

Kirk Deighton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Kirk Deighton Parish Council held at 7 pm on 9 March 2021 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, Rosie Wilson, David Halpin and Debbie Marriott.

Also on attendance - Cllr Andy Paraskos NYCC and HBC Ward Cllr and Nancy Fairbairn (Clerk)

21.17 To receive apologies

None

21.18 The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 12 January 2021 were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.

21.19 Public Participation

None

21.20 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None

21.21 Chair's Report

i) After several reports of damage to vehicles due to the condition of the road beside the bus stop opposite to the entrance to the drive to the Village Hall, Cllr Richardson contacted NYCC Area 6 Boroughbridge. An engineer attended to inspect the site. The hole was filled but the repair was only a temporary fix.

ii) A resident contacted Cllr Richardson about graffiti, '*clean up after your dog*', painted on the pavement by the bus shelter. With the help of a resident, Cllr Richardson cleaned up the graffiti. Cllr Warneken noted that residents need to be made aware that HBC do not clean up dog waste on the pavement. She suggested that an article be included in the next Newsletter

iii) Cllr Richardson attended a meeting organised by Better Wetherby Partnership to discuss concerns that Kirk Deighton Rangers wanted to sell their site in Kirk Deighton for development. It was noted that the site is not in the local plan and development would be opposed on the grounds of coalescence of Wetherby and Kirk Deighton. Cllr Richardson advised the Better Wetherby Partnership that the council would prepare objections if a planning application was received.

Cllr Paraskos advised that if the land was sold the council could consider purchasing it as it would be classed as an Asset of Community Value. If an application was made for planning permission Cllr Paraskos will ensure that the application is called in for consideration by the Planning Committee.

iv) The Better Wetherby Partnership have produced a report on the footpaths, cycle routes and landscaping that Belway Homes are responsible for at the end of their development bordering our parish. Cllr Richardson participated in a walking tour of the footpaths accompanied by Liz Bailey, HBC Community Engagement Officer. She explained that HBC are responsible for the Harland Way corridor but any footpaths that join or cross it are NYCC's responsibility. There is an unofficial path running along the top of the cutting (Harland Way) which is within Kirk Deighton Parish, which is being used inappropriately by cyclists. Ms Bailey said that HBC will investigate but may need to close the path on safety grounds.

v) Spring Litter Pick. This is co-ordinated by Ms Bailey. This year the litter pick will be in May, not March. Ms Bailey agreed to forward an email to the officer responsible for village waste bins to request that the dog waste bin on Ashdale Lane is emptied by HBC. A response to this request is awaited.

vi) A representative has raised that following issues with the Chair

- Reinstatement of the village community traffic speeding survey arrangement with North Yorkshire Police.

- Installing electric car charging points on Main Street.
- Verifying the status/legality of the white striped road marking between No.4 and Lilac Farm on Main Street ie was it illegal to park there. Cllr Paraskos advised that even if yellow lines were installed enforcement action was unlikely.
- Possible closure of Harland Way footpath.

vii) The Bay Horse will re-open on 12 April 2021. Two resident parking spaces will be retained at the front of the pub and the rest of the area at the front will be outdoor seating. The licensee is working on plans to ensure that pub remains viable and will consult the council before any changes/planning applications are submitted.

viii) The commemorative bench has arrived and the base will be constructed shortly.

ix) Verge and hedge cutting on Mark Lane. The land owner attended a council meeting in March 2019 and was asked to carry out hedge cutting in the autumn so as not to damage the spring flowers. Unfortunately, the hedges have been cut using a tractor and the verges have been damaged.

x) The Neighbourhood Watch coordinator has set up a “whatsapp” group which residents can use to report any suspicious activity.

xi) A resident of School House Terrace has raised concerns about a blocked drain outside his property. The problem has been reported to NYCC Highways on a number of occasions but has not been resolved. The Chair agreed to contact Highways in relation to this.

21.22 Councillor’s Reports

i) Cllr Halpin advised that repairs to the Church clock chimes should be completed by 19 March 2021. Cllr Halpin was thanked for his fundraising efforts which have enable the clock to be repaired.

ii) Cllr Warneken advised that a resident on Lime Kiln Lane has installed a *Private no Marking Sign* outside their property. It was noted that the resident could not prevent parking on the public highway and attempt to restrict parking was unenforceable.

iii) Cllr Marriott queried whether the cricket club could put up warning signs on Mark Lane on match days to warn drivers to slow down. It was noted that the council could not give permission for this. Cllr Paraskos advised that NYCC Highways would not give permission for temporary signage on the highway. One option would be to ask if the adjacent landowner would agree to put a sign on their land.

21.23 Clerk’s Report

No addition issues to report on.

21.24 Ward Councillor’s report

i) A decision about the proposed Unitary Council will be announced in July 2021.

ii) A consultation will be announced shortly re amending the Parliamentary Constituency Boundary.

21.25 Planning – to consider planning applications and note decisions received from HBC

21.25.1 Decided

20/04353 Loft conversion to include 3 roof lights at Granary Cottage, Main Street. Approved.

21.25.2 Applications

None

21.25.3 Enforcement

None

21.26 Safer Neighbourhood and Village Matters

21.26.1 Crime report

Figures from www.police.uk record the following crimes in January 2021:

1x Public Order

1x Anti Social Behaviour

1 x Vehicle crime

Cllr Warneken noted that new powers are to be introduced to remove illegal encampments from private land

21.26.2 Adoption of the Telephone Box

Cllr Warneken is awaiting a response as to whether planning permission is required to relocate the telephone box. Cllr Paraskos agreed to follow this up with HBC Planning. It was noted that it could cost

up to £1000 if the telephone box is relocated as a secure base and power supply will be needed. Volunteers will be needed to maintain it. It was agreed to review the issue at the May meeting.

21.26.3 Proposal for the ‘Greening of Kirk Deighton Parish Council Cllr Halpin referred to the briefing document he had prepared. His aim was to encourage the council to have an explicit green awareness when making decisions. He asked the council to provide moral support for two green initiatives which he intended to undertake in a personal capacity:

- Establishing a village food co-op
- Publication and distribution of a bi-annual Green Newsletter

Cllr Richardson said he wanted to ensure that environmental issues were at the forefront of council decision making. Cllr Richardson asked that councillors flag up green concerns when issues are discussed.

21.26.4 Tree Planting Cllr Warneken highlighted the risk that Ash dieback presents. Consideration will need to be given to replacing trees once the number affected are identified. Cllr Paraskos noted that HBC have identified 17.5 hectares of land for tree planting. Cllr Halpin suggested encouraging residents to plant trees in their gardens. Cllr Warneken agreed to investigate what initiatives other parishes are taking to encourage tree planting. Cllr Warneken will take the lead on this issue, assisted by Cllr Halpin.

21.26.5 Litter Picking Equipment It was resolved to purchase 5 sets of litter picking equipment, each set to include a litter grabber (c£12), hoop (c£16.00) and Hi-Viz vest (c£6.00). The vest logo to read *Kirk Deighton Volunteer*

21.26.6 Complaints re parking on Main Street Cllr Richardson has responded and no further action required.

21.27 It was **resolved** to approve the 2021/22 Assets Register

21.28 It was **resolved** to approve the 2021/22 Risk Register

21.29 It was **resolved** to approve the Operation London Bridge Policy

21.30 It was noted that the legislation allowing remote meetings expires on 6 May 2021. It was agreed that the next council meeting would be after 17 May 2021 when the Village Hall reopens.

Cllr Halpin left the meeting

21.31 It was **resolved** not to convene an Annual Parish Meeting in 2021.

21.32 Financial Matters

21.32.1 The following receipts were noted:

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| NYCC Annual Grass Cutting Contribution | £161.10 |
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21.32.2 It was **resolved** to approve payments the following payments made since 8 September 2020

| Payee | Net | Vat | Total | Sec 137 |
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| Streetmaster Ltd (commemorative bench) | 697.00 | 139.40 | 836.40 | |

21.32.3 The bank reconciliations and Management reports to date were received

21.33 The date of the next meeting is to be confirmed. Any report or agenda items or to be with the clerk 7 days before the date of the meeting.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 21.22 pm

Signed.....

Chair

Dated.....