

Kirby Muxloe Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Council Chamber on January 3 2008 at 7.00pm.

Present – Ruth Buckingham, Tim Collins, Susan Eppel, Liz Fleming, Jane Greasley, Graham Hillier, Tracy Houldridge, Graham Norris, Su Stanbridge, David Parsons (Part of meeting)

2 members of the public

In attendance – Yvonne Waters (Clerk)

1. Apologies

Mrs Cooke (ill) Mr Griffiths (prior engagement) Mr Hurdley (ill) Mr Tansley (away)
PC Sutherley and PCSO Shine.

2. Disclosures of Interest

None

3. Minutes of last meeting (6th December 2007)

Taken as read and agreed to be a true and correct record. Proposed by Mrs Stanbridge, seconded by Mrs Eppel and carried.

4. Clerks Report

a- Jaymac – the clerk gave an update and advised the council that Mr & Mrs Buckingham and herself had attended the court case in Bolton on December 27th 2007 and had been successful, Jaymac were ordered to pay the court costs, mileage, and the clerks salary for the afternoon. Mr Collins extended his thanks on behalf of the council for the effort that had been put in to win the case. Mr Norris suggested that we contact the Leicestershire County Council and the LAPC to advise that Jaymac should be kept off any contractors lists held to ensure that other local councils do not encounter the same problems. **Clerk to action.**

b- The Pond – The clerk advised that the work to the pond was now complete.

c- Football Pavilion – New keys had now been distributed to the Football Club

d- Muga - Notification had been received from Blaby DC that they had been successful in receiving the lottery funding – need to ascertain how much will be available to the Parish Council for the muga – **Clerk to action.**

e- Parish Plan – 2 parishioners had volunteered for the committee following the advert in the Kirby Comment – **Mrs Stanbridge to follow up.**

f- Carols around the tree – The clerk advised that the collection had amounted to £252.70 from the carol concert; this is to go to Rainbows. **Clerk to action**

g- Village Hall - The clerk advised that the village hall committee would not be contributing anything to the new CCTV system – the council are not too happy with this as the village hall advertise on their web page that they have full CCTV surveillance !

The clerk advised that a large number of cigarette ends are evident outside the front of the building following a function which the litter picker has to clear, some discussion took place and it was

agreed that the village hall committee should be asked to provide a cigarette bin to the front of the building to try and eliminate the problem **Clerk to write to the VH Committee**. Some problems had occurred with the bollards and it transpired that who ever amended the timing to override the bollards last time did so incorrectly, causing a problem, this had resulted in an engineers visit costing £75, it was decided that the clerk should advise the village hall committee , that the bollards are only to be over-ridden by Mrs Ann Smith, who has been suitably trained, if this is carried out by a third party and another problem occurs, they will be asked to pay for the repairs. **Clerk to write to VH Committee**.

5. Minutes of Plans & Maintenance meeting held on 11 December 2007.

Noted.

6. To Consider

Biodiversity – Mrs Eppel circulated details of a document, several aspects of this were discussed including planning applications. Some discussion also took place regarding the brook and it transpires that the water in the brook needs to be tested as soon as possible by the environment agency – this was proposed by Mrs Fleming and seconded by Mrs Stanbridge – **Clerk to contact the environment agency**.

Football Club Charges

A committee has been formed to discuss the charges and other matters regarding the football club, - a meeting is to be held and the football club proposed charges are to be brought back to the next council meeting in February for approval. Pay as you go meters were discussed for both pavilions, Mrs Houldridge had done a lot of research into this and advised the council accordingly, this information is to be made available for the committee to discuss. Proposed by Mr Norris Seconded by Mr Collins, that meters be installed. **Clerk to set up meeting**.

Underage/teenage drinking

The police had apparently been called out on a number of occasions recently to deal with problems at one stop, the clerk was requested to write to the District Councillor Mrs Jenny Bell, who is working on this project, to request information and backup to try and eliminate this problem.

8.00pm The meeting was adjourned at this point for the Public to speak

Malcolm Hammond and Paul Hanning from Kirby Muxloe Cricket Club wanted to advise the PC of their open day on Friday 4th January 2008 from 11am – 4pm, ex England cricketer Mike Gatting would be present together with the whole of the u19 team and the object of the day was to erect a new cricket pavilion, they invited a member of the PC to attend and Mr Hillier agreed to go on behalf of the PC.

Mrs Buckingham extended her congratulations on behalf of the Parish Council to the Cricket Club on their achievement and wished them a successful day.

8.10pm Mr Hammond and Mr Hanning left and the meeting continued.

Noise on the Car Park.

Several residents on Station Road had complained of noise from cars on the car park at night- it was suggested that the bollards be re programmed to go up at 11pm, after some discussion it was decided that this was not feasible. It was suggested that the residents should be told to contact the police. A discussion then took place with regard to policing within the village, some councillors are not happy that the beat team both seem to be always on the same shift and that the police are not always visible when they are on duty and that there is a lack of police presence at council meetings. The clerk was requested to write to Inspector Chell to voice the councils concerns – **Clerk to action.**

Environmental Projects

Mrs Fleming and Mrs Eppel had suggested that the council places an environmental page in the KC to advise parishioners of the proposed projects the council is to undertake, they will produce the page for each edition, it was agreed this was a good idea. Several ideas were mentioned including the recycling of dog litter – Mrs Fleming is undertaking some research into this.

At this point Mr Parsons joined the meeting, apologised for being late, and gave his report.

Mr Parsons advised that he was very concerned regarding a proposed development of houses along the A47 corridor from Barry Drive to Desford Crossroads, this would involve approximately 5/6000 houses being built on what is a green wedge of land at present, a meeting had taken place at Blaby DC between officers and the developers on December 6 2007 and this had not been made public, Mr Parsons was producing a press release for the Leicester Mercury to make people aware of what is going on.

Mr Parsons advised on the progress at the Kirby Muxloe Cricket Club, and would be attending the open day on 4th January.

Mrs Buckingham thanked Mr Parson for his attendance and his report and Mr Parsons left the meeting.

The meeting then re commenced.

Carols around the Tree.

Mrs Buckingham thanked the councillors for the flowers presented to her at the carol concert and also thanked those councillors who helped on the night.

The format for next year was discussed in some detail. The Ratby band has been booked provisionally, several suggestions were made regarding the format and it was agreed to form a committee to deal with this, Proposed by Mr Collins, seconded by Mrs Stanbridge and carried, this will be chaired by Mrs Greasley and will consist of Mrs Fleming, Mr Hillier Mr Collins, and Mrs Stanbridge, the first meeting will be on Monday 11 February at 7pm, Mrs Buckingham will give the committee the benefit of her experience with regard to the carol concert.

Service Agreement for the Bollards

Following the recent problems with the automatic rising bollards, the clerk had been requested to get details from the new contractor for a service agreement, this would cost £180 per annum for 1

visit, this was agreed, proposed by Mr Hillier, seconded by Mrs Fleming and carried. **Clerk to complete the paperwork and return to the contractor.**

7. Monthly order Paper.

The clerk presented the order paper, no transfers necessary
Proposed by Mrs Greasley, seconded by Mrs Houldridge and carried.

8. Delegates reports

District & County Councillor – see above
Beat Officer Team – Report attached
Other reports – none

9. Correspondence

Letter from Blaby DC re anti social behaviour roadshow – **Clerk to organise date.**
Kirby Muxloe Cricket Club – Details of open day.
Letter from Mr & Mrs Dickinson regarding the cemetery – **Clerk to reply**
Letter from Mr Swain regarding damage to his fence- **Clerk to reply**
Letter from Mr & Mrs Collinson regarding article in Kirby Comment
The council discussed this letter in detail and it was resolved to advise Mr & Mrs Collinson that the council stands by its original decision to advise that the matter is considered closed. **Clerk to write to the Collinsons accordingly.**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed:..... Date: