

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 11th November 2013 at 7.25pm

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

DF reported that the plant was close to generating the first electricity by putting steam to the turbine, building up through the 'optimisation' phase to full output. When deemed ready by the contractors, it would run at full output for 4 weeks and then if all's well, would be signed off and go into commercial operation, at the earliest on 18th January. Commercial handover was expected around end of January/ beginning of February.

The building works were complete but some external works remain and road tarmac was currently being laid.

Straw deliveries had been at 20 per day to stock the barns for the test running, now reduced to 8 per day but increasing to 20 per day from next week. On completion the deliveries would be 45 loads per day, ie 90 movements, DF confirmed that movements would be restricted to the agreed times - 7am to 7 pm weekdays and 8am to 2pm Saturdays only.

RH pointed out that the Eco2 funded footpath improvements were not now due to be carried out until Summer 2014 and, in view of the concern in the parish, asked whether Eco2 would consider supporting the costs of providing school transport, possibly instead of the footpath improvements. It was felt that the SREP Community Liaison Panel might not have the power to divert the funds already allocated but DF agreed to ask. It had been muted as a project for the Community Fund but the Parish Council would rather see the fund spent on longer term capital projects.

AW reported that a further tour of the plant would be organised, probably after Christmas.

The Chairman thanked David and Andrew for attending.

Kirkby la Thorpe Primary School Academy Proposals

SJ, as School Governor, informed the Council that he would be attending a School Governors' meeting on 25th November and it was likely that an update on Academy Conversion would be available after that.

Present: **Cllrs Hipworth (in the Chair), Monteith, Yates, Johnson and Rossiter, Mrs D Scott (Clerk)**

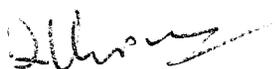
73/13. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Watson, Main and Cllr David Dickinson (NKDC),

74/13. Declaration of Interest and Applications for Dispensation under the Localism Act 2011 – None

75/13. The notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th September 2013 were approved as minutes, proposed by Cllr Monteith, seconded by Cllr Yates, and agreed unanimously.

76/13. Financial Report

- i. It was noted that the bank balances stood as follows: Lloyds Current Account £683.69, Lloyds Savings Account £10,499.00, inc 65p interest (2 months) since the last meeting. The Clerk distributed copies of the accounts to date.
- ii. The following payments were due to be made: LCC Hall Hire £21, Rick Webster Grounds Maintenance £399.60 (grass cutting August & September), Clerk £205.51 (salary and 60p reimbursements), HMRC £51.20 (due 19/12/13); and a further standing order payment to Enviro-Tec would be due on 25th December. Cllrs noted that the payment to Tony Walker agreed in September would be made on completion of the work
- iii. The Clerk reported that NKDC had advised at recent training that the calculation for next year's budget would not be available until late December /early January and parish



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Councils were therefore advised to delay their budget setting. It was also noted that Parish Council precept information was now being shared with Central Government and it was possible that the PC precept capping clause in the Localism Act may be enacted. It was therefore suggested that PCs should anticipate future projects and start building them into the forthcoming budgets.

It was proposed by Cllr Rossiter, seconded by Cllr Monteith and agreed unanimously, that the above report be accepted and the payments be made along with the necessary transfer from the savings account.

77/13. Clerk's Report and Correspondence received

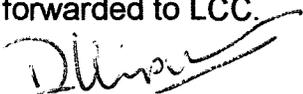
- i. Community Lincs – Involving Lincs Annual Conference 30/10/13 - noted
- ii. LCC – road Closure Mount Lane Crossing overnight 22/10/13 - noted
- iii. NKDC – Parish Litter Picking and Dog Warden Grants – noted, N/A
- iv. Central Lincs JPU – thanks for responses - noted
- v. Lloyds Bank – re changes from LloydsTSB - noted
- vi. NKDC - Sleaford Regeneration Facts Sheet – circulated and noted. The Clerk also asked for guidance on the display of a poster in connection with the Sleaford Recreation Ground Campaign. Councillors were uncomfortable with being seen to be taking a side on this and felt that as all residents had been delivered with a flyer it was not appropriate to display the Poster on the PC notice boards. Clerk to report back through the local resident.
- vii. NKDC – Council tax support consultation – Cllrs discussed the questions – Clerk to respond
- viii. LCC – Libraries Service Consultations – update - noted
- ix. Heckington Area Voluntary Car Scheme – AGM 13/11/13 and funding request. The request was considered and it was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Rossiter and agreed unanimously, that a donation of £20 be made towards the project's costs.
- x. Clerks and Councils Direct – magazine - noted
- xi. LCC Minerals and Waste Local Plan – Cllrs agreed to look at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste and respond as individuals. It was noted that a number of property owners in the village and Mount Lane had received letters from a person intending to purchase a local title which would include mineral rights but it was unclear what the implications would be.
- xii. Sleaford CAB – funding request and invite to half yearly meeting. The request was considered and it was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Johnson and agreed unanimously, that a donation of £50 be made towards the costs.

78/13. Play Areas

- i. Update on moles and other works – No mole activity at the last inspection. Regular equipment inspections by the Clerk continue.
- ii. Hedging. It was proposed by Cllr Rossiter, seconded by Cllr Monteith and agreed unanimously that the Clerk contact the previous contractor to repeat the work particularly on cutting back the beech hedging and removing the elder by the pedestrian gate.
- iii. Other Areas, future projects – In the absence of any supplier of suitable outdoor parallel bars, the Clerk was asked to get quotes for the fabrication and installation of the equipment.

79/13. Highways Matters

- i. Mount Lane. Cllr Main had supplied photographs of the flooding, the Clerk to forward to NKDC and LCC. Cllr Main had also supplied photographs of damaged barriers, also to be forwarded to LCC.



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- ii. Boston Road. Mud on road and cycle path. The 'Walk the Route' event on 8th November had illustrated how bad the conditions were. It was also noted that the road markings were almost non-existent in places. Clerk to report.
- iii. School Transport – Cllr Hipworth reported on the walk, as above, and it was noted that it had been well supported, attracting much interest from the press and radio. The weather conditions had been perfect to show the problems of the route. Cllr Barry Young had been very supportive and had agreed to follow the matter up with LCC. Cllrs were disappointed that Anita Ruffle had not responded to the invitation, but following David Robinson's comment (quoted as Schools Services Manager) in the Sleaford Standard, it was agreed that the Clerk contact him and invite him to suggest a date for him to try the walk.
It was noted that Andy Parker, as a parent, had received information from LCC, under Fol Act, regarding the justification of the provision of a taxi for the Evedon children to travel to Kirkby la Thorpe and the costs involved in that supply. It seemed clear that Boston Road so nearly met so many of the conditions for 'dangerous' that it should also be justified. Mr Parker would be pursuing.
- iv. General – Potholes etc. The clerk was asked to report that the temporary repairs on the A17 seemed to have failed already and that at the junction of Boston Road with Milton Way and the Hoplands, the surface had deteriorated, particularly appearing to have increased the camber on the Hoplands approach.

80/13. Planning Matters - none.

81/13. Eco2 Community Fund

Public Art

The Clerk reported that the final choice had been made by the Community Liaison Panel and the artist Michael Condron had been commissioned to produce a piece to be installed for the official opening of the Plant. See <http://eco2publicart.tumblr.com/> He was also committed to working with KLT school children during the project.

Community Liaison Panel Updates

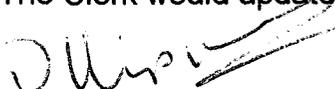
In October, comments were again raised at the meeting of the Panel about the lack of applications from the Parish and Cllrs noted that there was some urgency in getting applications moved on. Cllr Rossiter volunteered to work with the school, if a community group was set up to progress the school's application(s)

82/13. Network Rail

Cllr Hipworth reported back on the Bridge Opening which had taken place on 17th October and press coverage was shared. A light buffet reception had been held afterwards at the Queen's Head. It was noted that Heighington had received £1000 donation towards their Church Tower fund from Network Rail in consideration of the PC hosting the initial consultation event and the disruption caused by the work. Kirkby la Thorpe had missed this opportunity as there was no initial consultation in the Parish but Network Rail has since not ruled out a small donation.

83/13. Review of Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Publication Scheme and equal Opportunities Policy.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Yates and agreed unanimously, that the above models be adopted, with minor amendments (including in the Financial Regulations, reducing the limit on Clerk's emergency spending powers to £200, deleting the requirement for VAT to be claimed 'at Year End' and deleting the provisions for Petty Cash). The Clerk would update the documents accordingly for publication.



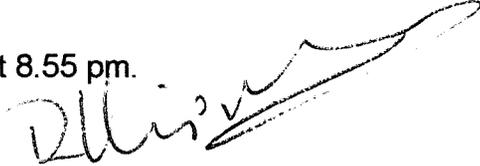
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84/13. Website – the Clerk explained that unfortunately LCC no longer offered new free websites for Parish Councils, but that she had designed a similar website which she demonstrated, explaining that she would welcome any additional materials, photographs and comments. The Clerk also explained the costs quoted by freeola and 123-reg for hosting and domain names. It was proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Rossiter and agreed unanimously that the new website be published as www.kirkbylathorpe.com or similar, using 123-reg, the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

85/13. The Date of Next Meetings: The following dates were confirmed 9th January 2014, 13th March and 8th May (APM, AM and PC meeting), all at 7 pm. It was noted that when the School academy conversion takes effect the hall booking procedure may change.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Scott', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.