

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.20pm

Before the meeting, Phil Drayton and Andy Parker attended to update on the School; David Fisher (Eco2) and Andrew Wright (BWSC) attended to update on progress at the Renewable Energy Plant.

**School:** Mr Drayton explained that the new intake pupils would be doing full days from Friday which would mean the traffic wouldn't build up at lunchtime again, although the Free School Meals deliveries would also be starting. It was noted that serious congestion had occurred the previous week when the A17 westbound had been closed by the lorry fire.

Governors had been working on the Business Plan for the school's drop off/car parking and hoped to submit the Eco2 funding application shortly. NKDC had costed the scheme at £100,000 in 2012 and an application for EFA funding was also being made.

The school roll for 14-15 stood at 136.

**Eco2:** Mr Fisher confirmed that the plant had passed its 28 day test and would become operational the following week. During July the plant had been working at normal rates. RH asked about the frontage landscaping and Mr Fisher confirmed that a wildflower seed mix had been sown in accordance with the planning conditions. Installation of the public art piece and the official opening was still awaited

Other matters:

**Streetlighting** – noted that a couple of lights were out, already reported to LCC

Mr Drayton, Mr Fisher and Mr Wright left the meeting.

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

56/14. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs Yates, Watson and Rossiter

57/14. Declaration of Interest and Applications for Dispensation under the Localism Act 2011 – None

58/14 The notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014 were approved as minutes, proposed by Cllr Main, seconded by Cllr Monteith and agreed unanimously

59/14. Financial Report

- i. It was noted the External Auditor had given an unqualified report
- ii. It was noted that the bank balances stood as follows: Lloyds Current Account £88.35, Lloyds Savings Account £13703.96, inc £1.16 interest (Aug & Sept) since the last meeting. The Clerk distributed copies of the accounts to date and reported that a VAT claim had been submitted in July.
- iii. The following payments were due to be made: Rick Webster Grounds Maintenance £799.20 (June, July, August), KLT CoE PA Hall Hire £21, Clerk £196.43 including expenses/reimbursement, HMRC £46.80 (due 19/10/14), Information Commissioner £35, (Data Protection Regeneration Renewal) and the standing order for Environ-Tec was due 25/9/14.

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.

60/14. Clerk's Report and Correspondence received

- i. Central Lincs Growth Agenda and Local Plan Information Sheet - noted
- ii. NKDC Litter Picking – helpful hints - noted

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- iii. National Citizen Service Autumn Social Action Project – noted. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Main and agreed unanimously, that the Clerk contact the scheme in respect of clearing up the A17 bridge embankments. Highways had indicated that this would be acceptable.
- iv. NKDC Weeds around bins - noted
- v. LALC news 154 Summer 2014 - noted
- vi. LCC- Rural Gain Grants - Rural Shops and Cycle Storage – noted, copy to AP to investigate relevance to the school
- vii. NKDC – Leisure Contracts - Brown Signs for Sleaford Leisure Centre – after discussion it was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Main and agreed unanimously that the clerk write to NKDC expressing support for the brown signs.
- viii. LALC – Reminder re AGM 15<sup>th</sup> October at Navenby 5pm for 6pm - noted
- ix. NKDC – Planning Enforcement – Unauthorised Gypsy/Traveller encampments - noted
- x. NKDC – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places - noted
- xi. Andrew Deptford – [www.aadefib.com](http://www.aadefib.com) defibrillator supplier. The Clerk explained that Little Hale Parish Council would be hearing from Mr Deptford at its next meeting and was asked to report back, although there was a feeling that even the reduced cost could not be justified
- xii. Clerk and Councils Direct – noted
- xiii. Network Rail – invitation to event 11<sup>th</sup> Sept with the Minister of Transport. It was noted that Cllr Johnson, Monteith, Main and Yates and the Clerk had attended.
- xiv. NKDC – advising change of emptying dates - noted

### 61/14. Play Areas

- i. Update on moles and other works – noted that mole activity was much reduced
- ii. ROSPA Inspection – Clerk reported that this had been received
- iii. Fencing – Clerk confirmed that she had written to Mr Priestley about the damage to the fencing, but no reply had been received.
- iv. Other Areas, future projects – no update

### 62/14. Highways Matters

- i. Following the last meeting, the Clerk had written to Rowan Smith on issues raised and the reply had been circulated during the summer, updating the Council on each matter.
- ii. Boston Road Path. Notification had been received that the work would start on 8<sup>th</sup> September, but this had been revised to 15<sup>th</sup> December.
- iii. Verges – grass cutting – following the lack of cutting by the County Council contractors the Clerk was asked to get more information about the contract so that the Parish Council could consider taking it on at its next meeting.
- iv. General Highways issues – the recent A17 westbound closure due to the lorry fire (see above) had caused major congestion in the village. It was not clear whether this was an official Police diversion or caused by local knowledge/SatNav directions, but it was understood that one blue-light ambulance had been seriously delayed by the gridlock around the school.  
The Clerk was asked to write to the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership asking for better traffic management in such circumstances.
- v. SID – Community Speed Watch. The Clerk and the chairman reported on recent discussions with the Chairmen and Clerk of Leasingham Parish Council and the Chairman of Ewerby and Evedon. Leasingham Parish Council was keen to share a Community Speed Watch on a 50:50 basis.  
It was proposed by Cllr Main, seconded by Cllr Hipworth and agreed unanimously, that the Clerk formally apply for a Community Speed Watch reactive sign, with the data

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collection facility and five locations in the Parish, subject to Leasingham Parish Council confirming its agreement to share. The Clerk would confirm this with Leasingham Clerk, requesting an agreement to reimburse half of the costs and propose a 'rota' of dates to ensure a 50:50 share of usage

### 63/14. Planning Matters

- i. 14/0818/FUL Mount Farm Mareham Lane NG34 0BL Installation of 16no biomass boilers and 8no fuel silos to heat poultry units – noted approved by NKDC 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014
- ii. 14/0924/HOUS 2 Centurion Close NG34 7PH Proposed two storey side extension and conversion of garage – noted pending decision
- iii. 14/0944/PNND Grange Farm Church Lane, NG34 9NU Change of use of existing barn to form 2no. dwellinghouses - noted withdrawn 11<sup>th</sup> July 2014
- iv. 14/1066/HOUS 21 Church Lane NG34 9NU Erection of new boundary wall - this application had been circulated over the summer but it was noted that no comments had been made.

### 64/14. Eco2 Community Fund

- a. Update on progress of any KLT projects – School Transport, community facilities at the School, facilities at Church and any others – As above, it was noted that the Clerk had received an update from the Church which she had forwarded on to NKDC for the information of the Community Liaison Panel.
- b. Update on Public Art installation, official Opening Event – noted no update available.

65/14. Standing Orders – the Clerk explained the new regulations on Openness and Transparency which allowed the filming/recording of Parish Council meetings which meant that clause 3.L of the Standing Orders was now overridden and would need to be deleted at the next review.

66/14. Website – various news items had been added, including an item about the Bus Shelter works).

### 67/14 Matters for the next meeting

Defibrillator

Grass verge cutting

Solar Farm opportunities

Council membership

68/14 Dates of Next Meetings: 13<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> May, all at 7 pm

69/14 It was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Main and agreed unanimously to move into Closed Session under the Public Bodies Act 1960.

70/14. Bus Shelter on A17 lay by. The Clerk reported on quotes received and the implications from the recent lorry fire.

It was proposed by Cllr Hipworth, seconded by Cllr Johnson and agreed unanimously, that the Clerk contact the companies concerned and defer any action subject to more information from Highways.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.