in LCC Boundary to take effect from LCC elections May 2017 – as discussed with Cllr Young earlier
- vi. NKDC – Jeffery Kenyon re Rail Franchising – comments requested – noted, nothing to add
- vii. LCC – Parish Risk Tables – any further comments – noted. Cllrs asked that an Emergency Plan for Kirkby la Thorpe be considered at a future meeting
- viii. Post Office – changes to Mobile Service – proposed addition of one-hour weekly service for KLT – noted and welcomed, as above.
- ix. ArtsNK – invitation to When in Sleaford, 23rd September - noted

79/16 Eco2

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- i. To note clarification of representation on the Community Liaison Panel, under minutes above (next CLP meeting 4th October 2016) – it was noted that Cllr White was willing to attend the meetings as Chairman of the Parish Council, so he would do as per original minute when representation was first invited.
- ii. Renewable Energy project application and agree submission – AP reported that Ofgem had agreed to send supporting documents to confirm original proposal and the application would be submitted with these and a clearer explanation.
- iii. Church project – Revd Greene had confirmed that Marshalls Charity representatives were visiting the Church shortly
- iv. Broadband for the village project application and agree submission – Mr Kirman was invited to take part in the discussions, he explained the information gathered from Openreach and BT so far, and reported that it could be several weeks before costings for the project would be clear. There were approximately 100 properties in the village, including the school, and Mount Lane that didn't have high-speed broadband access. It was agreed to move out of formal session briefly to discuss the establishment of an independent community group to lead on this project and arrangements were made.
- v. Community visits to Sleaford REP 20th September 2016 and any future visits – it was noted that all three visits were nearly fully booked.
- vi. Tracking data and enforcement of s106 conditions – it was noted that there were still concerns regarding the tracking data supplied

(Cllr Hipworth left the meeting at 9.25)

As the PC representative on the s106 Monitoring Group, Cllr Parker volunteered to take responsibility for getting the raw data from NKDC Enforcement / Eco2 and report back to next meeting

- vii. Incident Report re overturned lorry – as per discussion with Cllr Young earlier
- viii. Road sweeping policy – as per discussion with Cllr Young earlier

75/16 Highways Matters (continued from above)

30 mph Speed limit extension. The Council considered proposals in principle.

Extend between Church Lane and Mount Lane and west towards A17 eastbound to beyond the junction with the road down to Queen's Head and west towards junction with A17 westbound slipway – this was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Johnson and agreed with 3 votes for and 1 against.

Extend north along Evedon Rd to the end of the Spinney (also Parish boundary)- this was proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Monteith and agreed with 3 votes for and 1 abstention.

It was agreed that a working group, comprising Cllrs Parker, White and Johnson would look at more detail for the application and consider alternatives to the yellow lines demarcating passing places for school traffic.

80/16 Planning

- i. 16/0804/HOUS Waggoners Lodge Mount Lane Farm Mount Lane, Erection of single storey front extension together with air source heat pumps to rear elevation (Part-Retrospective) – after discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection to the amended plan.

81/16. Neighbourhood Plan Sleaford and Kirkby la Thorpe – no update

82/16 Play Areas

- i. To note Annual Inspection Report and actions arising – the Clerk had circulated the inspector's report. The swings wetpour had been cleaned and the slide repair was in hand.

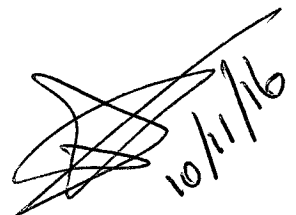
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- ii. To consider any further works – the hedging was becoming very overgrown. Cllrs volunteered to attend to it.
- iii. NKDC Open Spaces Strategy – the Clerk had received further information from NKDC. Cllr Johnson volunteered to carry out the assessments.

83/16 Matters for the next meeting – Emergency Plan, Traffic Regulation Application, Review of Clerk's Contract

84/16 Dates of Next Meetings: 10th November, 12th January 2017, 9th March, 11th May (Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting), at 7 pm

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

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