

MINUTES OF THE KILBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 12th September 2023 7.30pm at Kilby Primary School, Main Street, Kilby

Present: Cllr Andrew Collins

Cllr Lisa McLoughlin

Cllr Iain Jones

Cllr Gerry Tunncliffe

Mrs Tina Cox – Clerk to the Council

Also present: Cllr Les Phillimore, Cllr Adrian Clifford, Cllr Royston Bayliss, Cllr Richard Holdridge and 0 members of the public

149. Apologies – Cllr Mark Pausey

150. Code of Conduct: Members’ Disclosure of interests and Requests for Dispensations

relating to items on the agenda – Cllr Lisa McLoughlin as a resident affected by Agenda item 157 h)

151. Minutes of the previous meeting – Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th June 2023.

(Circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting).

152. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda (for information only)- none

153. Report from County Councillor LCC-Cllr Les Phillimore – Cllr Phillimore reported that it was business as usual after the summer break. He reported that he had been in touch with the officers at LCC Highways, to clarify the local diversions around the repairs to a railway bridge at Newton Harcourt. The repairs would not run concurrently and so diversions would not overlap and force vehicles into the village. Cllr Phillimore suggested a SpeedWatch initiative for next Spring and Councillors agreed, the clerk would enquire and report back at the next meeting. Cllr Phillimore also reported that the feedback from the installation of new MVA signs was a positive one.

154. Report from District Councillor – Cllr Adrian Clifford – Cllr Clifford reported that resident have made comments regarding the speed bumps in the village not being so severe, almost none existent since the temporary resurfacing of the roads. Enforcement Officers, he stated had sent a letter to the resident regarding the land off Chapel Close. Also unplanned visits had been carried out and he reported that this would be ongoing. A meeting had been called for Countesthorpe residents to attend a meeting by the proposed developers of the Solar Farm at Soars Lodge Farm, the meeting was well attended by the residents, however Kilby Parish Council were unaware of the meeting and had not been consulted by REPD. Cllr Clifford suggested KPC contact REPD. Cllr Clifford also reported that the Blaby Youth Council were doing work around children vaping in the park, there had been television coverage to highlight the problem.

155. Policy & Finance

a) To receive and approve Financial Report as at 31st August 2023:

1) Cheques submitted since the last meeting:

T.Cox	772	Clerks’ salary May 2023	£314.94
Kilby C of E Primary	773	Room hire June 2023	£30.00
AJ Gallagher	774	Insurance	£521.37
T.Cox	775	Clerks’ mileage 2022-2023	£61.20
T.Cox	775	Stamps	£8.80
T.Cox	775	Printer	£39.99
Blaby District Council	776	Park bin emptying	£280.18
T.Cox	777	Clerks’ salary June 2023	£322.92
T.Moore	778	Grass cutting May, June and July	£1,008.00
T.Cox	779	Clerks’ salary July 2023	£322.92
Community Heartbeat Trust	780	Defib. Battery Ind. 17858	£267.00
		Total	£3177.32

The balance at the bank as of 31st June 2023 – £13,208.79. (£297.00 yet to be presented at the bank).

Receipts £12,391.00

Expenditure to date £12,523.60 inclusive of VAT

- b) To receive and approve the following policies and procedures (Circulated to all Councillors Prior to the meeting):
- 1) Standing orders 2023 - resolved
 - 2) Code of Conduct 2023 - resolved
 - 3) Financial Regulations 2023 – Councillors approved the spending limits of £200 be raised to £300 and £500 to be raised to £600 - resolved
 - 4) Noticeboard Policy 2023- resolved
 - 5) Publication Policy 2023- resolved
 - 6) General Privacy Notice 2023- resolved
 - 7) Staff Privacy Notice 2023- resolved
 - 8) Data Protection Policy 2023 - resolved
 - 9) Data Breach Policy 2023- resolved
 - 10) Subject Access Policy 2023- resolved
 - 11) General Consent form 2023- resolved
 - 12) Equal Opportunity Policy 2023- resolved
- c) Approval of 2024 meeting dates (Circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting). The Councillors discussed the dates and approved them; however, the start time would be discussed at the next meeting.

156. Open Spaces/Assets

- a) Update on any parish maintenance – Cllr Pausey, in his absence had sent a report with the following:
Speed signs are in place and working – he expects the batteries will need changing again very soon at which time he will rotate the current locations to Main Street and the Green.
Feedback received regarding the installation of the MVAS is mixed:
“The signs are too high / too low” – He has installed them at the manufacturers recommended height.
“They don’t tell you what speed you should be doing” - no but he reports they do say “slow down” and display your speed if above 20mph, also there are 20mph signs throughout the village.
“They don’t activate if you’re doing over 30mph” - they do say “slow down” but don’t display speeds above 30mph.
(Also, they don’t activate below 17mph which I suggest is ok).
These are pre-set factory settings that cannot be altered for a 20mph zone.

The Park - all in good order. Still plan to replace the arbour roof and to re-treat the castle.

Green - there are 2 benches – 1 bench is in good order and 1 (nearer to junction of Wistow Road/Main Street/Fleckney Road) needs replacing.

KPC agreed to discuss the purchase of a new bench at the next meeting.

Cllr Collins reported that a 3 monthly inspection is due and asked if the Annual Inspection by The Play Inspection Co. could be chased by the clerk.

The clerk reported that the flower pots around the village (x3) had not been planted. Cllr Jones suggested that spring bulbs could be purchased and the Council agreed. Cllr Jones will source the bulbs, clear the pots and plant the bulbs.

157. Planning and Environment

- a) Planning application received by Kilby Parish Council since the last meeting:
- 1) 23/0491/HH - 72 Main Street Kilby Leicestershire LE18 3TD - Erection of first floor side and single storey rear extensions – KPC have no comments or objections.
- b) Planning applications awaiting decisions:
- 1) 21/0507/HH – Broadway Farm – 1 1/2 storey extension to form car port, garages and workshop – RESOLVED
No further comments regarding this application have been submitted. Previous comments can be viewed on the Blaby District Council Website-Awaiting a decision.
 - 2) 22/01133/FUL -Installation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) array/solar farm including a battery energy storage system with associated infrastructure, access and landscaping, Wistow Lodge Farm, Fleckney Road, Wistow, Leicestershire - Previous comments can be viewed on the Harborough District Council Website-Awaiting a decision -Pending consideration.
- c) Planning application updates:
- 1) 22/1188/FUL – 37 Main Street Kilby Leicestershire LE18 3TD -Construction of a new four bed roomed dwelling to the rear of the site with associated parking and landscaping – Comments made by Kilby Parish Council can be viewed on the Blaby District Council Website – Permitted
 - 2) 22/2221/HH - 72 Main Street Kilby Leicestershire LE18 3TD - Retention of shed to side of dwelling - Permitted.

- 3) 23/0345/LBC - 2 Main Street Kilby Leicestershire LE18 3TD - Proposal Listed Building Consent for the re-pointing of entire property and repair of concrete plinth to front of house. Replacement of any bricks beyond repair with similar reclaimed bricks. Repointing and repair of existing brick wall - Permitted
- d) Solar Farm – Land at Soars Lodge Farm, Foston Lane, Foston, LE8 5WP – A planning application has not been received from BDC, however KPC has been made aware that REPD have called a meeting to local residents in Countesthorpe, without consulting Kilby Parish Council. Cllr Clifford stated that there are several issues arising from the meeting, notably the efficiency against costs, maintenance nuisance, noise levels to resident on Rosebank Road particularly, S104 monies screening, the EIAC not being required as previously stated by BDC was questionable and the changing of the agricultural land being relisted at brown fields for future development. KPC will firstly email REPD and question why the lack of consultation for the Parish Council.
- e) Blaby District Council Planning Enforcement Review – (Circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting) – no comments from KPC as it was a review of process.
- f) Proposed changes to the 2015 Local Flood Risk Management Strategy – update in due course.
- g) Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange – Cllr Phillimore reported that hearings have started today, 12th September with LCC and BDC both being present. An ITV News edited clip was available online. He stated that Cllr Richardson had been interviewed and emphasised that there had been inadequate consultation. The city centre location of the hearings had also been raised as not allowing local residents to attend.
- h) Flooding on Main Street, Kilby - An onsite meeting had been arranged with Will Barber – LCC Flood Risk Management, on the 4th August 2023. Local resident effected had the opportunity to bring up concerns regarding the recent flooding issues. Further Risk Management Authority meetings have taken place including LCC, STWA, Environment Agency, Local Resilience Partnership – notes from the meeting are that a continual liaison with all parties, STWA will look at a surface water drain. The drains and overflows were cleaned; however, it was unclear if the sewer capacity assessments had been carried out. A drain alongside the bridge would be considered and the setting up a flood warden. Cllr Collins reported that Will Barber had arranged a virtual meeting to discuss the way forward – he will report back at the next meeting.
- i) Construction traffic – Cllr Collins has written to the developers (Beecham) at Kibworth Business Park. The reply was very encouraging. All suppliers had been contacted by them and asked to turn right onto the A6 and not left into Kilby village.
- j) Signs on the A5199 – the sign going to Wigston has now been taken down and is being replaced/repared by the supplier/manufacture and will be reinstated asap. The sign going towards Arnesby has been tested and is working. The recent hot weather could have affected the unit and made it ‘shut down’ temporarily, allowing the batteries to not overheat.
- k) Traffic diversions- Cllr Phillimore, after being contact by the clerk had spoken to a LCC Highway Officer and he had been assured that the diversions/repairs would not overlay, therefore the diversions would not either.

158. Public Forum

Woodland Trust – Cllr Jones reported that the Trust would be fund raising due to loosing vital Euro Funding. The Trust only had funds for 1 more year. They are applying for environmental grants to cover costs, estimated to be £2,500 per year

Meeting closed at 9.08pm

Next Meeting: 14th November 2023 at 7.30pm, Kilby C of E Primary School.