

Kirk Deighton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Kirk Deighton Parish Council held at 7 pm on 12 May 2020

In accordance with the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) Regulations 2020 this meeting was held remotely

Present

Kirk Deighton Parish Councillors: David Richardson (Chair), Penny Warneken, David Halpin, Rosie Wilson

Nancy Fairbairn (Clerk)

Cllr Andy Paraskos (HBC and NYCC Ward Councillor) (*joined 7.20*)

20.34 Cllr David Richardson was re-elected as Chair of Kirk Deighton Parish Council for 2020/21.

Cllr Richardson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

20.35 To receive apologies

None

20.36 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 24 March were confirmed as a as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

20.37 Public Participation

None

20.38 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None

20.39 Chair's Report

20.39.1 The Chair's Report for 2019/20, previously circulated, was received. The clerk is to post a copy on the website

20.39.2 COVID-19

The Chair was pleased to note how many residents had responded to the request for volunteers. At this stage not many residents have required help but a system is in place to provide assistance if required. A resident at Ingmanthorpe has been co-ordinating a volunteer network at Ingmanthorpe and Montague Mews. They have provided the clerk with email addresses to be added to the mailing list.

Prompted by two residents who received government food parcels that they did not need, a collection was arranged for the local foodbank. There were significant donations from residents which have been taken to the food bank at Thorpe Arch.

20.39.3 Francis Dick celebrated her 100th birthday on 2 May 2020. Many residents turn out to congratulate her and the event was reported on Calendar News.

20.39.4 Northern Gas Networks have suspended their work in Kirk Deighton until COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

20.39.5 Bonfires – 2 residents have complained about bonfires on properties on Mark Lane. It was noted that, whilst not illegal Harrogate Borough Council have stated on their website that they should be avoided at this time. Cllr Warneken suggested that a request be put on Kirk Deighton Matters Facebook page asking residents not to have bonfires whilst other residents are shielding

20.39.5 Newsletter It was agreed that the Parish Council should produce a regular newsletter to be edited by Cllr Halpin. Councillors were asked to send ideas/contributions to Cllr Halpin. Cllr Wilson suggested the inclusion of a map of the parish as many residents are unclear about the parish boundaries. The first newsletter will be distributed by the end of May and will include a request not to have bonfires.

20.39.6 The Village Hall is closed until further notice. As the Village Hall is eligible for Small Business Rates Relief it has received a COVID-19 grant of £10,000

20.40 Clerk's Report

Website Accessibility - The Clerk has reviewed the Parish Council website to ensure that it will meet the requirements of the Website Accessibility Regulations which come into force on 18 September 2020. It is not anticipated that any additional work will be required by PCCrew. The clerk is to draft an Accessibility Statement to be posted on the website before 18 September.

20.41 Ward Councillor's report

Locality Budget – Ward Councillors are given a budget to spend on projects in their area. A request for funding can be made if there are any projects, especially COVID-19 related, that need immediate funding.

Household waste collections are back to normal but Household Waste Recycling Centres remain closed

Cremations – are fully booked up to 4th June

Harrogate Nightingale Hospital – has not been needed to date but will be retained in case there is a second wave of COVID-19

20.42 Planning – to consider planning applications and note decisions received from Harrogate Borough Council

20.42.1 Decided

20/00668/FUL Erection of single storey extension at Kirk Deighton Village Hall. Approved

20.42.2 Applications

6.136.1Z.FUL20/01340/FUL Erection of single storey extension at 12 Montague Mews, Ingmanthorpe. No objections

6.136.216 FUL/01472/FUL Demolition of conservatory, erection of single storey extension, installation of 1st floor balcony and alterations to fenestrations at Verne Cottage, Main Street, Kirk Deighton. Objections to be submitted. Concern was raised that extension is to be built in brick rather than stone and the balcony will overlook neighbouring properties resulting in loss of privacy. The Chair will liaise with the owners of the neighbouring properties before the response is finalised.

20.42.1 Enforcement

20/00218/PR15 Alleged breach – parking of a motorhome and use as rented accommodation at The Manor House, Ingmanthorpe Grange Farm, Ingmanthorpe

20.43 Safer Neighbourhood and Village Matters

20.43.1 Crime Figures

Figures from www.police.uk for March 2020 record the following offences:

Burglary – Scriftain Lane

Theft (other) – School House Terrace

Vehicle Crime – School House Terrace

It was noted that this year's Appleby Horse Fair has been cancelled. HBC will still be monitoring any illegal Traveller encampments and will notify Parish Councils of any concerns.

20.43.2 npower contract for bus shelter power

Cllr Warneken agreed to review this issue and report back at the next meeting

20.43.3 Use of the Village Hall as a designated Disaster Management Centre

No further steps have been taken in relation to this.

20.44 Correspondence

YLCA – Notification of Change of Audit Dates due to COVID1-19

Harrogate Borough Council – Notification of adoption of Harrogate and District Local Plan

20.45 Financial Matters

20.45.1 To note the following receipts:

Harrogate Borough Council – Precept	£2922.00
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20.45.2 To approve the payments the following payments

Pullans – April Grass cutting account	£ 397.27
ICO Fees (Direct Debit)	£ 35.00
PCCrew – Website hosting	£ 100.00
PCCrew – Annual Contract Fee	£ 120.00

20.46 The Parish Council was certified as exempt from external audit for the fiscal year 2019/20. The Chair signed the AGAR Certificate of Exemption (Part 2). The clerk is to send this to the external auditor by 30 June 2020 and post the Notice of Public Rights on the website

20.47 The date of the next meeting was noted to be Tuesday 14 July 2020. Any report or agenda items or to be with the clerk by 8 July 2020. It was noted that this meeting may take place via video conferencing if the coronavirus restrictions still apply.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 20.25 pm

Signed.....

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