

KIRBY MUXLOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 7.00 pm on

Thursday 13th January 2022

At Kirby Muxloe Parish Council, Station Road, Kirby Muxloe

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors:	B Atkinson	N Beck	C Frost
	R Ford	M Fox	J Johns
	S Michaels	M Mulholland	F Quilliam
	J Stafford		

In Attendance: Parish Clerk
Members of Public - 4

COU/145/21-22 **Chairman's Welcome**
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

Cllr M Fox arrives

COU/146/21-22 **To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr's C Ball and W Wernick.

COU/147/21-22 **To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests to any matter pertaining to the agenda and to consider dispensations**
Cllr C Frost declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Blaby District Councillor

Cllr N Beck declared a pecuniary interest in The Byways, Court Close as a result of her neighbouring property

COU/148/21-22 **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2021 are a true and accurate record.**
PROPOSED by Cllr M Mulholland and SECONDED by Cllr R Ford

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2021 are a true and accurate record.

To confirm the closed session minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2021 are a true and accurate record.
PROPOSED by Cllr F Quilliam and SECONDED by Cllr C Frost

It was **RESOLVED** that the closed session minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2021 are a true and accurate record.

COU/149/21-22

To receive a Report from the Police Beat Officer

It was noted that the Police Newsletter is circulated upon receipt.

COU/150/21-22

To receive a Report from Leicestershire County Council

There was no report received.

COU/151/21-22

To receive a Report from Blaby District Council

District Cllr Frost reported on:

- i. A suspicious device found in Home Close, Blaby, which resulted in residents within 100 metres being evacuated as a precaution. The device was later not deemed a viable explosive device.
- ii. The methane gas levels at Huncote Leisure Centre, which are being addressed by a specialist company, whose initial task is to stabilise the levels.
- iii. Staffing issues at Blaby District Council (largely refuse collection staff), as a result of Covid-19. However, only one round has been affected.
- iv. Covid-19 levels remaining high in the Blaby district and the Chief Executive is therefore pleading with all to get vaccinated.

COU/152/21-22

Public Participation

(15 minutes are set aside for members of the public to raise issues and ask questions)

A member of the public spoke in relation to item 14.vi. The Council expressed regret for the situation which had arisen, which the gentleman concerned, noted was appreciated. A further date to meet at the Cemetery is to be arranged.

The Vice Chairman of the Junior Football Club introduced himself and made members aware of the personnel changes within the Club. Item 14.ii was also highlighted.

COU/153/21-22

Clerks Report

- i. **To verify all payments made since the previous meeting**
It was noted that since the previous ordinary meeting, net payments totalling 12,007.08 have been made, which were verified by members.
- ii. **To verify and authorise the Payments Schedule**
The Clerk noted that following Council's decision not to pay the water invoice, it has since been advised that legal action will be taken if payment is not received.

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and SECONDED by Cllr N Beck

Further to discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the water invoice remains unpaid and referred to Ofwat, resulting in the Payments Schedule detailing net payments of £801.94 being **APPROVED**

- iii. **To verify bank reconciliation**
The bank reconciliation for the Community Bank Account (£255,398.56) as at 28th December 2021 was presented and verified.
- iv. **To verify Income and Expenditure to date**
The Report was verified by members.

COU/154/21-22

To provide an update on

- i. **The Byways, 11 Court Close, Kirby Muxloe**
There were no further matters to report.
- ii. **The Local Plan**
It was noted that a further update is anticipated in February 2022.
- iii. **Barry Drive 'Rat Run'**
It was noted that this would be included in the presentation to Leicestershire County Council on 23rd February 2022.

COU/155/21-22

To receive a report from Representatives to Outside Bodies:

- i. **Kirby Muxloe Village Hall**
No Report was provided, due to apologies being received from Cllr C Ball
- ii. **Kirby Muxloe Library and Community Hub**
Cllr M Fox noted that the proposed Library lease is not as expected and is to liaise with other members present at the informal meeting, to establish where this differs.
- iii. **Progress with Lubbesthorpe**
Cllr N Beck provided a Report on 'Progress with Lubbesthorpe', which detailed the meeting held on 3rd November 2021.

COU/156/21-22

To consider a quotation/s for

(Permission to be gained from Kirby Muxloe Recreation Ground Charity, where required)

- i. **Clearing the brook from Main Street to Oakcroft Avenue**
Clarification on the locations stated on the quotation are to be sought. It was also **AGREED** that a further two quotations be obtained.

It was further AGREED to write to Leicestershire County Council to ascertain ownership and noted that part of the brook is located on Recreation Ground Charity land.

ii. **Replacing a faulty dome CCTV camera by the entrance of the car park**

A quotation of £164 was presented

PROPOSED by Cllr N Beck and SECONDED by Cllr J Stafford

It was RESOLVED to proceed with the quotation to replace the faulty dome camera.

iii. **Installing a new CCTV camera by the Sports Pavilion**

A quotation to supply and install a CCTV camera by the Sports Pavilion was presented.

Further to reviewing this, it was AGREED that the CCTV needs to be stored in a metal container and a revised quotation, along with a further two, be obtained to reflect this.

iv. **Planting the Summer containers**

Two quotations to plant the summer containers were presented.

Company A - £1434.07

Company B - £1908.60

It was noted that Company B can provide a watering service at an additional cost.

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and SECONDED by Cllr J Johns

It was RESOLVED to proceed with Company A, provided the concrete planters could be emptied at the end of February to enable them to be lined and painted to assist with the watering issue over the Summer.

v. **A full reinstatement valuation undertaken on buildings insured**

It was noted that quotations are awaited.

COU/157/21-22

To receive the Leisure, Parks and Cemetery recommended budget and to discuss Council's budget for 2022-23

It was noted that the Leisure, Parks and Cemetery Committee's recommended budget was included in Council's draft budget for 2022-23.

Further to reviewing the draft budget, revisions were made which resulted in an increase of circa 3% on last year's figure.

PROPOSED by Cllr N Beck and SECONDED by Cllr C Frost

It was **RESOLVED** to approve Council's budget for 2022-23

COU/158/21-22

To discuss and consider

(Permission to be gained from Kirby Muxloe Recreation Ground Charity, where required)

- i. **Hosting an event for Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**
It was **AGREED** that an event should be hosted, which is to be discussed further by the Events Working Party.
- ii. **Issues with a recently installed Memorial bench**
This matter was raised in Public Participation.

The Clerk further noted that consideration needs to be given to future bench installations only being permitted around the edge of the Cemetery.

It was **AGREED** this matter be an agenda item on the next meeting of the Leisure, Parks and Cemetery Committee.
- iii. **A Compulsory Purchase Order**
Further to considering the title deed for the land to the north side of Desford Road, it was **AGREED** this matter be referred to the next meeting of the Leisure, Parks and Cemetery Committee.
- iv. **An alternative wildlife verge**
Further to gaining Leicestershire County Council's approval, in terms of Health and Safety and ownership requirements, it was **AGREED** to consult with residents in the vicinity of the proposed Glenfield Lane wildlife verge.
- v. **A draft letter regarding New Lubbesthorpe**
A draft letter regarding New Lubbesthorpe was considered by members.

PROPOSED by Cllr N Beck and SECONDED by Cllr C Frost

It was **RESOLVED** the letter be sent to the Strategic Director of Blaby District Council.

- vi. **Installing a combination key lock by the Defibrillator located at the Council office**
This matter was raised in Public Participation.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr R Ford

It was *RESOLVED* that a combi key lock be installed

vii. A Tree Warden proposal

Information regarding Leicestershire Tree Warden Scheme was provided to members.

As the Parish Council would be responsible for the Health and Safety and insurance of any volunteers, it was *AGREED* that quotations from our current insurer and from Voluntary Action Leicester be gained.

This matter is to be considered at the next meeting of the Leisure, Parks and Cemetery Committee, with their *RECOMMENDATION* being referred to a future council meeting.

viii. A Conservation Area

After much discussion about the Castle and surrounding field/s and Towers Drive/Close, it was *AGREED* that an informal meeting be held with the Local History Group.

COU/159/21-22 To note the Report regarding the leak by the Cricket Pavilion
The Report was noted.

COU/160/21-22 To note any other business
(This item should only be used to register future agenda items or items that are solely for information only. No issues requiring a decision or with a financial implication can be raised)

An email referencing the poor state of pavements and gutters on Station Road was noted.

Members were advised that a recent donation resulted in £488.77 being raised to support Rainbows, the chosen charity for the Christmas event.

It was noted that the photocopying company have been charging for minimum, rather than actual usage. This matter is to be rectified at the end of February.

It was suggested that consideration be given to approaching the External Auditor, with a view to meeting in relation to the 2015-16 accounts. And further mentioned that Council should consider hosting a reception for all the volunteers who undertake activities in/around the Parish

A member enquired about the Rail Freight Consultation and questioned when the required tennis court maintenance would be undertaken.

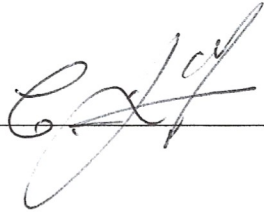
Concern over the depth of hedge at The Byways was also raised.

COU/161/21-22

To confirm the date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 10th February 2022 at 7 p.m.

Chairman's Signature



Date

27/1/2022.

Chairman's Initials

C. J. F.

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