

Kirby Muxloe Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held in the Parish Council Chamber on February 7 2008 at 7.00pm.

Present – Ruth Buckingham (Chair) David Clements, Tim Collins, Andrea Cooke, Susan Eppel, Liz Fleming, Jane Greasley, Simon Griffiths, Graham Hillier, Tracy Houldridge, Alan Hurdley, Graham Norris, Gilbert Tansley, PCSO Paul Shine, and PC Carl Sutherley. Mrs Jenny Bell (District Councillor)

2 members of the public.

In attendance – Yvonne Waters (Clerk)

1. Apologies – Mr David Parsons (away on business) and Mrs Su Stanbridge (ill)

2. Disclosures of Interest.

Mrs Houldridge and Mrs Waters disclosed an interest in the item relating to the Scout Group Mrs Waters being the Cub Scout Leader and Assistant Beaver Scout Leader, and Mrs Houldridge as the Deputy District Commissioner.

3. Minutes of last meeting (January 3 2008)

Taken as read and agreed to be a true and correct record – Proposed by Mr Collins, seconded by Mrs Houldridge and carried.

4. Clerks Report

Muga Update.

The Clerk reported that she had been advised that the money from the lottery had been received by Blaby DC and a lump sum of £36125 together with a contribution from Blaby DC of £12875 had been allocated to Kirby Muxloe PC for the Muga. The Clerk was advised by Mr Freer that various conditions have to be met and paperwork completed before the monies are released. The Clerk will meet with Mr Freer to arrange this. **Clerk please note and action.**

CCTV – The clerk reported that she had applied to several organisations and had been advised that no grants are available for CCTV at the present time.

Bungalow Garden.

The clerk had been advised that the tenant currently occupying the bungalow is not maintaining the garden, after checking the rental agreement, it appears the tenant is only responsible for maintaining the inside of the property, it was decided therefore to ask the contractor to visit and carry out mowing, pruning etc twice a year. Proposed Mrs Greasley, seconded Mr Griffiths, carried. **Clerk to action and advise contractor accordingly.**

Code of Conduct Training-

The clerk advised that extra sessions have been made available by Blaby DC for those councillors who were unable to attend the previous sessions, councillors to advise which session they wish to attend.

Grants Officer

Mrs Buckingham advised that it has become increasingly difficult for the clerk to find time to apply for grants, so a grants officer is sought to source grants for the councils various projects, any one who wishes to help, please advise either the clerk or Mrs Buckingham. **All Council members please note**

Change of external Auditor

The clerk advised that notification had been received that the external auditor had changed.

Hanging Baskets

Clerk advised that notification had been received from Leicestershire County Council reminding us that any new hanging baskets proposed would only be allowed once the lamp posts had been tested. Councillors are to decide which lampposts are to have additional baskets and this will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. **Clerk please note, and place on agenda for March Meeting.**

5. To Note the minutes of the Plans and Maintenance meeting held on 8 January 2008.

Noted.

6. To Consider

Football Club Usage Charges

Mr Clements gave a comprehensive summary of the meeting the sub committee had held and the clerk presented a paper of facts and figures and a breakdown of the costs incurred by the council for the 2 pavilions and the pitches. A long discussion followed and it was resolved to charge the following fees to the Football Club £50 per week for 30 weeks i.e. £1500 income. Proposed Gilbert Tansley Seconded Graham Norris. 11 for 1 against – carried. **Clerk please note and advise the football club that the charges will take effect from next season.**

Fence along the Park – complaints had been received from the residents of the house along the park regarding the vandalism to the fence which had now allowed people to gain access to the back garden, councillors had been to have a look at the situation and it has been decided to fix the chain link fence at the bottom of the garden on the Parish Councils side of the boundary and put an item in next years budget for a longer term solution. **Clerk please note and advise the contractor accordingly. Clerk and Chair of Finance- note for next years budget.**

Kirby Comment – Mrs Greasley (Chair of Finance) advised that the comment had gone way over budget due to various issues, (lack of advertising, change from black & white to colour printing etc), after some discussion it was decided to have 3 issues of the comment

from now instead of the usual 4, periodicity to be Mid November, Mid March and Mid July. Proposed Tim Collins seconded Gilbert Tansley and carried. **Clerk to advise Mr Russell accordingly.**

Grants to Scout Group and Km Cricket Club

Mrs Houldridge and the Clerk left the meeting at this point.

Mr Hillier requested that a Grant of £500 each are awarded to the Scout Group and the Cricket Club respectively. This was agreed subject to cash still being available at the end of the financial year. **Clerk to note and advise each organisation accordingly. .**

Mrs Houldridge and the Clerk returned to the meeting.

CCTV.

The clerk advised that the cost of the security lighting for the muga had been agreed, but not voted on at full council and this needed to be formalised. Total cost of the lighting is £7900.00 Proposed by Mr Griffiths, seconded Andrea Cooke and carried.

Clerk please note and place order for the new lighting.

Vandalism in the Park – Mrs Buckingham

Mrs Buckingham mentioned that an awful lot of broken glass had been found in the park recently – See report from PC Carl Sutherley regarding this.

8.00pm The meeting adjourned at this time for the public to speak.

Mr & Mrs King, Mr King advised they lived next door to Grey Lodge on Stamford Road for which a planning application had been submitted.

Mrs Greasley left the chamber at this point as she used to be the owner of Grey Lodge and took no part in the discussion.

Mr King enquired if the Parish Council was able to influence any planning applications and wanted the PC to object to the application on the grounds of privacy. Mr Clements explained the planning process and advised that the PC can only express an opinion, and that we have no influence, this is left to the planners who have the experience and necessary knowledge in this field.

Mr & Mrs King left and Mrs Greasley returned to the meeting.

Kirby Comment Green Page - Mrs Eppel

Mrs Fleming and Mrs Eppel had put together the green page for the KC, this is to be entitled the Wild Side – Mrs Buckingham thanked Mrs Fleming and Mrs Eppel for their efforts.

Findings of Finance Meeting – Mrs Greasley.

Mrs Greasley gave a very comprehensive update on the accounts and the situation financially, we are suffering the repercussions of previous council members not increasing the precept for several years, the finances are very tight, but with a bit of

shrewd housekeeping we should be ok. Mrs Greasley advised that she would write to Blaby DC to enquire where the extra council tax goes that is received during the year when new houses come on stream. **Mrs Greasley to action.**

Houses on Barons Park in H & BBC. Mrs Greasley

Mrs Greasley asked what could be done regarding the residents of Barons Park who live in the parish and use the amenities, but the council tax goes to H & BBC because of the boundary, Mr Clements advised that we would have to apply to the boundary commission to get the boundaries moved. **Clerk to find out how we proceed with this.**

7. Order Paper

The clerk presented the order paper. No additions and no transfers necessary. Proposed by David Clements Seconded by Graham Hillier and carried.

8. Delegates Reports.

District/ County Councillors

Mrs Bell advised that she is heavily involved with the challenge 21 project, and will obtain posters and stickers to go around the village to make people aware of this project. Mrs Bell had also been involved with the recent parking problems on the Castle Road car park.

8.40pm Mrs Cooke asked to be excused and left the meeting.

Beat Team report PC Sutherley/PCSO Shine

Carl gave a report and advised he and PCSO Shine had been heavily involved in dealing with the youths who had been vandalising the park and surrounding area, several youths had been 'moved on' and in some cases anti social behaviour letters had been issued. Carl also discussed the crime figures for the village and gave some comparisons with other areas, in one month there had been 11 incidents in Kirby Muxloe compared with 74 in Groby and 77 in Glenfield. He was also holding local beat surgeries where parishioners could come and discuss any problems.

Clean Neighbourhoods Report – Mrs Fleming

See the attached report.

Mrs Eppel had attended a seminar on biodiversity and outlined the Parish Councils duty to protect wildlife etc.

Mrs Buckingham thanked everyone for the information and for taking the time to compile the reports.

9. Correspondence.

See attached list, the following items were discussed.

Letter from Kirby Muxloe Village Hall Committee – it was agreed that the clerk should invite members of the VH committee to a meeting with Mrs Buckingham, Mr Norris and the Clerk to discuss issues raised. **Clerk to take forward.**

Quotation for cleaning the war memorial £1225.00, it was decided to discuss this in the next financial year, when the precept had been received. **Clerk to note.**

Mrs Buckingham thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.55pm.