

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KILBY PARISH COUNCIL held on Tuesday 7th January 2020, 7.30 pm
at St. Marys Primary School, Main Street, Kilby**

Present: Cllr Andrew Collins
Cllr Iain Jones
Cllr Gerry Tunncliffe
Cllr Lisa McLoughlin
Cllr Mark Pausey
Mrs Tina Cox - Clerk to the Council

Also present: 3 members of the public, Cllr Adrian Clifford

39/2019 **Apologies for absence:** None

40/2019 **Code of Conduct: Members' Disclosure of interests and Requests for Dispensations** – Cllr McLoughlin has an interest in Agenda item 45a as a friend. Cllr Iain Jones has an interest in Agenda item 45a as a friend. Cllr Collins has an interest in Agenda item 45c 1) as he is a friend of the selling agent. Cllr Mark Pausey has an interest in Agenda item 45c 1) as he is a neighbour.

41/2019 **Minutes of the previous meeting** – The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 3rd September 2019, Cllr Pausey would like it noted that item 37e on the minutes should reflect that the pub were not seeking funds from Kilby Parish Council. The previous minutes were signed by the Chairman.

42/2019 **Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda** - None

43/2019 **Policy & Finance**

- a) **Financial Report to 30th November 2019** – it was resolved that the finance report (copied to all members and filed with these minutes) be received and approved.
- b) **To receive and approve 2020/2021 Budget (copied to all members prior to the meeting)** – it was agreed that the Precept for 2020/2021 be set at £6394 that would be an increase of 1.3% on a Band D property.
- c) **Request from St Marys Magdalen's Church, Kilby for a donation towards an architect's assessment for a water supply to the church** – Advice from LRALC had been requested, prior to the meeting. It is the opinion of NALC, parish councils cannot make contributions to the church for maintenance or improvements to church buildings or churchyards. This is based on the view that more recent legislation, such as s137 and the General Power of Competence, does not override the original 1894 Local Government Act (Email copied to all members prior to the meeting). Cllr Pausey informed the meeting that a significant amount has been raised through the pub's Sunday raffle in November and December which will go to cover the amount requested from the church.

44/2019 **Open Spaces/Assets**

- a) **Update on Parish Maintenance to include:**
 - 1) **Update of weekly playground inspections** – There are no issues to report on the equipment.
 - 2) **Update on the works to the trees and subsequent damage to playing field** – The Contractor had attempted to carry out the works to the trees prior to Christmas, however the ground was too wet to get his equipment over to the trees, subsequently his vehicle had made significant tread marks in the ground. This had now been partly sectioned off and warning signs have gone up at the front entrance and rear entrance to the park. Cllr Pausey has spoken to the Contractor and when the weather permits the ground will be then be rolled and work can commence on the trees. The Playground Inspection Company will be informed by the Clerk and rescheduled for the spring.
 - 3) **To approve the Contractor for the 2020/2021 grass cutting contract** – Two quotations had come in, both around the same price but significantly higher than the previous year, the Clerk was requested to ask the existing Contractor if a revised price was possible.

- 4) **To discuss a grant for future resurfacing and additions to the playground** – Cllr Pausey has had discussion with a company regarding Lottery funding, the company applies for funding on behalf of the Parish Council, if awarded the company will carry out the work. Funding for the resurfacing of the remainder of the playground and some additional playground equipment will be forwarded.
- 5) **Training Course update from LRALC for the Playground Inspections** – The next training course was on 15th June 2020. Cllr Jones declined to attend the course. Cllr Collins offered to attend the course and carry out the quarterly inspections in future.

45/2019 Planning & Environment

- a) **Planning applications received by Kilby Paris Council since the last meeting:**
 - 1) **19/1567/Land north of Broadway Farm – Erection of two dwellings including demolition of two agricultural buildings** – Prior to the meeting Cllr Collins had forwarded draft comments to the members. He went over the key points and members agreed for them to be forwarded to BDC. An extension had been granted by BDC prior to the meeting to enable Kilby Parish Council to raise comments.
- b) **Leicestershire County Council – Unitary proposals update** – No further update from LCC had been received.
- c) **United Reform Church –**
 - 1) **Update on the church and the listing application process HE ref 146603** – Cllr Jones reported that there has been no further development on the application, according to the HE website. The Clerk will contact the selling agents for an update on the sale.
- d) **Parking in Main Street/Wells Avenue** – Cllr Clifford has undertaken to speak firstly to the headteacher at the school and then the pub. Cllr Clifford stated that neither BDC or LCC would be willing to contribute funds as the land is not owned by either of them.
- e) **A46 Eastern Bypass** – At the time of the meeting there had been not further information received by Kilby Parish Council, however Cllr Clifford informed the meeting that further information from the call for sites would be forwarded to the Parish Council soon. There is a public meeting on the 15th January at 7.30pm at Countesthorpe Village Hall – The speaker would be David Campbell-Kelly, Chairman of the Willoughby Waterleys Residents Association, Cllr Collins would attend. Councillors Jones and McLoughlin may also attend.
- f) **Update on heavy construction traffic through the village from neighbouring Kibworth and Fleckney developments** – All information had been passed to the local police unit including the contact details of the resident who took photographic evidence of the heavy lorries and congestion being caused. Further assistance from LCC will be requested over the signage approaching the village of the 7.5-ton limit (except for access).
- g) **A5199 Signage and road marking update** – The sign, southbound on the A5199 seems to be working. The 50mph limit work is due to start imminently.
- h) **The report of pot holes along Main Street/Spinney Road** – The Clerk reported that LCC have been out to inspect the area and they will report back.
- i) **Floodwater on Wistow Road** – A significant amount of water running off from the fields and down towards the River Sence and new rails has been reported. Councillors expressed concern that this is dangerous as drivers will be unaware. The Clerk will contact LCC to see if the gulleys are blocked and to see what can be done to alleviate the issue arising again
- j) **Community Speed Watch Programme** – The Clerk had contacted the Local Policing Unit, however no further information had been received.
- k) **Complaint regarding Arriva buses sitting idling outside a resident's property** – The Clerk will contact Arriva buses and make a formal complaint.

46/2019 Public Forum

- a) A resident was concerned that the dog waste bins in the village had not been emptied – Cllr Collins advised that this was probably due to the Christmas/New Year and should be resolved within the next couple of weeks.

Meeting closed: 09:25pm

Next meeting: Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm at St. Marys Primary School, Main Street, Kilby.