

Kirk Deighton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Kirk Deighton Parish Council held at 7 pm on 9 January 2024

at Kirk Deighton Village Hall

Present

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

Also in attendance: Nancy Fairbairn (Clerk), Ward Cllr Andy Paraskos and 2 residents

Public Participation

- i) A resident raised concerns about planning application ZC23/04309/FULMAJ for the construction and operation of a ground-mounted solar farm with a generation capacity of 7MW together with associated infrastructure and landscaping at Moto Wetherby Motorway Service Area, Kirk Deighton. In particular they were concerned about the lack of screening of the site at the northern end of the proposed development, where there are residential properties, and the eastern end facing the footpath. It was noted that NYC Highways have raised concerns about glare onto the A1 (M). The resident has instructed a planning consultant to prepare a report and will send a copy to the council as soon as it is available. Cllr Paraskos advised that the application is likely to be referred to the Strategic Planning Committee. He will check this.

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None

24/2 It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 14 November 2023 as a true and correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

24/3 Declarations of interest in items on the agenda

Cllr Warneken declared an interest in planning application APP/U2750/W/23/3335766 – Quarry House Farm.

24/4 Crime Report

No offences were recorded in Kirk Deighton on the Police UK website in October and November 2023.

24/5 2024/2025 Budget and Precept Request

1. It was **resolved** to approve the 2024/2025 Budget
2. It was **resolved** to approve the 2024/2025 Precept Request of £7,500, a 5.3% increase from 2023/2024

24/6 Reports on ongoing issues

1. Chair's Report
 - Sale of Kirk Deighton Rangers Football Ground. Representatives of Kirk Deighton Rangers, Grange Park, Kirk Deighton Village Hall, Kirk Deighton Parish Council and Wetherby Town Council met on the 12th December 2023 to consider potential options for the site. Kirk Deighton Rangers confirmed that there has been considerable interest in the site but, if possible, they do not wish to sell to a developer. They do not anticipate moving to Grange Park until the 2025/2026 season. Wetherby Town Council may be interested in purchasing part of the site for allotment use. Kirk Deighton Rangers have agreed to prepare a press release to update residents.
 - A resident has complained about recycling boxes being left on verge after collection. The Chair has raised the issue with NYC Waste Management and operatives have been advised not to leave boxes on the verge.

- The last recycling collection was delaying and a lot of rubbish blew on to the roads and verges. Cllr Paraskos advised that NYC plan to supply lidded wheelie bins the recycling. It is not know when this will happen. It was agreed to put a post on Facebook suggesting that residents buy nets for their recycling boxes.
 - The Chair thanked KD Events for installing the Christmas tree and organising the tree lighting event
 - Residents on Losh Pot Lane have collectively bought a plot of land adjacent to the lane.
2. Councillors' Reports
- Primrose Cottage planning enforcement. Cllr Warneken advised that under the terms of the planning consent the ground should be returned to the original levels. However, very little earth has been taken away and the levels are still too high. The pond is not supported and there is a risk that it will slide down onto the road. A stone retaining wall is required. Planning Enforcement have visited but it is not clear if they will require the new owners to comply with the requirements of the current Planning Permission. Cllr Paraskos advised that Planning Enforcement are going to inspect the site again on 10th January 2024.
 - Phone box adoption. Cllr Warneken has not been able to speak to the land owners to establish if they will agree to the phone box remaining on their land if it is adopted by the Council. The clerk will review the terms of the contract with BT and the issue will be considered at the March meeting.
 - There are two pot holes on Mark Lane. The clerk will report to these to NYC.
3. Clerk's report
- None
4. Ward Councillor's report
- Ward Cllr Paraskos has contributed £1000 towards repainting the road marking in the village.

24/7 It was **resolved** to amend the date of Council meetings to the third Tuesday of the month from March 2024.

24/8 Traffic Management

1. The data from the VAS was received. No significant change in average speeds and traffic volume on Wetherby Road was noted. The data will be added to the website.
2. Cllr Richardson attended a meeting between NYC Highways and representatives from Area 6 parishes on 29th November 2023.
 - Parishes were advised to use the Parish Portal to report any highways issues. It was noted that there were technical problems with the Parish Portal which meant it was not always available. There are currently 3 vacancies for Highways Officers in Area 6.
 - Highways will be mapping all of the road gullies in 2024 to assist with cleaning. Gullies are only scheduled to be swept every 2 years but parishes can request additional sweeping if they are in an area where there are a lot of leaves etc. Cllr Richardson has asked if NYC will remove bags of leaves if they were swept up by residents. A response is awaited from NYC.
 - Repairs have been carried out on Lime Kiln Lane however councillors considered these to be inadequate as there is no edging to the tarmac and no drainage channel onto the verge. Cllr Richardson will contact Highways in relation to this.

24/9 Damage to the village entrance sign and planter by School House Terrace. A claim has been submitted to the vehicle's insurers. A quote has been obtained from repair of the planter and the stone [£930.00] has been sent to the insurers. A quote of £300 has been obtained for soda blasting the enamel sign which was damaged in the incident. It was agreed to forward this to the insurers as well.

24/10 Bus shelter by School House Terrace. Amend plans were considered for a replacement bus shelter, similar to the shelter in Little Ribston bus shelter. It is understood that this cost c £3,000. Cllr Paraskos agreed to check with NYC Planning whether planning permission would be required for this design of shelter.

24/11 Defibrillators. The defibrillator at the bus shelter on main street was used on 25 December 2023. The pads have been replaced and both defibrillators are in operational.

24/12 Adoption of a Data Breach Policy was deferred to the March meeting.

24/13 Planning

a. Decisions

None

b. Applications

APP/U2750/W/23/3335766 Appeal re erection of replacement dwelling and garage and installation of package treatment plant with at Quarry House Farm, Lime Kiln Lane, Kirk Deighton. It was **resolved** to reiterate comments already made.

ZC23/04309/FULMAJ The construction and operation of ground-mounted solar farm with a generation capacity of 7MW together with associated infrastructure and landscaping. Moto Wetherby Motorway Service Area, Kirk Deighton. It was **resolved** that the council request that it will be a condition of any planning permission that screening will be installed to ensure that it is not visible from houses on the north side of the proposed development and the east side, adjacent to the public footpath.

c. Enforcement

Primrose Cottage – considered under councillor’s reports.

24/14 Financial

a. The following receipts were noted:

None

b. It was **resolved** to approve the following payments:

		Payee	Net	Vat	Total	Sec 137
i	BACS	First Rescue Training and Supplies Ltd	66.44	13.89	80.34	
ii	DD	Unity Trust	18.00	0.00	18.00	
iii	BACS	First Rescue Training and Supplies Ltd	170.00	34.00	204.00	

c. The bank reconciliations and Management report to 31 December 2023 were received and the Unity Trust Bank balance was noted as £14,702.69.

24/15 Correspondence

None

24/16 The date of the next meeting was noted as the 19th March 2024. Any report of agenda items to be with the clerk 7 days before the date of the meeting.

24/17 Co-option

It was **resolved** to co-opt James Brown to the council. Cllr Brown’s signed Acceptance of Office was received.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed 9.05 pm

Signed.....

Chair

Dated.....

