

KIRBY MUXLOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 7.00 pm on

Thursday 28th March 2024

At Kirby Muxloe Parish Council, Station Road, Kirby Muxloe

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors: B Atkinson	N Bruen	M Fox
C Frost	J E John	M Mulholland
F Quilliam	W Wernick	

In Attendance: Parish Clerk
Members of Public – Five

COU/174/23-24

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

COU/175/23-24

To receive apologies for absence

Cllr A Bruen was absent.

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr. N Chapman, District Cllrs. and Tree Wardens.

COU/176/23-24

To receive disclosures of interest to any matter pertaining to the agenda and to receive and consider dispensations

Cllrs. C Frost, J E John and W Wernick disclosed interests in Kirby Meadows. Dispensations were granted.

COU/177/23-24

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2024

It was noted that following Certification of Completion in the second paragraph of COU/163/23-24, to insert 'If no-one has been appointed by May, then a Solicitor is to be appointed'

PROPOSED by Cllr J E John and SECONDED by Cllr N Bruen

Further to this insertion, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2024 are a true and accurate record.

COU/178/23-24

Public Participation

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

The Chairman AGREED to bring agenda item 8 forward

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A member of the public requested that permanent pickleball markings be placed on both courts and offered to make a 50% donation, as a result of in excess of over a hundred people playing within the vicinity.

The charge of £2, indicated previously, to ensure that equipment could be replaced was questioned further.

It was AGREED that quotations for permanent pickleball markings be obtained and to avoid further delays, for the clerk to be given delegated authority to select the most appropriate quotation, provided this does not exceed £1000.

A volunteer for the Conservation Group requested that a letter be sent to Blaby District Council (by the Parish Council) regarding a response to the Conservation Group's request for a meeting. It was suggested that District Councillors be approached to assist in the first instance. Members were advised that District Cllrs. had been approached, but had failed to get a response.

It was AGREED that the Parish Council write to BDC to pursue a response to the Conservation Group's request.

COU/179/23-24 **To receive a Report from Leicestershire County Council**
(15 minutes are set aside)
There was no Report

However, Council noted their thanks to LCC for the much needed resurfacing and drain repairs on Hinckley Road.

COU/180/23-24 **To receive a Report from Blaby District Council**
(15 minutes are set aside)
There was no Report

COU/181/23-24 **To receive a Newsletter from Leicestershire Police**
The Newsletter was noted.

COU/182/23-24 **Public Participation**
(15 minutes are set aside for members of the public to raise issues and ask questions)
This matter was addressed at COU/178/23-24.

COU/183/23-24 **To receive and consider a report from:**
(15 minutes are set aside for all reports)
i. **The Tree Wardens**

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It was noted that the Tree Wardens have relayed that they continue to comment on applications concerning trees and look at training opportunities. Reference was also made to the tree planting event.

ii. **Kirby Meadows Working Party**

It was noted that three Landscape Planners have been contacted, two of which have confirmed that they are unable to take this work on board and a further company, which has not yet responded.

It was further noted that County Cllr. N Chapman is to pursue this matter with LCC.

iii. **The Events Working Party**

An update was provided on the D Day events on 6th and 8th June

COU/184/23-24 To receive and consider a report from Representatives to Outside Bodies:

(15 minutes are set aside for all reports)

i. **Conservation Area**

There was nothing further to report.

ii. **Kirby Muxloe Library and Community Hub**

A brief account was provided.

iii. **Kirby Muxloe Village Hall**

There was no Report

iv. **Lubbesthorpe Impact Group**

It was noted that Lubbesthorpe is four years behind plan, in terms of the number of homes.

COU/185/23-24 To receive any updates and consider:

i. **Carbon footprint pilot**

It was noted that a Swap Event is scheduled to take place at the Village Hall on 27th April 2024.

ii. **Land to the south and north of Hinckley Road**

Members were updated on an informal meeting held with the developer of land to the south of Hinckley Road, which largely focussed on the evident traffic implications.

iii. **The Byways, 11 Court Close, Kirby Muxloe**

There was no update.

iv. **The Local Plan**

It was noted that the Local Plan is not yet available.

v. **Barry Drive 'Rat Run'**

There was no update.

COU/186/23-24

To Clerks Report

i. **To verify all payments made since the previous meeting**

It was noted that net payments of £16,332.09 had been made since the previous meeting, which members verified.

ii. **To verify and authorise the Payments Schedule**

Net payments of £3277.63 were presented.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr M Mulholland

It was **RESOLVED** that the payments be authorised.

iii. **To verify Bank Reconciliations**

A Bank Reconciliation as at 28th February was presented, which was verified by members.

iv. **To verify Income and Expenditure to date**

Further to reviewing the net position, expenditure of circa 86% and income of 101.7% was noted.

The Clerk noted that a further £10k is to be paid, resulting in expenditure of circa 90% at the end of the financial year.

COU/187/23-24

To discuss and consider

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

i. **A Memorial application**

Members questioned why this item had been raised again, when a decision had already been made.

It was noted that further verification had been sought, but the stonemason has since confirmed in writing that the desired memorial has no base.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr N Bruen

Abstained – One

It was **RESOLVED** that Council's decision not to permit the application, in accordance with Cemetery Rules and Regulations, be placed in writing to the stonemason.

ii. **A request to reinstate pickleball markings**

This matter was initially raised during Public Participation.

PROPOSED by Cllr W Wernick and seconded by Cllr F Quilliam

It was **RESOLVED** that details of all those who paid funds over the past financial year be provided and that the fee of £2 ceases immediately, with pickleball players following the same procedure as those playing tennis. Permanent pickleball markings are also to be placed on both courts, provided the cost doesn't exceed £1000.

iii. **Tennis court charges for 2024**

The clerk noted that there are currently 93 active members, 15 of which are non-residents paying an annual membership of £25 and further advised that the annual cost associated with the gate is £557.

PROPOSED by Cllr W Wernick and seconded by Cllr F Quilliam

It was **RESOLVED** that no charge be made to residents to use the courts, but to increase the non-residents annual membership to £30.

iv. **A request from the Conservation Group**

A request to hire the Free Church Hall for a further meeting was not considered at this time.

v. **The unacceptable removal of two wildlife verge signs**

Members were advised that the two wildlife signs had been set in concrete, but removed before this was fully set (within 24 hours.) This matter has been reported to the Police.

vi. **Upgrading telephone services**

Two quotations were provided to upgrade the telephone services, as a result of copper being decommissioned.

Company A - £92.76 per month

Company B - £89.48 per month

PROPOSED by Cllr M Fox and seconded by Cllr J E John

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with Company A at a monthly cost of £92.76.

vii. **A lottery funded holiday camp**

A proposal for a lottery funded camp was relayed to members

After some discussion, it was AGREED to gain further details and to liaise with the school to verify whether they would permit use of their toilets and hall.

COU/188/23-24

To discuss and consider quotations

- i. To replace two bollards

A quotation of £235 to fit two new flexible bollards was presented.

PROPOSED by Cllr M Fox and SECONDED by Cllr M Mulholland

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed.

- ii. For Christmas lighting (2024-27)

A quotation for Christmas lighting (£17,743.86) over a three-year period was presented

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr M Mulholland

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed.

- iii. To re line the pond

Two quotations were presented

Company A - £7857

Company B - £25-£28k

A member suggested that a blue clay option be considered and it was AGREED that a quotation be obtained.

COU/189/23-24

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)

Information on the Moveable Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) was noted.

EV charging points in Castle Road car park and an earlier start time of 6:30 p.m. for meetings going forward was raised.

COU/190/23-24

To confirm the date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd May 2024 at 7 p.m.

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

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and press are likely to be excluded from the meeting at this point due to the confidential nature of the business

PROPOSED by Cllr F Quilliam and SECONDED by Cllr M Fox

Further to the Chairman reading the above paragraph aloud, it was **RESOLVED** to move into closed session

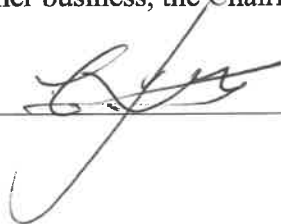
COU/191/23-24 To receive an update on Freedom of Information, Data Protection and Audit of Accounts and to discuss and consider associated matters
An update was provided.

COU/192/23-24 To receive an update on Staffing and to discuss and consider associated matters.
PROPOSED by Cllr J E John and SECONDED by Cllr F Quilliam

After some discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that all staff members move onto the next SCP within their LC scale.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:50 p.m.

Chairman's Signature



Date

2/5/2024

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