

Kirk Deighton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Kirk Deighton Parish Council held at 7 pm on Tuesday 19 September 2023 at Kirk Deighton Village Hall

Present

Kirk Deighton Parish Councillors: David Richardson (Chair), Penny Warneken and Debbie Marriott.

Also in attendance: Nancy Fairbairn (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

Public Participation

Representations were received from the applicants in relation to planning application 6.136.180.B.FUL. The applicants have an option on the site and have applied for permission to build 3 houses. It was noted that the Parish Council objected to a previous application to build 5 houses on the site. The applicants have employed an historian to research the history of the site which was linked to the Prisoner of War camp at Scriven. The plans include an information board detailing the site's history. The site is in open countryside which is not designated as green belt.

The applicants submitted that the design reflects the heritage of the site and replicates the scale and mass of the present buildings.

The applicants are aware of potential concerns re highways access. They acknowledged the need for a safe access point on the brow of the hill to the site as this will be used for the development and farm vehicles. Cllr Richardson raised a concern about traffic crossing the cycle track as vegetation may restrict the sight lines. The applicants advised that the access point will be widened. Cllr Warneken suggested installing electric gates which will slow traffic accessing and leaving the site.

23/82 Apologies

None

23/83 It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 25 July 2023 as a true and correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

23/84 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

None

23/85 Crime Report

The following offences were recorded on the Police UK website:

June 2023

Kirk Deighton

- None

MOTO Services

- Anti social behaviour 1
- Other 1

July 2023

Kirk Deighton

- Public Order 2
- Violent/Sexual 2
- Anti social behaviour 1

MOTO Services

- Vehicle Crime 1

23/86 Reports on ongoing issues

1. Chair's report

- Nature England have issued a licence to the owner of Primrose Cottage granting permission to move the greater crested newts in the garden.

- The Village Hall defibrillator pads will need replacing in December 2023
 - The potential sale of the football pitch was considered at a recent meeting of the club's committee meeting. The Chair understands that under the club's constitution they can only sell the site if they have a 99 year lease or the freehold for a replacement site. Only the club trustees, rather than the Chair of the club, can make a decision to sell the site.
 - The VAS was relocated to Mark Lane on 18 September 2023. No significant change to average speeds was noted.
2. Councillors' Reports
 - None
 3. Clerk's report
 - There has been no response from NYC Highways re the application to install a Village Sign on the verge on Main Street
 4. Ward Councillor's report
 - None

23/87 Traffic Management

1. The draft proposals from NYC for 20 mph speed limits in rural areas were noted. It is not clear whether the initiative will be approved by NYC council.
2. Residents have raised concerns about traffic volumes and speeding in Kirk Deighton. Cllr Richardson has suggested to Ward Cllr Paraskos that there be a public meeting to discuss the issue with a representative from Highways
3. It was **resolved** to arrange a meeting with North Yorkshire Police and NYC Highways to consider the issue of speeding and traffic volumes.

23/88 The deterioration of the road surface on Lime Kiln Lane was noted. The road is prone to flooding in a number of sections and Cllr Richardson will contact Highways in relation to this.

23/89 Grass cutting

1. The current grass cutting contract was reviewed. Councillors have no concerns about the quality of work undertaken by the current contractor. It may be necessary to increase the cutting to every 3 weeks in the growing season and this will need to be reflected in the budget. The clerk will contact the contractor to confirm if he is able to continue with the contract in 2024 and whether there will be any increase in his rates.
2. The option of rewilding some verge areas was considered. The councillors agreed to walk around the verges to identify areas suitable for rewilding.

23/90 Gov.uk domain name

1. Councillors confirmed that they are now using gov.uk email addresses
2. The clerk investigate further the transfer of the website to the gov.uk domain

23/91 Village Calendar Photo competition. No discussion took place about this item.

23/92 School House Terrace Bus shelter. Cllr Marriott will contact NYC Planning to ascertain if the amended designs are likely to be approved and the issue will be considered further at the November meeting.

23/93 Co-option. There have been no applications for the vacancy on the council. It was **resolved** to readvertise the vacancy with a closing date of 7 November 2023 for applications. All applications will be considered at the at the council meeting on the 14 November 2023.

23/94 It was **resolved** to approve a donation of £40.00 to the Royal British Legion.

23/95 2024/2025 budget. The draft budget will be considered at the November meeting and the budget, and precept request, approved at the January meeting.

23/96 Planning

a. Decisions

PP-12301426 Retention of electric vehicle charging hub with associated works and erection of additional electrical equipment at Moto Wetherby Motorway Service Area Kirk Deighton. Approved

PP-12290338 Erection of first floor rear extension at Verne Cottage Main Street Kirk Deighton. Refused

b. Applications

6.136.180.B.FUL Redevelopment of prisoner of war hostel and agricultural land, including the demolition of structures, apart from existing water tower; Erection of 3 no. dwellings, formation of access, with landscaping and associated works at Land Comprising Former Prisoner Of War Camp, Kirk Deighton. It was **resolved** that the council will not object to the application but will advise NYC that:

- This is on the basis that there will be no substantive changes to the current design and number of houses on the site
- Appropriate measures are taken to ensure the safety of cyclists and pedestrians using the track alongside the A168 in relation to vehicles accessing the site
- The landscaping must be sympathetic to the rural setting

Pre-application notification re Land at A1 (M) Junction 46, Kirk Deighton for proposed solar farm development. Based on the information available councillors did not have any queries they wished to raise with the applicant.

c. Enforcement

None

23/97 Financial

a. The following receipts were noted:

None		
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b. It was **resolved** to approve the following payments:

		Payee	Net	Vat	Total	Sec 137
i	BACS	Gary Marston	450.00	90.00	540.00	
ii	BACS	Gary Marston	600.00	120.00	720.00	
iii	BACS	KDVH	18.00		18.00	
iv	DD	Unity Trust Bank	18.00		18.00	
v	BACS	Royal British Legion	40.00		40.00	

c. The bank reconciliations and Management report to 31 August 2023 were received and the Unity Trust Bank balance was noted as £12,247.03

23/98 Correspondence

- Breakthrough Communications training sessions for councils. Councillors were invited to attend sessions.

23/99 The date of the next meeting was noted as the 14 November 2023. Any report of agenda items 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 9.20 pm

Signed.....
Chair

Dated.....