

KIRBY MUXLOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 7.00 pm on
Thursday 4th November 2021
At Kirby Muxloe Parish Council, Station Road, Kirby Muxloe

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

In Attendance: Parish Clerk
County Councillor
Members of public - Two

COU/099/21-22

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

COU/100/21-22

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr's C Ball and S Michaels

COU/101/21-22

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/102/21-22

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2021 are a true and accurate record.

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and SECONDED by Cllr R Ford

Further to amending the final sentence of paragraph three under COU/085/21-22 to read 'It was requested that a future traffic order be brought to the Parish Council's attention, if pursued by Leicestershire County Council', it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2021 are a true and accurate record.

To confirm the closed session minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2021 are a true and accurate record.

PROPOSED by Cllr N Beck and SECONDED by Cllr B Atkinson

Chairman's Initials C. J. F.

It was **RESOLVED** that the closed session minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2021 are a true and accurate record.

COU/103/21-22

To receive a Report from the Police Beat Officer

It was noted that a Police Newsletter had been circulated recently.

COU/104/21-22

To receive a Report from Leicestershire County Council

Cllr Chapman noted that the Highways Fund was at consultation stage, but was hopeful that the Parish Council's request may be approved.

It was noted that Highways only approved the Desford Road/Ratby Lane scheme, and it was Blaby District Council (Planning Authority) who gave planning permission. Confirmation was also given that the Developer is responsible for the diversions, who he is liaising with on a daily basis due to the ongoing issues.

It was suggested that a meeting be arranged with the Planning & Economic Development Group Manager at Blaby District Council.

Cllr Chapman was thanked for all his efforts.

As a member of the public was in attendance, the Chairman brought forward Public Participation.

COU/105/21-22

Public Participation

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

The member of the public noted her numerous concerns and those of her neighbours regarding the ongoing issues with the Desford Road/Ratby Lane development and highlighted that the Developers approach was considered both obstructive and aggressive.

It was emphasised that pile driving was not mentioned in the initial application.

COU/106/21-22

To receive a Report from Blaby District Council

A report was provided by Blaby District Cllr C Frost, which noted that Sainsbury's (opposite the Kathleen Rutland Home) is due to close in February 2022.

Huncote Leisure Centre was reported to be closed at present due to high levels of methane gas.

It was stated that the Boundary Commission are to put firm boundaries in place for each ward and that Blaby District Councillors are to be reduced from thirty-nine to thirty-six.

Members were advised that the Acting Chief Executive of Blaby District Council called a meeting regarding settlements and an overview is to be provided in February 2022.

COU/107/21-22

Clerks Report

- i. **To verify all payments made since the previous meeting**
It was noted that since the previous meeting, net payments totalling 24,203.61 have been made, which were verified by members.
- ii. **To verify and authorise the Payments Schedule**
PROPOSED by Cllr N Beck and SECONDED by Cllr C Ball

Further to verification, it was **RESOLVED** that the Payments Schedule detailing net payments of £317.88 be APPROVED
- iii. **To verify bank reconciliation**
The bank reconciliation for the Community Bank Account (£278,168.54) as at 28th October 2021 was presented and verified.
- iv. **To verify Income and Expenditure to date**
The Report was verified by members.

COU/108/21-22

To provide an update on

- i. **The Byways, 11 Court Close, Kirby Muxloe**
It was reiterated that the tenant has been advised that it is her responsibility to maintain the hedge at the front of the property.
- ii. **The Local Plan**
It was noted that an update is anticipated on 10th November 2021.
- iii. **Barry Drive 'Rat Run'**
There was no update to report.
- iv. **Compulsory Purchase Order**
It was noted that Land Registry are to be contacted in the first instance and once the owner is known, to contact them in relation to selling/donating.

Other Parish Council who have undertaken this are also to be contacted at the appropriate time.

COU/109/21-22

To receive a report from Representatives to Outside Bodies:

- i. **Kirby Muxloe Village Hall**
Apologies were received from Cllr C Ball

- ii. **Kirby Muxloe Library and Community Hub**
It was noted that the Library and Community Hub are financially stable and are hopeful that A 'level tutorial seminars will arranged for the Easter period.
- iii. **Progress with Lubbesthorpe**
Notes from the 'Progress with Lubbesthorpe' meeting held on 29th September were circulated.

COU/110/21-22 To receive a recommendation from the Leisure, Parks and Cemetery Committee regarding

- i. **The rocking horse restoration**
Further to the contractor confirming they are unable to fulfil the rocking horse restoration, it was RECOMMENDED that a replacement piece be considered by the Leisure, Parks and Cemetery Committee for approval at a future meeting.

COU/111/21-22 To consider a quotation/s for
(Permission to be gained from Kirby Muxloe Recreation Ground Charity, where required)

- i. **A replacement footbridge**
A revised quotation for the preferred recycled plastic bridge with galvanised beam at a cost of £10,564.52 was presented.

A further quotation for a reinforced polymer bridge at a cost of £30,532.36 was also presented.

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and SECONDED by Cllr J Johns

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the recycled plastic bridge at a cost of £10,564.52

- ii. **Internal Audit service**
Details of LRALC's Internal Audit Service was recirculated and the Clerk noted that she is to speak with a further Company, who are willing to take on an additional Council tomorrow.

It was AGREED that a decision be made at the next meeting.

- iii. **Removal of a diseased Ash adjacent to tree 1471**

A quotation detailing two options was received.

Option 1 reflected a cost of £750 and included felling the tree and leaving the woodchip on site

Option 2 reflected a cost of £950, which included removal of all waste.

PROPOSED by Cllr W Wernick and SECONDED by Cllr C Frost

After some discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that a further quotation be sought to include the removal of all waste and to proceed with the most economical quotation.

- iv. **Brook clearance by the Nursery/Court Close**
A quotation for £90 was presented.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr M Mulholland

Due to the urgency, it was **RESOLVED** that the quotation be APPROVED.

- v. **Replacement Bin**
A quotation to replace a damaged bin by Millennium Wood with a 90-litre free standing bin at a cost of £251.03 was received.

A further quotation for a 100-litre bin at a cost of £116.95 and a 120-litre bin at a cost of £169.95 were also presented.

PROPOSED by Cllr N Beck and SECONDED by Cllr C Frost

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with a 90-litre bin at a cost of £251.03

- vi. **PAT testing**
Three quotations were received to PAT test items in the Council Office/Chamber and Sports Pavilion.

Company A - £89
Company B - £50
Company C - £75

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with Company B at a cost of £50

- vii. **A replacement lighting column (by the outdoor gym equipment)**
It was noted that a quotation is awaited.

A member also advised that some lights are unlit along the pathway in this area and it was AGREED that a quotation/s be sought as a matter of urgency.

COU/112/21-22

To discuss and consider

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

i. **Acceptance of the Memorial Gates grant offer and signing of the grant contract**

It was noted that a FOI had been received on this matter.

The correspondence associated with the grant offer for the memorial gates was reviewed.

PROPOSED by Cllr M Fox and SECONDED by Cllr C Frost

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Memorial Gates grant offer and sign the grant contract.

ii. **Gaining a conservation report and specification of works from a conservation accredited professional structural engineer for the Stone of Remembrance**

It was noted that the Trust believes further investigation into the condition of the war memorial is required, prior to the offer of a grant being considered.

Members were advised that to proceed, a conservation report and specification of works from a conservation accredited professional structural engineer were necessary, which is estimated to cost £800-£1200 and would not necessarily secure a grant.

After much discussion, it was **AGREED** not to proceed at this moment in time.

iii. **An additional charge for a revised valuation**

Due to the Parish Council having to finance the Recreation Ground Charity, members considered funding a revised valuation to enable a small proportion of land to be valued with vacant possession.

Further to consideration, members **AGREED** that they would not be funding a valuation reflecting vacant possession.

iv. **Providing evidence for a Public Right of way**

It was **AGREED** this matter be deferred to the next meeting.

v. **Litter bin abuse on Station Road/Main Street**

The ongoing issues with the litter bin abuse on Station Road/Main Street was reiterated. However, it was noted that Blaby District Council may have a lead to follow regarding this matter.

- vi. **Authorisation for the Chairman/Vice Chairman to attend KMLHG's meeting on 16th November 2021 to talk about the proposed war memorial gates and Remembrance Stone**

Members were advised that an invitation had been received for members of the Parish Council to attend the next meeting of Kirby Muxloe Local History Group to talk about the proposed refurbishment of the War Memorial and Remembrance Stone.

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and SECONDED by Cllr Ros Ford

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman and Vice Chairman attends.

- vii. **An alternative wildlife verge**
Further to not proceeding with Towers Close verge, members considered an alternative wildlife verge.

PROPOSED by Cllr B Atkinson and SECONDED by Cllr C Frost

It was **RESOLVED** that Blood Hill, Glenfield Lane, Desford Lane and Fox Lane be considered by Leicestershire County Council.

- viii. **An appraisal policy**
Members considered the proposed revisions to the Staff Appraisal policy.

PROPOSED by Cllr R Ford and SECONDED by F Quilliam

It was **RESOLVED** to APPROVE the revised Appraisal policy

- ix. **A Sports Holiday Club proposal**
Members considered the details associated with the proposal for a Sports Holiday Club.

It was AGREED not to proceed with this proposal.

COU/113/21-22 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)

Using the Council Chamber for a forthcoming 'Progress with Lubbesthorpe' meeting was raised.

It was further noted that a petition in relation to the closure of Forest House surgery can be found in the Post Office and the Library and it was also highlighted that Warren Lane surgery may be completed earlier.

COU/114/21-22

To confirm the date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 2nd December 2021 at 7 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. J. F.', written in a cursive style.

2/12/2021 .