

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KILBY PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 7th November 2017, 7.30 pm
at the United Reformed Church, Main Street, Kilby**

Present: Cllr Andrew Collins (Chairman)
Cllr Gerry Tunnicliffe (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Gail Butler
Cllr Tony Kilsby

Mrs Julie Whitehouse, Clerk to the Council
Mrs Tina Cox, Clerk Designate

Also present: Cllr David Jennings (District and County Councillor) and 5 members of the public

87. **Apologies for absence** were accepted from Cllr Iain Jones who was on holiday, and District Councillors David Findlay and Adrian Clifford who were working
88. **Code of Conduct: Members' Disclosure of interests and Requests for Dispensations** - none
89. **Minutes of the previous meeting**
The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 5th September 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman
90. **Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda:**
Min ref. 84. c) Land adjacent to Leicester Road/Foston Road, Countesthorpe – Cllr Jennings reported that the Planning Inspectorate's decision to uphold Blaby District Council's decision to refuse this development was to be challenged by the developer
Min ref. 84. g) Parking – in Cllr Jones' absence it was agreed to defer this item to a future meeting
Min ref. 86. a) Public Forum – noise disturbance from vehicles speeding over road humps – in Cllr Jones' absence it was agreed to defer this item to a future meeting
91. **Policy & Finance**
a) **Financial Report** to 30 September 2017 – it was resolved that the finance report (copied to all members and filed with these minutes) be received and approved
b) **2018/19 Budget** – it was resolved that the Policy & Finance Working Group would prepare a draft budget for consideration prior to the January meeting, where final approval would be sought
c) **Council Meetings schedule** – it was noted that the 2018 meeting dates had been agreed and were now published on the website and the noticeboard. 2019 dates to be confirmed by the Church Secretary at a later date
92. **Staffing Matters**
a) **Appointment of new Clerk** – the Chairman welcomed Tina Cox to the meeting and her appointment to the position of Clerk/RFO was confirmed. A handover was to be organised during November
93. **Open Spaces/Assets**
a) **Update on Playground Project**
After experiencing some difficulties with the Section 106 application, these had now been resolved and Blaby District Council had agreed to include an additional sum to cover the necessary inspections during construction. The revised grant would be circa £9,300. Cllr Kilsby confirmed that despite being reliant on the weather, excellent progress was being made with the structure. The first inspection from the Play Inspection Company was due shortly and once this had taken place, their report would be sent to Blaby District Council, together with invoices covering materials, to enable the first tranche of Section 106 monies to be released

b) **Update on Parish Maintenance**
i) **Painting of playground equipment** – it was reported that David Lehane had completed the re-painting of the playground equipment to an excellent standard and had also been involved in obtaining the paint, which was also kindly donated. Members were most grateful to him for his support and a letter of thanks would be sent

- ii) **Playground Inspections** – Cllr Kilsby kindly agreed to carry out quarterly inspections of the playground equipment and it was intended that the annual inspection would be carried out at the same time as the 1st inspection of the playground project, if this was at all possible and did not cause any further delay

94. **Planning & Environment**

a) **Planning Application Comments submitted to Planning Authority since last meeting:**

- i) **1 Wells Avenue, Kilby 17/0997/FUL – erection of one detached dwelling**

Noted that this modified application had been approved on 27th October 2017

b) **Land at Broadway Farm, Spinney Road, Kilby – Proposal by Leicestershire County Council to build 8 houses and a school car park at the rear of no. 2 – 8 Main Street, Kilby**

The Chairman explained the history of the land in question and shared the Council's concerns which included the size, type and tenure of the new properties, loss of privacy for neighbouring properties, impact of additional traffic, and inadequate school car parking spaces. Immediate neighbours of the proposed development attended the meeting and also expressed their concerns. It was noted that no formal planning application had been submitted to date and that the Parish Council would be consulted as and when this happened

c) **Willow Trees on Wistow Green** – ongoing health and safety problems with falling branches had been reported to both EMH Homes and Leicestershire County Council. Following some works carried out by EMH Homes to one of the trees it had been established that they were the responsibility of the County Council and it was agreed to write to Ann Carruthers, Director of Environment and Transport to request an urgent condition survey and potential pollarding

d) **Blaby District Council Consultation on Waste Collection changes** – consideration being given to alternate weekly collections of household waste and recycling to reduce costs. Consultation period ends on 16th November 2017 and residents encouraged to submit their views

e) **Update on A5199 speed signs** – issues with the electronic signs on the north and south approaches to Spinney Road previously reported as faulty and triggering at high speeds had still not been resolved - Cllr Collins to follow up

f) **Update on Arriva Bus Complaint** – further clarification from Arriva was awaited on a complaint regarding buses using Kilby as a timing stop and associated congestion and pollution. It was noted that a timetable amendment had been implemented from 4th November, although this has not resolved the issues – Cllr Collins to follow up

g) **Superfast Broadband** – correspondence notifying the Council that Superfast Broadband was now live in Kilby was tabled at the meeting as it was received after the agenda had been issued. Unfortunately this proved not to be the case and Cllr Collins had contacted the County Council to advise them that the service was not yet available

95. **Public Forum**

a) A resident raised concerns over the trees on Wistow Green to the front of her property at 4 Wistow Close, which were blocking light and creating a security risk due to their density. It was agreed to write to EMH Homes to request crown lifting on these trees

b) A resident raised concerns over a willow tree which had fallen into the River Sence adjacent to the new embankment construction on Wistow Road. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Environment Agency

Meeting closed: 8.51pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.30pm at United Reformed Church, Kilby