

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.40pm

Two members of the public were in attendance

**Eco2.** Before the meeting, David Fisher of Eco2 and Andrew Wright from BWSC attended to update the Council on progress on site.

Before they spoke, Cllr Hipworth offered the Parish Council's condolences on the tragic loss of Rhys Clark.

DF reported that the project was on course for completion by the due dates, and the boiler had recently been fired up for the first time and had been running for two days to build up steam pressure to be released through temporary pipework to atmosphere as part of the testing/cleaning process to ensure that it would be ready for operation. Noise might be audible 2 or 3 times a day for 5-10 minutes over the next few days, with completion in 2-3 weeks. A press release had been sent to the local press.

The straw-barns were now fully commissioned with working cranes and conveyors. Straw had been fed into the boiler. The steam turbine and generator were cold commissioned and it expected that the first steam would be fed to the turbine on around 7<sup>th</sup> November. Further tests would take place and then from mid-December it would be running as if operational for 28 days before sign-off, due on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2014. DF confirmed that all straw contracts were in place and 3-4 loads per day would be arriving throughout September and October building up to full complement in November.

It was noted that there was to be an open invitation to look round the site later in the year. The Chairman thanked David and Andrew for attending.

**Kirkby la Thorpe Primary School Academy Proposals** Andy Parker of the School Governors explained that the school's application to convert to Academy had been submitted at the end of last term but, coinciding with Parliamentary recess, had not yet received ministerial approval. It would be re-presented at the next opportunity. Payroll and insurance, which had been set up in anticipation of conversion had since reverted back to LEA. The new Solar Panels had been installed and were working well and a new security system had been installed.

Re discussions at the open meeting in July, the School Governors would meet on 30<sup>th</sup> September and would be discussing how to move the car parking issue forward. It might be that a committee be established to progress it. He asked whether the PC would nominate a representative.

Further discussion took place about the school transport issue for secondary school pupils. PC would be discussing later.

**Present: Cllrs Hipworth (in the Chair), Monteith, Watson and Yates, Mrs D Scott (Clerk) and Cllr David Dickinson (NKDC), 1 member of the public.**

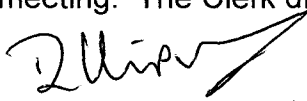
57/13. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Simon Rossiter, Johnson and Main.

58/13. Declaration of Interest and Applications for Dispensation under the Localism Act 2011 – None

59/13. The notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013 were approved as minutes, proposed by Cllr Monteith, seconded by Cllr Watson, and agreed unanimously.

60/13. Financial Report

- i. The Clerk reported that an unqualified External Audit Report had been received from Grant Thornton and closure notice was currently displayed on the noticeboards.
- ii. It was noted that the bank balances stood as follows: LloydsTSB Current Account £6078.03, LloydsTSB Savings Account £6298.35, inc 54p interest (2 months) since the last meeting. The Clerk distributed copies of the accounts to date.



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- iii. The following payments were due be made: LCC Hall Hire £21, Rick Webster Grounds Maintenance £532.80 (grass cutting June and July), Information Commissioner £35.00, Grant Thornton External Audit fee £240.00, Playsafety ROSPA Play Area Inspection £78.00, Clerk £177.64 (salary) and £3.00 reimbursements, HMRC £44.40 (due 19/10/13); and a further standing order payment to Enviro-Tec would be due on 25<sup>th</sup> September. It was proposed by Cllr Monteith, seconded by Cllr Yates and agreed unanimously, that the above report be accepted and the payments be made, including authorisation for the payment due to Tony Walker following completion of the work on the Mount Lane noticeboard

### 61/13. Clerk's Report and Correspondence received

- i. LCC – Call Connect information - noted
- ii. Community Lincs – AGM 9<sup>th</sup> October - noted
- iii. NKDC – Open Day for Councils and Community Groups 19<sup>th</sup> September - noted
- iv. Community Lincs Insurance Services – New contact - noted
- v. Sleaford & District CAB – AGM 20<sup>th</sup> September - noted
- vi. LALC – AGM 15<sup>th</sup> October - noted

### 62/13. Play Areas

- i. Update on moles and other works – No mole activity again. Regular equipment inspections by the Clerk continue.
- ii. Other Areas, future projects – The Clerk reported that she had not been able to find prices for parallel bars discussed at the last meeting. Cllr Hipworth agreed to get more information from the young people concerned

### 63/13. Highways Matters

- i. Mount Lane. Further (photographic) evidence of flooding was awaited and would be passed on to NKDC /LCC when received.
- ii. Boston Road. Mud on road and cycle path – as before
- iii. School Transport – as before, the Clerk would follow up the previous correspondence with LCC and the local MP, inviting both the MP and Cllr Young to walk the route and attend the next meeting. It was strongly felt that the route was not safe and would be especially treacherous while the improvements were being carried out
- iv. General – Potholes etc. It was noted that a faulty street light on Mount Lane had been reported to LCC by a resident. This had been fixed very quickly. (015292 782070 or through the LCC website).

A problem with a pothole growing around a drain cover on the A17 (approx 300m west of slip road on to the eastbound carriageway) would be reported by the Clerk.

### 64/13. Planning Matters


**13/0567/FUL** Change of use from a paddock to a riding menage for personal use and to use as dry turnout for laminitic ponies. Sardesons Cottage Mount Lane Kirkby La Thorpe NG34 9NS – approved by NKDC - noted

**13/0507/HOUS** Erection of two storey rear extension, 70 Church Lane, Kirkby La Thorpe – approved by NKDC - noted

**13/0721/PNAGR** Construction of farm road/track, Land At Mount Lane, Kirkby La Thorpe NG34 9NS – prior approval not required - noted

**13/0722/PNAGR** Construction of road/farm track, Land At Mount Lane, Kirkby La Thorpe NG34 9NS – prior approval not required - noted

### 65/13. Eco2 Community Fund – Community Liaison Panel Updates and report by representative to Public Art Commissioning Panel



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It was noted that the next meeting of the Community Liaison Panel was scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> October. Information had been received about the applications for the Public Art Commission. Councillor Watson had visited the display of 31 portfolios and had helped score the entrants. Shortlist was still being decided.

(Cllr Dickinson left at 8.10pm)

At the Open Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, several projects had been discussed including the Church's proposal to make changes to their building, the potential for a community room at the school and some options to improve the drop-off, car parking and access situation for the school. After discussion it was felt that Councillors would support in principle the plan to create a drop-off area behind the school with one-way access for parents' cars in a circular route around the site.

66/13. Network Rail

Details of the bridge opening had not yet been confirmed.

67/13 Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning – site allocation maps. The Clerk reported that she had checked with the other maps and found a number of Kirkby La Thorpe sites shown on the Sleaford Map. She had spoken to JPU and they had agreed to make sure that KLT Parish was consulted on these in the next stage. In the meantime it was proposed by Cllr Watson, seconded by Cllr Monteith and agreed unanimously that the Clerk submit comments on these sites expressing concern about the impact of flooding, access problems to sites south of the railway and the importance of improving medical, road and education infrastructure before any development took place.

68/13. Review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Policies. It was noted that the new revised model Standing Orders was expected in October. Clerk to bring that with model policies for consideration and adoption at the next meeting.

69/13. Website – it was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Yates and agreed unanimously, that the Clerk contact LCC and set up a website for the Parish Council.

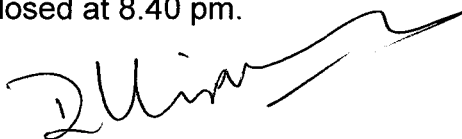
70/13. The Date of Next Meetings: The following dates were confirmed 14<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 13<sup>th</sup> March and 8<sup>th</sup> May (APM, AM and PC meeting), all at 7 pm

71/13. To resolve to move into Closed Session under the Public Bodies Act 1960, proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Watson and agreed unanimously.

72/13. Clerk's salary

The Clerk reported that agreement for a 1% increase in the national payscales had been reached. It was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Monteith and agreed unanimously that the Clerk's pay be increased accordingly and also increments be added in accordance with the contract of employment.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.



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