

KIRBY MUXLOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of the PARISH COUNCIL

Held at 7.00 pm on

Thursday 10th April 2025

At Kirby Muxloe Parish Council, Station Road, Kirby Muxloe

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

In Attendance:

Parish Clerk

District Cllrs T Deakin and R Stead

Members of Public – Two

- COU/148/24-25** **To receive apologies for absence**
Cllr A Bruen was absent.
- COU/149/24-25** **To receive disclosures of interest to any matter pertaining to the agenda and to receive and consider dispensations**
Disclosures of interest regarding Kirby Meadows were received from Cllrs C Frost, J E John and W Wernick. Dispensations were given.
- COU/150/24-25** **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2025**
PROPOSED by Cllr W Wernick and **SECONDED** by Cllr J E John

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2025 are a true and accurate record.
- COU/151/24-25** **To receive a report from Leicestershire County Council**
(15 minutes are set aside)
There was no report
- COU/152/24-25** **To receive a report from Blaby District Council**
(15 minutes are set aside)
In relation to a Unitary Council, members were advised that in conjunction with other District Councils, there will be a Public Consultation where council will have input, but no vote. A Consultative process will follow over the Summer with the final submission being made in November. A decision will then be made by the Secretary of State in May 2026.

It was noted that the emerging Local Plan is to go to Public Consultation in July/August.

The Energy Switch Off was highlighted and it was noted that the more people who switch provider, the better the rate.

A member highlighted that access at the bottom of Bloods Hill needs addressing, due to being no alternative other than having to step into the road.

COU/153/24-25 **To receive a newsletter from Leicestershire Police**
(15 minutes are set aside)
The newsletter was received and noted.

COU/154/24-25 **Public Participation**
(15 minutes are set aside for members of the public to raise issues and ask questions)
There were no issues raised.

The Chairman AGREED that item 9i be brought forward.

COU/155/24-25 **Leicester City Council's proposal for a new Unitary Council**
A resident who fears for the future of the village emphasised that a case must be made, otherwise the Parish is likely to disappear within three years.

It was questioned whether the Parish Council are intending to call a public meeting to publicise the issue and make local residents aware. Online petitions and formal votes were also highlighted

It was mentioned that the village needs to remain in Leicestershire or South Leicestershire rather than being assigned to Leicester City.

Members referred to the White Paper and noted that Parish Councils will likely have more power.

It was noted that the Parish will work with Blaby District Council to establish what residents want.

COU/156/24-25 **Clerks Report:**
i. **To verify all payments made since the previous meeting**
Payments made since the previous meeting were verified.

ii. **To verify and authorise the Payments Schedule**
PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr M Mulholland

It was **RESOLVED** that the Payments Schedule detailing net payments of £2072.89 be **APPROVED**.

iii. To verify Bank Reconciliations

A Bank Reconciliation as at 31st March 2025 was presented, which was verified by members.

iv. To verify Income and Expenditure to date

Members verified the Income and Expenditure report.

COU/157/24-25

To receive and consider quotations for:

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

i. Leicester City Council's proposal for a new Unitary Council

This item was addressed at COU/155/24-25

ii. Kirby Meadows

Members were advised that Peter Bedford MP has responded in relation to the concerns raised about the Wildlife Open Space at land off Barry Close and has made representations to Blaby District Council on the Parish Councils behalf.

Cllr B Atkinson **PROPOSED** that legal advice be sought to address this matter, but this proposal was not **SECONDED**.

Further contact is to be made with the Monitoring Officer (Planning) at Blaby District Council and District Cllr R Stead was requested to establish whether the District Council are in receipt of the s.106 monies.

iii. The Byways

PROPOSED by Cllr M Fox and **SECONDED** by Cllr M Mulholland

After much discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that upon vacant possession, The Byways be sold.

iv. The Keep

PROPOSED by Cllr W Wernick and **SECONDED** by Cllr M Fox

To gain residents' views on a proposed one-way system at The Keep, it was **RESOLVED** that a letter be drafted and delivered to residents of The Keep – Oakcroft Avenue.

v. A report to develop a tennis programme and provide a new service for local residents

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and **SECONDED** by Cllr M Fox

Further to considering the Report, it was **RESOLVED** to encourage Big Tennis Weekend, coaching to take place on both courts on Wednesday mornings and Saturday afternoons, resulting in 10% of takings being received and Free Park Tennis with the assistance of Park Activators. A small fee for residents and a possible price increase for non-residents is also to be considered as from 1st April 2026.

- vi. **A cultivation licence (for the area at the bottom of Bloods Hill)**
PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by F Quilliam

It was **RESOLVED** to apply for a Cultivation Licence for the area at the bottom of Bloods Hill

Cllr N Bruen leaves the meeting

- vii. **Planning matters**
Planning application 25/0141/FUL was highlighted and it was noted that the application contains two different postcodes.

It was noted that there is already a site on Beggars Lane which has never been implemented, resulting in the demand for a site being questioned.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr M Fox

It was **RESOLVED** that District Cllr R Stead calls this application in, to ensure this comes before the Planning Committee.

It was further noted that the application by the Sports Club has been refused.

- viii. **Making Kirby Muxloe a Hedgehog Friendly Neighbourhood**
PROPOSED by Cllr B Atkinson and SECONDED by Cllr F Quilliam

It was **RESOLVED** that this campaign be supported and that Kirby Muxloe Primary School be made aware of this initiative.

COU/158/24-25

To discuss and consider:

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- i. **Upgrading the lighting in the car park and along the footpath leading to the Nursery**

The official quote for replacement LED lights in the car park, with the addition of a new light located by the entrance was presented.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr F Quilliam

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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

PROPOSED by Cllr C frost and SECONDED by Cllr M fox

It was **RESOLVED** to move into closed session

COU/161/24-25

To receive an update on requests concerning Audit of Accounts, Freedom of Information and Data Protection and to discuss and consider associated matters

It was noted that a Freedom of Information has been received but upon responding, the requester confirmed that his request had resulted from listening to rumours.

COU/162/24-25

To receive an update on Staffing and to discuss and consider associated matters

Members were advised that the remaining two members of staff are managing the workload at present, but will continue to report back at each meeting.

The Clerk noted that she had been arriving earlier than her contracted start time and enquired as to whether her time could commence from arrival at the office and furthermore that any meeting time could be taken the following day.

PROPOSED by Cllr Frost and SECONDED by Cllr M Fox

It was **RESOLVED** that this arrangement be **APPROVED**

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:40 p.m.

Chairman's Signature _____



Date _____

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