

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 10th July 2014 at 7.15pm

Before the meeting, David Fisher (Eco2) and Andrew Wright (BWSC) attended to update on progress at the Renewable Energy Plant. Mr Fisher explained that the plant was currently undergoing 28 day test period, after which, all being well, it would be handed over around 1st August. Having been on schedule to complete 6 months early, it had been delayed by fault with the generator rotor which had to go back to France twice. Deliveries of straw and woodchip were currently running at close to fully operational levels, 23 lorries woodchip, 200 lorries straw per week.

Cllr Main reported having seen a straw delivery driver smoking in his cab. He was assured that this was not a particular hazard and that particular lorry was an owner/operator so would not be subject to the no-smoking legislation.

Public Art – this had been postponed until after the 28 day test.

Visit – Mr Fisher welcomed any date suggestions, preferably mid-week, for further visits.

Cllr Hipworth thanked Mr Fisher and Mr Wright for attending.

In the absence of any other School Governor representative, Cllr Johnson reported that the Reception numbers in September were expected to reach 31, with only 20 leaving from Yr6.

Cllr Johnson was asked to feedback concerns about increased traffic and parking issues and residents affected were asked to report incidents to the Police (101)

Present: **Cllrs Hipworth (in the Chair), Monteith, Johnson and Main, Cllr David Dickinson (NKDC) Mrs D Scott (Clerk)**

42/14. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr Yates

43/14. Declaration of Interest and Applications for Dispensation under the Localism Act 2011 – None

44/14 The notes of the Annual Meeting held on 8th May 2014 and the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th May 2014 were approved as minutes, proposed by Cllr Main, seconded by Cllr Monteith and agreed unanimously

The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2014 were noted, for approval at the 2015 APM

45/14. Financial Report

- i. It was noted that the Annual Report had been submitted to the External Auditor and acknowledged by the due date and the Clerk had received verbal assurance that all was in order
- ii. It was noted that the bank balances stood as follows: Lloyds Current Account £37.57, Lloyds Savings Account £14652.82, inc £1.85 interest (May, June and July) since the last meeting. The Clerk distributed copies of the accounts to date.
- iii. The following payments were due be made KL Morbey Fencing 117.60, Rick Webster Grounds Maintenance £532.80, KLT CoE PA Hall Hire £21, Clerk £181.82 including expenses/reimbursement, HMRC £46.80 (due 19/08/14), It was proposed by Cllr Main, 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.

46/14 Risk Assessment. This had been circulated in advance. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Main, that subject to an inspection regime and record being established for the Noticeboards, the Risk Assessment be adopted.

The Clerk was asked to get copies of the grass cutting contractor's Insurance Certificate.



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47/14. Clerk's Report and Correspondence received

- i. NKDC – Change of House Name – Willow Cottage, Mount Lane (was Bone Cottage) - noted
- ii. LCC Community Wildlife Grant - noted
- iii. LCC Highways – maintenance and capital works schedule 2014-15 - noted
- iv. NKDC – Glendale - grass cutting contract - noted
- v. NKDC – LEADER event – circulated and noted – Clerk to add to website
- vi. Lincs2 Advice – information – noted – Clerk to add to website
- vii. Clerks and Councils Direct- noted

48/14. Play Areas

- i. Update on moles and other works – the Clerk explained that during the inspection on 3rd June, she had discovered a broken fence post, which because it was a potential danger she had asked Mr Morbey to repair urgently. The latest inspection, on 6th July had revealed molehills/tunnels in the north- east corner of the Play Area
- ii. Other Areas, future projects – no update

49/14. Highways Matters

- i. Mount Lane Drainage. Cllr Main reported that contractors had spent several days working on the drains since the last meeting but they were still not draining effectively.
- ii. Boston Road Path. The Clerk reported that she had been informed that the tenders had been received and unfortunately they were higher than expected. The County Council was now looking for further funding before the works could start. It was not clear what would happen to the £200,000 from Eco2 if the shortfall could not be found.
- iii. General condition of the roads, in addition to various potholes several sections needed resurfacing. The Clerk apologised for not having written to Highways, as per the last meeting but she had spoken to Rowan Smith who had confirmed that the pothole patching work would go ahead shortly. The Clerk was asked again to write and include the condition of the surfacing on Church Lane.
- iv. SID – update on SID and Community Speed Watch. The Clerk reported that Rowan Smith had confirmed that Highways Policy still precluded Parish Councils from putting out SIDs on Highways verges. However Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership had set up Community Speed Watch, whereby Parish Councils could purchase lamp-post mounted movable SIDs for around £1800 - £2300. She reported that Wilsford PC was considering purchasing one which it might be willing to 'lend' to other parishes on occasion. It was proposed by Cllr Johnson, seconded by Cllr Main and agreed unanimously, that the Clerk contact LRSP with an expression of interest in purchasing one unit, subject to further costing information being received.

50/14. Planning Matters

- i. 14/0336/VARCON Grange Farm, Asgarby Road, Burton Pedwardine. Application to vary the access to the Solar Farm site, to allow access from White Cross Lane – noted approved by NKDC
- ii. 14/0818/FUL Mount Farm Mareham Lane Sleaford NG34 0BL Installation of 16no biomass boilers and 8no fuel silos to heat poultry units. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Main, seconded by Cllr Hipworth that the Parish Council had no objection to this proposal subject to all external deliveries to the site being made via Mareham Lane not Mount Lane.
- iii. Launch of Central Lincs Joint Local Plan. Cllr Johnson had attended and reported that there had been very little detail available. More information would be available soon, especially in respect of Neighbourhood Plans. Cllr Johnson and the Clerk would follow up.

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51/14. Eco2 Community Fund

- a) Update on KLT projects – there was no update
- b) Update on Public Art installation and unveiling – as above, deferred to new school term, because of 28 test period and availability of school children
- c) Update on Community Liaison Panel meeting 8th July 2014. It was noted that Cllr Hipworth was now Chairman of the Community Liaison Panel. There was considerable pressure within the panel on the Kirkby la Thorpe pot which now stood at £38,000 available: in the absence of any KLT projects, funding may be lost to Sleaford. The Clerk was asked to write to both the school and the Church to express the Parish Council's concern
- d) Visit to plant – This had taken place on 26th June, having been re-arranged from 25th at short notice. As above Mr Fisher was happy to arrange a further site visit for anyone interested.

52/14. PartnershipNK Better Transport Group – report of meeting 8th July 2014. The Clerk reported that she had attended for an update on the Boston Road Path. She also mentioned that further meetings were being held to quantify a response to the planning applications for poultry units and anaerobic digester using access over the Sustrans Connect2 route Leasingham to Sleaford.

53/14. Website – suggestions for other items to include were requested (see above).

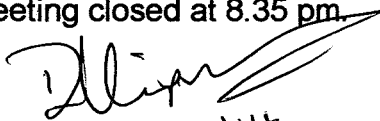
54/14. Bus Shelter on A17 lay by. The Clerk reported that she had been in touch with the Highways and Planning departments regarding necessary procedures should the Parish Council decide to remove the Bus Shelter. Highways advice had been received and Planning advice was awaited.

It was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Main and agreed unanimously, that the Clerk obtain quotes for the removal and disposal of the bus shelter and bin, including re-instatement of the land, for the next meeting.

55/14 Dates of Next Meetings: 11th September, 13th November, 8th January 2015, 12th March, 14th May, all at 7 pm

Matters for the next meeting – arising from above.

~ The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.



11/9/14