

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.15pm

**Eco2.** Before the meeting, Andrew Wright from BWSC attended to update the Council on progress on site and David Fisher had earlier sent an email outlining progress.

AW confirmed that DF had spoken to NKDC about footpath money and the Clerk confirmed that she had been called by Scott Masterman that evening about the possibility of discussing it at the next Community Liaison Panel (14<sup>th</sup> Jan).

AW reported that there had been a problem with the steam turbine generator which had since been resolved but this had delayed work for a short while. However the plant was expected to be sending its first electricity to the grid on 10<sup>th</sup> January. Finalising the landscaping and internal roadways continued.

Several loads of woodchip had already been delivered and full straw deliveries would be commencing the next week. Two or three loads of ash had already been collected for delivery to Welbeck Colliery to be made into building blocks.

ZW mentioned that there had been a conversation on Sleaford facebook about straw on Boston Road, but AW confirmed no complaints had been received.

Police had visited the plant in December following complaints about mud on the road and had put the sweeper along to clean up. It was thought that this may have been triggered by complaints by the PC and by LCC School Transport reps which had referred to the agricultural contractors' mud rather than any from Eco2. AW was thanked for his efforts to clean the road. RH mentioned that he had received complaints about two lorries leaving the plant over the flyover rather than by A17 west. AW asked for registration numbers so he could follow this up AW also agreed to deal with littering which was taking place on the off-site parking area (by the Anglian Water station).

AW said that arrangements for the tour of the plant had been delayed by the technical difficulties with the generator but would be made probably for after TOC (Test on Completion)

The Chairman thanked Andrew for attending.

### Kirkby la Thorpe Primary School Academy Proposals

It was noted that conversion had taken place with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December

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

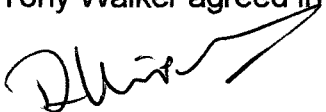
1/14. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Rossiter and Cllr David Dickinson (NKDC),

2/14. Declaration of Interest and Applications for Dispensation under the Localism Act 2011 – Applications were received from Cllrs Watson and Monteith for dispensation to taken part in discussions and vote on the budget setting and precept at this meeting and subsequent meetings up to the next regular election. This was granted.

3/14. The notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were approved as minutes, proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Monteith, and agreed unanimously.

4/14. Financial Report

- i. It was noted that the bank balances stood as follows: Lloyds Current Account £23.88, Lloyds Savings Account £10,349.10, inc 40p interest (1 month) since the last meeting. The Clerk distributed copies of the accounts to date.
- ii. The following payments were due be made: Rick Webster Grounds Maintenance £266.40 (grass cutting October & November), KLT CoE PA Hall Hire £21, Clerk £346.42 (salary and £162.50 reimbursements), HMRC £45.80 (due 19/1/14). Cllrs noted that the payment to Tony Walker agreed in September had still not been paid but would be made on



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completion of the work (confirmed for this month) and a payment to Woodland Tree Care would also be due before the next meeting (see Play Area item below)

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

- iii. **Budget 2014-15.** The Clerk reported that she had received information from NKDC that the tax-base for 2014-15 was likely to be reduced from 381.63 to 377.27 and that the grant offered by NKDC to support the Parish Precept was likely to reduce from £589.77 to £504.38. These figures would be subject to decisions by NKDC Executive Board on 20<sup>th</sup> January and the Full Council on 30<sup>th</sup> January, but in the meantime Parish Councils were asked to set provisional figures for their precepts to submit the necessary paper work by 4<sup>th</sup> February. The Clerk circulated a draft budget based on the current year's projected expenditure and showing a further sum of £1500 to be allocated to Play Area improvements or other projects. It was noted that this, along with any under-spend in recent years' budgets could alternatively be used as grants to part fund other KLT applicants to the Eco2 Community Fund.

The Clerk gave examples of the effects of various levels of precept on the Band D Council Tax amounts and percentage increases.

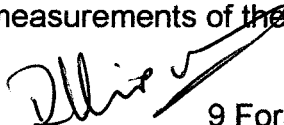
After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Main and agreed unanimously, that the budget for 2014-15 be set for £7000, equal to 2013-14, meaning a provisional precept of £6495.62 to add to the grant of £504.38, subject to there being no change in the figures proposed by NKDC. It was noted that, because of the reductions in tax base and grant, this level would mean an increase in the Band D Council tax of 2.5%, being 42p per year increase.

### 5/14. Clerk's Report and Correspondence received

- i. LCC Highways Gritting Routes and Winter Briefing – noted, added to website and further copies available from NKDC Reception
- ii. NKDC Christmas bin emptying poster – noted, added to website and Noticeboards
- iii. LCC CallConnect Christmas Services – noted, added to website and Noticeboards
- iv. NKDC Winter Wellbeing poster - noted added to website
- v. LALC AGM – 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014, and Autumn Newsletter - noted
- vi. Central Lincs Joint Planning Unit – Proposed withdrawal of Core Strategy - noted
- vii. Network Rail – invitation to next Key Stakeholders meeting 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, Spalding – noted, Clerk and Cllr Monteith to attend
- viii. Thank you letter from Heckington Area Voluntary Car Scheme
- ix. LCC – Sleaford Transport Strategy – previously circulated – noted
- x. Clerk & Councils Direct - noted

### 6/14. Play Areas

- i. Update on moles and other works – No mole activity at the last inspection. Regular equipment inspections by the Clerk continue. Inspection on 9<sup>th</sup> Jan had found damage to fencing on south side of field; Clerk had done a temporary fix but was asked to contact Mr Morbey re a repair.
- ii. Hedging. The Clerk reported that she had met Oliver from Woodland Tree Care on site on 9<sup>th</sup> January and he had quoted £210 for the works agreed at the last meeting. This would be carried out on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, weather permitting. It was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Watson and agreed unanimously, that this be confirmed.
- iii. Other Areas, future projects – outdoor parallel bars, Cllr Hipworth agreed to follow up the measurements of the proposed equipment.



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### 7/14. Highways Matters

- i. Mount Lane. It was noted that no action had been taken on the problems raised at the last meeting (blocked gullies, damaged barriers and leaning street light.) Clerk to forward to LCC again
- ii. Boston Road. Mud on road and cycle path. It was noted that the muddy conditions had been reported, not only by the Parish Council, but also by School Transport section staff, which had resulted in Eco2 being visited by the Police (see public forum above) despite the point being clearly made that the mud was the result of the ongoing agricultural operations. It was noted that work had started on cutting back hedging etc along Boston Road as part of the effort by LCC to improve sightlines at the footpath crossing point. Agricultural operations in the field adjacent the A17 east of the bridge were causing mud on Church Lane at the junction with Boston Road. Clerk to report.
- iii. School Transport – Cllr Hipworth reported on the second walk, as above, noting that the response from LCC School Transport officials had been disappointing. They had confirmed that there was nothing along the route to meet their criteria of an unsafe route, although they had been horrified by the muddiness of sections of the path. Cllr Hipworth, the Clerk and Andy Parker had met with LCC Cllr Barry Young on 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Whilst still being sympathetic, Cllr Young had admitted that there was no future in trying to persuade officials to provide transport, but he did agree to revisit the idea of changing the charging structure for students who were ineligible for free transport to access the few spare seats on the buses provided. Cllr Young had also suggested an application to his LCC Councillors Fund (up to £2000) to support an alternative scheme.

In the meantime alternative ways of providing transport were being investigated. It was noted that the Sleaford New Life Church had submitted an application to Eco2 Community Fund for funding towards a minibus and the Clerk had put Mr Parker in touch with them.

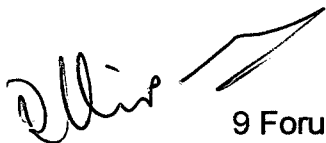
(See also earlier item about diverting the footpath works funding towards a transport project). After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Watson and agreed unanimously, that a public meeting be convened to gauge the community's preferences and to assess the need for transport to be provided. Cllr Hipworth agreed to mention the issue at the next Community Liaison Panel meeting.

- iv. General – Potholes etc. It was noted that work had taken place on the trench pothole at junction of Boston Road and A17 west slipway, but others were re-appearing.
- v. Bramling Way. The Clerk explained that Cllr Rossiter had received complaints from his neighbours and the farmer about inconsiderate parking by residents obstructing the access to properties and the field gate. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Johnson and agreed unanimously, that the matter be passed to LCC as Civil Parking Enforcement Authority, and Nottinghamshire Community Housing Association as landlords.

### 8/14. Planning Matters

13/1359/HOUS 5 Burns Close – extension to front of property and raising height of garage. Informal comments had been submitted since the last meeting. It was noted that this had been refused by NKDC 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014

13/1398/HOUS (and amended plans) Charnwood, 8 Church Lane – first floor extension over garage and reinstating vehicular access, new wall and gates to front boundary. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Johnson and agreed unanimously that there was no objection to the proposal, provided that any neighbours' comments were taken into account.



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9/14. Eco2 Community Fund

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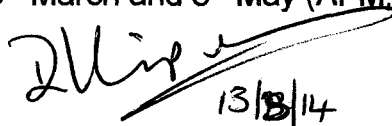
It was noted that the artist, Michael Condron, would be running workshops – details in local press

Community Liaison Panel Updates

It was noted that there were four applications being considered at the next meeting, again none from Kirkby la Thorpe

10/14. Website – the Clerk was congratulated on the new website and asked that additional publicity be arranged to let people know about it. Cllr Watson agreed to mention on the Sleaford Facebook page. It was agreed that a link to Ewerby Reading Room information was appropriate.

11/14. The Date of Next Meetings: 13<sup>th</sup> March and 8<sup>th</sup> May (APM, AM and PC meeting), all at 7 pm.

  
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The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.