

KIRBY MUXLOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 7.00 pm on

Thursday 23rd September 2021

At Kirby Muxloe Parish Council, Station Road, Kirby Muxloe

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors:	B Atkinson	C Ball	N Beck
	C Frost	R Ford	M Fox
	J Johns	S Michaels	M Mulholland
	J Stafford	W Wernick	

In Attendance: Parish Clerk
Members of public - Three

COU/080/21-22

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

COU/081/21-22

To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr F Quilliam.

COU/082/21-22

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

Cllr J Stafford joins the meeting.

COU/083/21-22

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2021 are a true and accurate record.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Ball and SECONDED by Cllr M Fox

Further to the minutes of the meeting reflecting 12th August, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2021 are a true and accurate record.

COU/084/21-22

To receive a Report from the Police Beat Officer

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

Chairman's Initials *CTF*

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COU/085/21-22

To receive a Report from Leicestershire County Council

A report was provided by County Cllr N Chapman, which largely focussed on the Highways Fund, available to fund minor highways improvements.

The road closure on Ratby Lane and new changing facilities at the Sports Club were also noted.

A member expressed concern over a proposed bus lane at Braunstone crossroads, due to a vehicle transporter making vehicle deliveries at peak times, resulting in queuing traffic, and drivers undertaking three point turns to avoid the situation. It was requested that any future traffic order be brought to the Parish Councils attention if pursued by Leicestershire County Council.

Cllr N Chapman was advised of the need for a replacement bridge in the Parish and is to make funding enquiries.

COU/086/21-22

To receive a Report from Blaby District Council

A report was provided by Blaby District Cllr C Frost, which noted that the Chief Executive has now left, with her replacement commencing in November. Additionally, the Monitoring Officer is also leaving.

The District Council are to receive funding from central government to rehome two families from Afghanistan, one of which has been agreed.

A proposal to balance the electoral roll numbers is initially being addressed by the Boundary Commission.

COU/087/21-22

Public Participation

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

Members of the public were in attendance regarding agenda item 10.iv, which the Chairman brought forward.

COU/088/21-22

To provide an update on Towers Close verge

Residents were advised that while LCC had given approval for an Urban Wildlife Verge on 28th February 2020, it was noted that LCC have since confirmed that a verge agreement should have accompanied the application paperwork. As this was not the case, all residents within the vicinity of Towers Close wildlife verge are to be re-consulted, with those who support this, signing the agreement.

However, as a result of correspondence and views received by residents regarding this project, it was AGREED not to proceed with the wildlife verge and request that LCC, who is the landowner, includes this area on their mowing schedule.

COU/089/21-22

Clerks Report

- i. **To verify all payments made since the previous meeting**
It was noted that since the previous meeting, net payments totalling 17,099.46 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

It was **RESOLVED** that the Payments Schedule detailing net payments of £210.02 be APPROVED
- iii. **To verify bank reconciliation**
The bank reconciliation for the Community Bank Account (£212,761.64) as at 28th August 2021 was presented and verified.
- iv. **To verify Income and Expenditure to date**
The Report was verified by members.

COU/090/21-22

To provide an update on

- i. **The Byways, 11 Court Close, Kirby Muxloe**
It was noted that the tenant has been advised that it is her responsibility to change the batteries in the fire alarm and furthermore to maintain the hedge at the front of the property.
- ii. **The Local Plan**
There was no update.
- iii. **Barry Drive 'Rat Run'**
It was noted that there is no more funding available.
- iv. **Towers Close verge**
This item was addressed under COU/088/21-22
- v. **The water leak adjacent to the cricket pavilion**
It was noted that there has been no acknowledgement or response from the contractor in relation to the ongoing issue.
- vi. **The war memorial trust grant**
It was noted that there is no further update at present.

COU/091/21-22

To receive a report from Representatives to Outside Bodies:

- i. **Kirby Muxloe Village Hall**
It was noted that the Village Hall are doing reasonably well with bookings since re-opening. However, the proposed flooring for the foyer has been placed on hold.

- ii. **Kirby Muxloe Library and Community Hub**
A full repairing lease was noted.
- iii. **Progress with Lubbesthorpe**
Members were updated on the matters addressed at the meeting held on 4th August 2021

COU/092/21-22

To receive a recommendation from the Leisure, Parks and Cemetery Committee regarding

i. A replacement bridge (by the Village Hall)

A recommendation was made to consider the recycled plastic option at a cost of £11,583.33 or a concrete crossing.

It was **AGREED** that quotations for concrete crossings be obtained, prior to a decision being made.

- ii. An additional grave digging charge for pre purchased triple depth graves

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and **SECONDED** by Cllr N Beck
As a result of an additional grave digging charge being incurred for pre purchased triple depth graves, it was **RESOLVED** that a fee of £70 be charged.

COU/093/21-22

To consider quotation/s for required surfacing works in the Play Area

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

i. Christmas lighting column options

Annual hire charges for two designs were presented.

Holly and Berries - £5778.88
Snowflake Triangle - £6351.96

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and **SECONDED** by Cllr M Simons

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the new 'Snowflake Triangle' design for a 3-year period at an annual cost of £6351.96

ii. Diffusion tubes for Main Street, Station Road and Millennium Wood

It was noted that DEFRA's website suggests a low concentration of sulphur dioxide in Kirby Muxloe and it was therefore deemed not to be of concern and suggested that it may be more worthwhile to monitor the levels of nitrogen dioxide (a vehicular pollutant) at a cost of £3.69 per tube per month, which includes lab analysis.

After some discussion, it was AGREED not to proceed

- iii. **A replacement lighting column (by the outdoor gym equipment)**
Members were advised that a quote has not been received to date.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Ball and SECONDED by Cllr R Ford

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the awaited quotation on the proviso that this does not exceed £1500.

- iv. **Recommendations detailed in the Arboricultural Report**
Further to consideration, it was AGREED that quotations be obtained.

- v. **Internal Audit service**
Details of the Internal Audit service provided by LRALC were circulated to members.

It was AGREED that further Internal Auditors be sought.

COU/094/21-22

To discuss and consider

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

- i. **A grant request**
A grant application was considered.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr R Ford

As a detailed budget could not be provided, due to the project being in the planning stage, it was **RESOLVED** that a grant would not be awarded on this occasion.

- ii. **Replacing the lock on the safe**
A quotation of £175 to remove and replace the safe lock was presented.

PROPOSED by Cllr M Fox and SECONDED by Cllr C Ball

It was **RESOLVED** that the safe lock be replaced at a cost of £175

- iii. **Remedial works on the footpath by Millennium Wood**
It was noted that the issue is weather dependent and registering the footpath was discussed.

- iv. **Sports Holiday Club proposal**
It was AGREED that further information be requested in relation to the proposal received.

COU/095/21-22 **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)

Kirby Meadows was noted

COU/096/21-22 **To confirm the date and time of next meeting**
The date of the next meeting is to be amended and will be held on Thursday 4th November at 7 p.m.