

MINUTES OF THE KILBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 9th January 7.00pm at Kilby Primary School, Main Street, Kilby

Present: Cllr Andrew Collins

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, Cllr Richard Holdridge, Swara Shah (REPD), Simeon Batov (REPD) and 0 member of the public

170. Apologies – None

171. Code of Conduct: Members’ Disclosure of interests and Requests for Dispensations – None

172. Minutes of the previous meeting – approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th November 2023. (Circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting)

173. Matters Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda (for information only) – Cllr Collins informed the members that from the 1st April 2024, eCommune would not be facilitating the website, the clerk would update the members when more information became available from LRALC.

174. Swara Shah and Simeon Batov – REPD representatives gave an overview of the project, which is a solar farm on land at Soars Lodge Farm, Foston Lane, Foston, LE8 5WP. No application has yet to be submitted. Consultation with residents of Countesthorpe had taken place in August 2023, Kilby Parish Council were not consulted at that time but asked REPD to attend a meeting to give an overview and an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions. Cllrs asked a variety of questions around the appearance of the sight and noise levels that the units themselves make. REPD said the nearest unit would be 250 mtrs away from any residential property. As the units needed to be South facing residents would see the side rather than the front or back. Wild flowers, wetland meadow and semi mature planting would be on a 1-year schedule, there is a pond area which already has protected wildlife in and a woodland area. There are a couple of footpaths that would still be accessible. Maintenance would be carried out periodically to maintain or repair the units. The life expectancy of the units is 40 years, however there is a min 25-year guarantee on them. The land is initially ‘rented’ for a period of 25 years with an opportunity to extend to 40 years. After the period the land would then revert back to farm land/agricultural land. CCTV will be in place within the fencing and will be connected to the local police unit. The cost of the development is not from REPD but another company, REPD are the company that oversees the consultation, application and processes.

175. Report from County Councillor LCC-Cllr Les Phillimore – Cllr Phillimore reported that with the recent flooding in the area had been a busy time with BDC, LCC and other agencies working to help residents with flooding in the homes and then a clear up process. Cllr Phillimore asked that any resident who needs help can contact and register on the floodline. Section 19 had been triggered with flood authorities. Cllr Collins asked if Cllr Phillimore could look into the local road closures, after a bridge had been damaged and needed urgent repairs whilst other road closures were in place, cumulating into more commuter traffic going through the village.

176. Report from District Councillors – Cllr Clifford reported that there had been localised flooding, where flooding had not been an issue before had seen. He had been working with agencies to get people evacuated and the problem resolved. Cllr Holdridge reported that it was nice to see that Kilby Primary School had done an entry at the Foston Tree Festival.

177. Policy & Finance

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

1) Cheques submitted since the last meeting:

T.Moore	846	Grass cutting services – October 23	£288.00
T.Cox	847	Clerks Salary – October 23	£322.92
T.Cox	848	Clerks salary – November 23	£322.92
		Total	£933.84

The balance at the bank as of 31st December 2023 – £15,731.81.

Receipts - £17,282.00

Expenditure to date £14891.58 inclusive of VAT

- b) Precept 2024/2025 (Circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting)– Councillors approved the Precept figure of £10,179.00 for 2024/2025.

178.Open Spaces/Assets

- a) Update on any parish maintenance – Cllr Pausey reported that the quarterly inspection was now due. There did not seem to be any issues with fallen trees on the park. Batteries are due to be changed on the MVAS, Cllr McLoughlin said her husband would offer to do this temporarily if Cllr Pausey was unable to.

179.Planning and Environment

- a) Planning application received by Kilby Parish Council since the last meeting:
- 1) 23/1039/FUL - Glebe House, Main Street, Kilby LE18 3TD - Change of use from C3 Dwelling house to F1(a) Learning and non-residential institutions for the creation of a SEND autism school for primary school aged children in school years 3-6 (ages 7 to 11). To provide for up to 20 no. children (maximum number to be built up gradually from lower numbers to start with). Proposed 26 no. new parking spaces to serve the school to be built with permeable surfacing with water directed to the lawn – extension for consultation by KPC has been requested and accepted by BDC to the 12th January 2024. Comments have been drafted, circulated to all Councillors and will be finalised after the meeting.
- b) Planning applications awaiting decisions:
- 1) 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 – KPC have submitted comments to HDC.
- c) Planning application updates:
- 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- Application refused – All documents can be viewed on the BDC website
 - 2) 23/0491/HH – 72 Main Street Kilby Leicestershire LE18 3TD – Erection of first floor side and single storey rear extensions – Application permitted – all documents can be viewed on the BDC website.
- d) Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange – There are no further updates, consultations are still ongoing.
- e) Flooding on Main Street, Kilby – Cllr McLoughlin stated that there had been no flooding in the recent weeks. A further update from Will Barber will be requested by the clerk.
- f) Signs on the A5199 – the sign which had been taken down, coming south from Wigston has still not be repaired/replaced. The clerk asked Cllr Phillimore if he could look into this matter, as she had asked for an update with LCC twice and had not got a reply.
- g) Police Newsletters and Beat surgery/visit to Kilby – KPC were disappointed to see that the visit scheduled by the police, at short notice had seen a ‘no show’ by them. Cllr Phillimore suggested that it would be likely that they would be called away to an incident. Councillors think that it would be beneficial if the were invited to the next council meeting. Cllr Phillimore will also relay that to them when he next sees them.

180.Public Forum

- A public request has been received to ask if it is viable to put a book library in the old telephone box.
- Cllr Jones reported that The Woodland Trust had been successful in gaining some funding from BDC, the monies would go towards bat/bird boxes and a wildlife pond.

Close of meeting: 8.20 pm

Next Meeting: 12th March 2024 at 7.00pm, Kilby C of E Primary School.