

MINUTES OF THE KILBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 14th November 2023

7.30pm at Kilby Primary School, Main Street, Kilby

Present: Cllr Mark Pausey

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, Tim Herbert (Resilience Officer – BDC) and 1 member of the public

159.Apologies – Cllr Andrew Collins and Cllr Richard Holdridge

160.Code of Conduct: Members’ Disclosure of interests and Requests for Dispensations – Cllr McLoughlin 168 f)

161.Minutes of the previous meeting – approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th September 2023. (Circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting)

162.Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda (for information only) – The clerk informed the meeting that the Community Speed Watch can only operate in a 30 or 40 mph speed limit area – Cllr Phillimore will check if anything more can be done.

163.Tim Herbert - Resilience Officer (Blaby District Council and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council) – Tim Herbert gave an overview of his role. Literature was given to Cllr McLoughlin regarding the Flood Warden scheme; she will give an update at the next meeting. Although it is not his role, he did update the members about the ongoing flooding issue on Main Street/Spinney Road through an email received from Will Barber, notably that STWA have cleansed 2 lengths of the water surface sewer, a CCTV survey had been carried out and multiple cracks had been found. A date for fully lining them is not yet available. Also, a request from the internal consultants, for information on sewer capacity assessments.

164.Report from County Councillor LCC-Cllr Les Phillimore – Cllr Phillimore reported that he was involved with the flooding issues in the village and liaising with the residents and the agencies involved. He had met the new beat Police Officer and he will suggest that random speed checks are carried out in the village.

165.Report from District Councillors – nothing to report from Cllr Clifford or Cllr Bayliss.

166.Policy & Finance

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

1) Cheques submitted since the last meeting:

The Play Inspection Co.	842	Playground inspection and report	£108.00
Iain Jones	843	Spring bulbs (village containers)	£83.91
T.Cox	844	Clerks’ salary (Sept)	£322.92
T.Moore	845	Grass cutting (Sept)	£576.00
		Total	£1090.83

The balance at the bank as of 31st October 2023 – £16,686.04.

Receipts £17,282.00.

Expenditure to date £13,937.35 inclusive of VAT

- b) Budget 2024/2025 – The clerk asked Councillors to think about the Precept figures for 2024/2025 and any project that needed to be included. The Finance Group will meet at the beginning of December to discuss in readiness for the January meeting.
- c) Grass cutting services for 2024 (Circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting). – The clerk had circulated the quote for next year, this included an increase in cuts during the season. The gardener will be asked to do the cutting back of the arbour area, along with clearing of brambles on the park.
- d) Online banking – moving the payment of invoices to online – the clerk informed the meeting that the paying of invoices would be going to online banking. The clerk can raise the transaction and 2 councillors needed to authorise payment online. The forms had been passed to Cllr McLoughlin and will be agreed at the Finance Working Group meeting in December.
- e) Payroll services – The clerk has looked at another provider and recommendation will be for the next meeting.

- f) Proposed amendment to 2024 meeting dates (Circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting) – The Council agreed to change the May 2024 date from 14th to the 7th. The clerk has confirmed with the school. The Council also agreed that the meetings will start at 7pm from January onwards.

167.Open Spaces/Assets

- a) Update on any parish maintenance – bulbs had been purchased and planted by Cllr Jones in the 3 containers, pansies had also been donated by Little Oak Nurseries.

168.Planning and Environment

- a) Planning application received by Kilby Parish Council since the last meeting: None
- b) Planning applications awaiting decisions:
- 1) 23/0491/HH – 72 Main Street Kilby Leicestershire LE18 3TD – Erection of first floor side and single storey rear extensions – Awaiting a decision.
 - 2) 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.
 - 3) 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 – Pending consideration.
- c) Planning application updates: None
- d) Solar Farm – Land at Soars Lodge Farm, Foston Lane, Foston, LE8 5WP – Planning for this has not yet been received. REPD had been invited to the meeting, however had not been able to attend. They will attend the January meeting.
- e) Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange – The consultation period is still open, further discussion had taken place and BDC still did not support the scheme.
- f) Flooding on Main Street, Kilby – see Agenda item 163.
- g) Construction traffic – Cllr Collins had written again to developers; due to his absence he will update at the next meeting.
- h) Signs on the A5199 – The clerk will report the sign again coming from Arnesby as no triggering. The sign coming from Wigston had still not been put back and the clerk will chase that again.
- i) Traffic diversions- Cllr Pausey reported that there doesn't seem to be any problem with the diversions sign.
- j) Road surface on Main Street, Kilby – 'pooling' of water around Wells Avenue/Main Street since the road has been resurfaced. Low impact speed bumps since the resurfacing – Cllr Phillimore reported that the 'pooling' of water, according to the engineer, was not new, there was photographic evidence that it was there before the road resurfacing. He also reported that in other villages he had similar cases where the road resurfacing had affected the speed bumps. He had discussed this at great length with the Highways Engineer – ongoing.

169.Public Forum

Meeting closed at 8.36pm

Next Meeting: 9th January 2024 at 7.00pm, Kilby C of E Primary School.