

KIRBY MUXLOE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the LEISURE, PARKS AND CEMETERY MEETING

Held at 7pm on

Wednesday 9th July 2020

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 - 0

LPC/001/20-21 To appoint a Chairman of the Leisure, Parks and Cemetery Committee

The Clerk called for nominations for a Chairman of the Leisure, Parks and Cemetery Committee

Nominations were received for Cllr C Frost

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and SECONDED by Cllr N Beck

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr C Frost be elected Chairman of Leisure, Parks and Cemetery Committee.

LPC/002/20-21 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting.

LPC/003/20-21 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr C Ball

LPC/004/20-21 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/005/20-21 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 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 19th February 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

LPC/006/20-21 Public Participation

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

There were no members of the public present

Chairman's Initials G.J.F

LPC/007/20-21

To receive an update from the Ground Care Contractor

Apologies were received from the Ground care Contractor, who provided a written update.

LPC/008/20-21

Parks and Open Space Matters

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

To discuss and consider

- i. Applying for a Public Spaces Protection Order

Due to issues within the Park, a Public Spaces Protection Order was considered.

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and SECONDED by Cllr M Mulholland

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After much discussion and the limitations of a Public Spaces Protection Order, it was **RESOLVED** not to proceed with an application.

- ii. Installing fencing to secure the boundary in the play area

It was noted that a property backing onto the Play Area had removed part of the boundary, posing a security risk. Two letters have been sent to the property concerned, but to date there has been no response

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and SECONDED by Cllr N Beck

It was **RESOLVED** to write to the property concerned one further time, stating that the boundary is to be reinstated as a matter of urgency at their expense and the letter be sent via recorded delivery.

- iii. Re-opening the Play Area, MUGA and Outdoor Gym

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and SECONDED by Cllr F Quilliam

Due to Covid-19 and the Leicester lockdown, it was **RESOLVED** that these facilities do not re-open until the Leicester lockdown has been lifted and the monthly RoSPA inspection has been undertaken.

- iv. Authorising vehicular access to Blaby District Council (when the ground is firm) to empty the litter/dog bins.

PROPOSED by Cllr J Stafford and SECONDED by Cllr F Quilliam

It was **RESOLVED** to authorise Blaby District Council to have vehicular access to the Park, while the ground is firm.

Cllr A Deakin joins the meeting

Chairman's Initials C.J.F

v. Issues with dog/litter bins and metal benches

It was noted that since lockdown there has been increased reports of dog bins overflowing, which it was AGREED should be monitored

Blaby District Council have reported that the bin by the Library cannot be opened at all and the bolts on the bin by the Bowls Club are tearing the bags when emptying. It was advised that a quotation of £250.75 had been received for these works.

It was AGREED that the cost of a new free standing 120 litre steel bin be obtained.

A member also noted that the fixings on the bin outside the children play area appear loose and it was AGREED the Handyman aims to resolve this issue.

It was further noted that the bin located in Castle Road Car Park is being utilised.

PROPOSED by Cllr N Beck and SECONDED by Cllr M Mulholland

It was **RESOLVED** that the bin located in Castle Road Car Park be serviced by Blaby District Council going forward.

The benches along the Memorial Avenue were also raised. It was AGREED these be repainted with a metal paint.

vi. A letter from Kirby Muxloe Local History Group

It was noted that Kirby Muxloe Local History Group have requested additional trees be planted along the Memorial Avenue to honour those who lost their lives in conflict.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr J Stafford

Due to electricity cables having been laid along Memorial Avenue recently, it was **RESOLVED** that consideration should be given to planting additional trees by the outdoor gym equipment or alternatively for Kirby Muxloe Local History Group to submit alternative ideas.

vii. A 'Zorb Football' event

Members were advised that a request had been received to host a 'Zorb Football' event.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr J Stafford

After some discussion, Council **RESOLVED** approval of this in principle, but in view of the Leicester lockdown, felt unable to consider this until such time as this is lifted.

viii. Outdoor commercial exercise classes

Members were advised that Blaby District Council have enquired as to the possibility of the Park being used for commercial exercise classes.

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr N Beck

After some discussion, Council **RESOLVED** approval of this in principle, but in view of the Leicester lockdown, felt unable to consider this until such time as this is lifted.

LPC/009/20-21

Cemetery Matters
To discuss and consider

i. Cemetery fees for 2020/21

PROPOSED by Cllr C Frost and SECONDED by Cllr J Stafford

In view of the increased grave digging charges received, it was **RESOLVED** that Council's gravedigging charge for a full burial plot will be £360 and £60 for a Cremation and Rose Garden plot. All other charges remain unchanged.

LPC/010/20-21

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)

It was noted that dog bins were required on Glenfield Lane

A member noted that the nettles along Millennium Way had been cut but appeared unsightly. It was also questioned whether this had been undertaken at the appropriate time.

LPC/011/20-21

To confirm the date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th August 2020 at 7 p.m.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Chairman's Signature



Date

6/8/2020

Chairman's Initials C.F.F.