

KIRBY MUXLOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the LEISURE, PARKS AND CEMETERY MEETING

Held at 7 p.m. on
Thursday 23rd November 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors	B Atkinson	M Fox	C Frost
	M Mulholland	F Quilliam	

IN ATTENDANCE: Members of the Public - Three

- LPC/045/23-24** **Chairman's Welcome**
The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.
- LPC/046/23-24** **To receive apologies for absence**
There were no apologies
- LPC/047/22-23** **To receive any disclosures of interest to any matter pertaining to the agenda and to consider dispensations**
There were no disclosures of interest.
- LPC/048/22-23** **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2023 are a true and accurate record**
PROPOSED by Cllr F Quilliam and SECONDED by Cllr M Fox

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2023 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.
- LPC/049/23-24** **Public Participation**
There were no issues raised.
- LPC/050/23-24** **To receive an update from the Ground care Contractor**
Members were advised of the list of tasks undertaken by the Ground care Contractor and it was noted that the hedges couldn't be flailed, due to being too wet. ✓

The Contractor also recommended that consideration be given to reducing the shrubbery by the football pavilion, to enable this area to be more open and confirmed that the privet for the play area is on order.
- LPC/051/23-24** **To receive an update and consider any requests from the:**
- i. Tree Wardens**
There were no Tree Wardens present.
 - ii. Football Club**
It was noted that the final grass cut has impacted on the number of games.

Members were also advised that the Football Club have cautiously taken all games off the park. It was further noted that the Pavilion is currently under-utilised and could be utilised by others.

iii. Allotment Tenants

It was reiterated that a further composting bay (ideally on a concrete base) be considered and while the deceased tree has been removed, the requested levelling has not been undertaken.

2m high security mesh fencing along the boundary by the Cemetery was raised. Members felt that hazel fencing would be more appropriate. A skip for the refuse left behind by former allotment tenants was also questioned.

A member also noted that she had been asked by an allotment tenant on the other side of the allotments, whether four half size compost bays could be considered adjacent to the hedge on their plot for use by all tenants.

LPC/052/23-24

Parks and Open Space Matters

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

To discuss and consider quotations:

1.i To remove fallen limbs/shrubs from the brook

A quotation of £440 to remove two fallen limbs and ivy from the brook was presented.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr M Fox

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the quotation.

1.ii For a 120-litre freestanding bin opposite the play area

A quotation of £383.24 was presented

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr M Fox

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the quotation.

2. To discuss and consider fees for the use of pitches, courts and facilities for 2024/25

Members were advised that twenty-four teams were currently playing and were being charged £10.75 per team.

After some discussion, it was agreed that this be increased

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr M Mulholland

It was **RESOLVED** that this be increased to £12 per team from 1st April 2024.

Members were further advised that tennis is currently free for all residents, non-

residents are charged £25 for an annual pass or alternatively £4 per court on a play as you go basis.

More detailed data is to be obtained prior to making a decision on charges for 2024/25, but it was felt this should remain free for residents.

LPC/053/23-24 **Cemetery Matters**

To provide an update and consider:

i. **Installation of a Memorial bench**

The requested location for a memorial bench was presented to members.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr F Quilliam

It was **RESOLVED** that this be APPROVED, provided the Ground care Contractor raised no concerns.

ii. **Cemetery fees for 2024/25**

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr B Atkinson

It was **RESOLVED** to increase all Cemetery fees, apart from those for a child, by 5% (rounding up) as from 1st April 2024.

LPC/054/23-24 **Allotment Matters**

To discuss and consider Allotment fees for 2024/25

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr F Quilliam

It was **RESOLVED** to increase all Allotment fees by 20% (rounding up) as from 1st April 2024.

LPC/055/23-24 **To discuss and consider a draft budget for 2024/25**

Members considered each cost centre code of the draft proposal.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr M Mulholland

It was **RESOLVED** that this be recommended to Council

LPC/056/23-24 **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)

The overgrown hedge by the Red Cow public house was raised, as was a suspected environmental issue at a property in Ellis Drive. The first two unlit lighting columns by the Primary School were also noted.

Land Registry is to be contacted regarding Court Close bridge.

Members noted that an article featured in Your Local regarding the tree planting event, thanked all apart from the Parish Council and it was suggested that this be brought to KML&CH's attention.

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To confirm the date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 23rd November 2023 at 7 p.m.

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

Chairman's Signature  Date 1/2/2024

Chairman's Initials C. J. R.