

KIRBY MUXLOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the LEISURE, PARKS AND CEMETERY MEETING

Held at 7pm on

Thursday 1st April 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	C Ball	N Beck	T Deakin
	C Frost	M Mulholland	F Quilliam
	J Stafford		

IN ATTENDANCE: Members of the Public - 3

- LPC/054/20-21** **Chairman's Welcome**
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
- LPC/055/20-21** **To receive apologies for absence**
There were no apologies.
- LPC/056/20-21** **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.
- LPC/057/20-21** **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2021 are a true and accurate record**
PROPOSED by Cllr N Beck and SECONDED by Cllr J Stafford

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.
- LPC/058/20-21** **Public Participation**
(15 minutes are set aside for members of the public to raise issues and ask questions)
There were no issues raised.
- LPC/059/20-21** **To receive an update from the Ground Care Contractor**
An update was provided by the Ground care Contractor.

The Chairman thanked the Groundcare Contractor.

Parks and Open Space Matters

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

To discuss and consider

i. Feedback on the preferred piece of play equipment to replace the rocking horse

It was noted that restoring the original rocking horse, at a cost of 5,800, received the highest number of public votes.

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and SECONDED by Cllr C Ball

It was **RESOLVED** that the Leisure, Parks and Cemetery Committee recommend this item be considered by Council.

ii. Quotations received for undertaking a survey on the trees along the brook (from Station Road to Millennium Wood

It was noted that three Companies had been contacted for quotations.

A quotation of 545.00 was received from Company A

A quotation from Company B is yet to be received and Company C have since advised that they will be unable to undertake this, due to being seconded onto a project until July

It was **AGREED** that this item be deferred to a future meeting

iii. Ongoing concern regarding the flooded footpath near Millennium Wood

After much discussion, it was **AGREED** that this area be assessed once the weather has improved.

iv. The low water level in the pond

As a result of concern being raised over the low water level, it was noted that the Company who maintains this have confirmed there is no reason why it so low and questioned whether the water level has ever been any higher?

After some discussion, it was stated that while this is referred to as a pond, its purpose is to act as a water overflow system and therefore **AGREED** that no further action was required.

Cllr T Deakin joins the meeting

LPC/061/20-21

Allotment Matters

To discuss and consider

- i. **A request from an allotment tenant**
- ii. Further to an allotment tenant having recently moved out of the village after numerous years, a request was received to ask whether they could continue to maintain half of their current plot, with the remaining half being re-allocated to a new tenant. It was noted that the tenant is prepared to pay for the whole plot, but for the new tenant to undertake any necessary watering and strimming.

PROPOSED by Cllr F Quilliam and SECONDED by Cllr C Ball

Due to the circumstances, it was **RESOLVED** that the original tenant be permitted to remain as such until 31st March 2022, provided it is tended as required, but for the watering and strimming to be their responsibility, rather than the new tenants'.

Two members were against.

LPC/062/20-21

Cemetery Matters

To discuss and consider

- i. **Cemetery charges for 2021-22**

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr J Stafford

Further to considering the current Cemetery charges, it was **RESOLVED** to increase these by 5%, except for those which apply to children.

- ii. **A memorial application using the monolith fixing method**

Further to advising members of the situation, the Clerk recommended that consideration be given to permitting this application.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr J Stafford

It was **RESOLVED** that the application be refused.

- iii. **Requests for placement of a memorial bench and a bird box**

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr F Quilliam

Providing the proposed locations for placement of the Memorial Bench do not pose any matters of concern, it was **RESOLVED** that the most suitable of the two locations be APPROVED.

Due to rats having been spotted in the vicinity, it was further **RESOLVED** the request for a bird box be refused.

LPC/063/20-21

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)

There was no other business noted.

LPC/064/20-21

To confirm the date and time of next meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed.

PROPOSED FOR CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and the Local Government Act 1972 ss100 and 102, members of the public and press are likely to be excluded from the meeting at this point due to the confidential nature of the business

LPC/065/20-21

To receive a formal complaint

Correspondence from both parties was considered.

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and SECONDED by Cllr M Mulholland

It was **RESOLVED** for a letter to be sent to both parties, detailing the findings.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman's signature _____



Date _____

3/6/2021

Chairman's Initials _____