

KIRBY MUXLOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the LEISURE, PARKS AND CEMETERY MEETING

Held at 7pm on

Thursday 4th February 2021

Due to the Covid-19 situation and in line with Government Guidelines (Coronavirus Act 2020) the meeting was held virtually using Zoom video-conferencing

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors	N Beck	A Deakin	C Frost
	M Mulholland	F Quilliam	J Stafford

IN ATTENDANCE: Members of the Public - 3

- LPC/043/20-21** **Chairman's Welcome**
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
- LPC/044/20-21** **To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr C Ball.
- LPC/045/20-21** **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 and Cllr N Beck also declared a non-pecuniary interest due a family member being an allotment tenant.
- LPC/046/20-21** **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2020 are a true and accurate record**
PROPOSED by Cllr N Beck and SECONDED by Cllr F Quilliam

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.
- LPC/047/20-21** **Public Participation**
(15 minutes are set aside for members of the public to raise issues and ask questions)
There were no issues raised.
- LPC/048/20-21** **To receive an update from the Ground Care Contractor**
An update was provided by the Ground care Contractor, who also confirmed that dog waste is being left by the Cemetery gate pillars and that the brook cannot be accessed safely at the moment.

Parks and Open Space Matters

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

To discuss and consider

i. **Flooded footpath/s near Millennium Wood**

Further to a suggestion being made to lay gravel on the flooded footpath, it was noted that the excess water is beginning to drain and after some discussion, it was AGREED that gravel should not be placed.

ii. **A piece of play equipment to replace the rocking horse**

Members received quotations for pieces of replacement play equipment, as well as a cost for restoring the original rocking horse.

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and SECONDED by Cllr M Mulholland

It was **RESOLVED** that all options be published on Facebook to gain the views of the community.

iii. **Routine moss clearance at the tennis courts**

Further to considering ongoing moss clearance using specialist machinery at the tennis courts, it was AGREED this matter be referred to Council

iv. **A quotation to remove a fallen tree from the brook**

A quotation for £280 to remove a fallen tree from the brook was received.

Due to the water level, it was noted that only the branches and brash will initially be removed to enable the water to flow, with the outstanding works being undertaken once the water level lowers.

PROPOSED by Cllr N Beck and SECONDED by Cllr F Quilliam

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the quotation of £280.

v. **A quotation for the removal of ivy from the trees along the brook and pollarding six Salix Fragilis (cracked willow)**

A quotation for £380 to remove the ivy from the trees near the first bridge and to pollard the Salix Fragilis trees near the pond was received.

PROPOSED by Cllr F Quilliam and SECONDED by Cllr J Stafford

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the quotation of £380 and for a Councillor to walk the brook with the Contractor to assess further requirements.

- vi. **Quotations for bat and owl boxes for Millennium Wood**
Quotations for bat and owl boxes were received.

It was noted that the bat boxes need to be easily accessible to enable the volunteer bat groups to record their findings.

After some discussion, it was **AGREED** to discuss this matter further with local wildlife groups.

- vii. **A quotation for the supply/fit of component parts for the cableway**

A quotation for £1132.09 for the supply/fit of component parts for the cableway was received.

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and **SECONDED** by Cllr N Beck

After much discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the quotation of £1132.09.

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Allotment Matters

To discuss and consider

- i. **Feedback from allotment tenants on the composting bay situation**
Feedback from the meeting held with Allotment tenants on 7th January 2021 was reported to members.

PROPOSED by Cllr A Deakin and **SECONDED** by Cllr C Frost

It was **RESOLVED** to write to all allotment tenants advising the two composting bays be left as they are, but for signage to be displayed highlighting what can be deposited. Furthermore, it is to be suggested that tenants consider forming an Allotment Association, which the Parish Council would be happy to assist with.

- ii. **Allotment fees for 2021-22**

It was **AGREED** that this item be considered by Council at their next meeting on 18th February 2021

- iii. **A quotation to resolve a gate issue**

A quotation for £79.17 to resolve the ongoing allotment gate issue was received

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and **SECONDED** by Cllr F Quilliam

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the quotation of £79.17

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Cemetery Matters

To discuss and consider

i. **Options for future memorial and commemorative benches**

A detailed price list reflecting a selection of two-, three- and four-seater wooden benches was considered by members.

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and SECONDED by Cllr M Mulholland

After some discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that all options be included in a brochure for future selection, with installation being undertaken by the approved contractor.

ii. **Cleaning the surfaces in the Rose Garden**

A quotation of £320 to clean the surfaces in the Rose Garden was received.

PROPOSED by Cllr N Beck and SECONDED by Cllr A Deakin

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the quotation of £320 and for the works to be undertaken once the weather improves.

iii. **A memorial application using the monolith fixing method**

A request to install a memorial using the monolith method was considered.

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and SECONDED by Cllr C Frost

After much discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that a memorial installed using a monolith method should not be permitted, due to an increased risk of damage to the memorial and there being nowhere for tributes to be placed.

iv. **A quotation to refurbish the toilet facility**

A quotation for £350 to refurbish the toilet facility in the Cemetery was received.

PROPOSED by Cllr F Quilliam and SECONDED by Cllr A Deakin

After much discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the toilet facility be refurbished in the Cemetery for a cost of £350.

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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)

Further contact is to be made with the Contractor who laid the tarmac path through the Park in relation to the required repair.

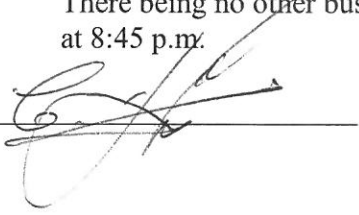
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To confirm the date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1st April 2021 at 7 p.m.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

Chairman's Signature _____



Date _____

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Chairman's Initials _____