

KIRTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY 2024

Present: Councillors: Cllr D Jarvis, Chair, Cllr P Watson Vice Chair, Cllr C. Astill,
Cllr F. Baillie, Cllr A Bowen, Cllr M Elston, Cllr L O'Connor, Cllr Pryke,
Cllr C Rylott and Cllr S Watson.

Also Present: Clerk D. Fairweather.
Borough Cllr Middleton.

PUBLIC FORUM

Ann Booth from Town Hall Management Committee asking if a football goal could be placed in the Rec for the children. Council to investigate.

Resident of Boothby Close near the leisure centre. Cars racing round at all hours and tree surgeons working at inconvenient times. There used to be a bollard to stop this, but it has been damaged and removed. Has approached the Leisure Centre but they have advised it is not their bollard, so cannot be of assistance. Asking if Parish Council can help.

REPORTS FROM ELECTED BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Middleton had asked what was to be brought to the full planning committee on 30th but had not been advised but felt the Wash Road application would be one.

More TPO's had been received and still more to come.

Cllr Rylott disappointed that the Scrutiny meeting was cancelled to the non-availability of staff. Still pursuing this matter and have asked for more dates to be put forward.

£20,000 equivalent to S106 monies would shortly be available to Kirton PC for the site off London Road. The condition being the sale of the 13th property. The contribution was towards play equipment but once purchased would be the responsibility of the PC and had been agreed that 50% could be used and 50% kept for future maintenance.

Cllr Pryke was surprised at this information as there are 17 houses on the electoral roll and we should therefore be chasing BBC for payment of the monies.

The second electricity company, Osian, a briefing note answering questions from consultation. It is to be underground cables not pylons. No specific route at present but it will come through our Parish. This is Eastern link 3 and 4 but cannot be done at the same time as others to avoid additional road works. No timetable yet.

Received some complaints regarding TPO's. Cllr Middleton advised these are not new but revised TPO's.

Requests of zebra crossing changing to pelican and railings extended. Clerk awaiting reply from Cllr Austin.

Request from residents of Middlegate Road for a zebra crossing.

Speeding in various areas around the village but compliments on the reduction on London Road appearing to have an effect.

REPORT FROM ELECTED COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Brookes - Willington Road - Kirton to Kirton End. A resident just outside the speed limit at Kirton End asked me if the proposed 30mph limit could be extended to the Kirton End Village sign. Unfortunately, this was ruled out by the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) team as not meeting the criteria in the Speed Limit Policy. However, having looked at it, they say the whole stretch of Willington Road between the 30mph at Kirton and the proposed 30mph at Kirton End may qualify for some reduction from the national speed limit. They are going to carry out an assessment and speed surveys to see if it does qualify for a reduction.

I have also been asked about the possibility of a footpath between Kirton End and Kirton. I will talk to the highways manager about it, but I think it is unlikely to happen anytime soon. I have been trying to get the footpaths on Station Road between Kirton Holme and Hubberts Bridge joined up for the last 4 years, and there is no funding available at present.

Boston Road junction with West End Road. A resident of West End Road concerned about her child crossing the Boston Road has asked about the possibility of having a pedestrian crossing provided. The highways manager has asked for an assessment to be carried out.

Cllr Austin - following last month's reports, the lines at the end of King Street and London Road should not be necessary as no parking forms part of the Highway Code in those areas. Will however discuss with Highways. Asked for further information on the request for lights at the crossing on Station Road. I.E. would children play around with them, pressing buttons and annoy neighbouring properties? Wanting to know when installed and if any accidents. PC need to also contact Police. Cllr O'Connor advised that Cllr Austin had been made aware of accidents in the past. Cllr Bowen, being local to the area, he cannot foresee a problem if they are silent.

Cllr Middleton left the meeting.

81-24 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence from Cllr Sohail and County Cllrs Austin and Brookes given to the Clerk prior to the meeting. All resolved to accept reasons given.

82-24 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011
Cllr Rylott declared interest in any planning applications.

83-24 TO APPROVE NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS 4TH JUNE 2024.

Proposed Cllr P Watson seconded Cllr S Watson that these be accepted as a true copy to be called minutes. Unanimous.

84-24 TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM CLERK

PCC – although meeting arranged, cancelled due to bad weather. PCC to send details of works required. There appears to be a dispute regarding who is responsible for the footpath as the Church is still being used. Cllr Elston advised we should have this confirmed before any money
CSW – six people interested, Clerk to book a training session

Kirton News – still quoting incorrect details of Councillors. Cllr Rylott advised her name to be included please. Many Councils have contact details via the clerk, but Kirton were happy for their own emails to be used. Cllr Elston advised Wyberton PC has all information going direct to Clerk. Borough Cllrs are different as there are issues that they can deal with directly. On whether details are shown should be a choice and on voting 7 Councillors agreed with this.

Cllr Astill asked if the safety bollards for the Town Hall Rec an agenda item for could be next month. All agreed.

85-24 TO DISCUSS FUTURE MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT IN PC PARKS

We are receiving inspection reports from BBC but there is doubt as to their content. Some equipment has been removed but has been checked since that date. They are mentioning equipment removed following an arson attack but still listing. Clerk and Cllr Elston had read all details and believe the PC should approach BBC regarding the matter. Invoice for this year has not been paid.

Cllr O'Connor asking if a refund is due for previous years.

Suggestions that Clerk and Cllr Elston be given delegated powers to approach the Portfolio Holder.

Residents adjacent to the park complained that it is not locked, even though sign says it will be and noise generation is unacceptable.

Cllr Elston advised we must book RoSPA inspection, preferably before the end of July, to get a preferential rate. At that point Clerk and Cllr Elston arrange a meeting with BBC.

Cllr Rylott asked the question should we be spending more money on the park?

Council agreed to proceed with RoSPA inspection.

86-24 FINANCE

To Approve Payment of Accounts as per schedule proposed Cllr P Watson seconded Cllr Astill

87-24 PLANNING – To Discuss Applications Received Since Last Meeting

Algarkirk Parish Council would like a speed restriction on A16 south of Kirton roundabout. Asking if Kirton agree with this? Do we wish to speak with Algarkirk to make a joint approach to LCC.

Cllr P Watson would be in favour of speaking with them. There are average speed cameras along part of the road and perhaps these should be extended.

PC vote on average speed cameras to be extended 8 for.

Wash Road should be going to planning on 30th July. Cllr Pryke advised he may not be available, and there should be a representative of the Council. He has paperwork to pass on. Cllr P Watson not available for meeting but happy to work with any other Councillor who is willing to attend.

Cllr Astill volunteered as he has taken an interest in the case.

Two residents had approached Cllr Astill asking if PC require planning application to input disabled parking spaces. Cllr Astill advised the area being used at moment is not regulatory. Agreed to meet and measure areas accordingly.

88-24 MEMBERS REPORTS

DJ – Local trader at Town Hall had noticed another trader was trading from outside of the Cod father. Nothing PC can do as there are no restrictions for parking on Sundays.

PW

CA – Request from THMC what night are lights to be switched on? Date not fixed yet. Comment that Cllr S Watson had previously advised the signs in the village were faded and in poor condition. The Clean Up Squad have been painting them one piece at a time and they are looking as new again.

Approached by Dave Scotney regarding the bus shelter at Middlegate Road. Could it also have a clean-up. Cllr Astill approached Frampton Parish Council who donated £100 towards the cost. All agreed job well done on the entrance to the village.

Attending the Outer Dowsing Project Meeting. Good presentation. Attended by farmers that will be affected by the project. 7 projects in total. Consent hopefully given in 2025, construction to start in 2027 with connection in 2030. 2 Offshore projects also. There will be a Community Benefit Project for those within 3 kms of cabling. Cllr Astill led to believe this would be direct to Parishes.

Cllr Pryke asked of compensation for landowners. There is to be.

Cllr Astill had spoken with the member of the public regarding the Leisure Centre and wondered if Cllr Jarvis and P Watson would be able to speak with them. The bollard is the responsibility of the Borough Council.

Litter picker had asked if a staggered fence could be erected along Cleymond Chase as bicycles race along there.

Comments had been made of the Rec area that there is no equipment for under 4-year-olds. Advised this is being

AB- twice this month has reported vehicles racing along wrong Station Road to Police.

ME - had walk around with Heritage Lincolnshire. Disappointed that there had been meetings since October last year which the PC had not been included. The funding available from UKSP is not only to be spent on shop fronts but other projects. PC could receive some financial assistance but had no further information at this time. Small print for funding mentioned architectural features. Which could be of assistance also to the PC.

Cllr Pryke. The UKSP fund was given to Heritage Lincolnshire for them to distribute funds in villages as opposed to all going to Boston Borough. Concern that due to election results funding could be withdrawn.

89-24 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Forgotten Club – requesting assistance again this year towards insurance premium. Agenda item next month.

LCC results of Archer Survey for Horseshoe Road. Unhappy with finding, Clerk had responded to that affect. Letter also received from resident regarding results.

LCC letter advising another area for cutting has become the responsibility of the PC, this has previously been cut by another source, but it is ours and we apparently have been paid for it. Spoke with officer but wasn't very helpful and didn't know much more than the letter said.

Co-Option- two residents showing interest but advised it must be advertised for 28 days and will be in touch in due course

London Hearts - details of defib funding, speaking with resident from Kirton End.

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Kirton News Editor had seen on FB article regarding pathway and asked if she could put in mag. Agreed as we had permission from the parent to show pictures

Letter from resident asking for speed restrictions signs to be cleaned or renewed as in poor condition. Replied and will deal with

Tracey Banks BBC taken over from Nigel Hall and has come across some unanswered emails. Finally have figures for streetlights to be discussed at a future meeting.

Complaint again from resident at the start of Sir Middlecott Cloe regarding shrubbery near her fencing. Clerk to instruct contractor.

Community Defib Training free training for anyone wishing to have knowledge of that. We provide the venue; they provide the staff and equipment.

BBC notification an election will not be called, we are to co-opt. Will advertise and advise two applicants already known of for a submission for consideration.

Swineshead PC they are preparing an Emergency Plan and asking if anyone wishes their contact details to be held for their plan.

Cllr P Watson advising a resident had brought to his attention poor state of Peacock Inn.

LALC New Financial Regulations to be adopted but a few discrepancies at present so when these are correct will bring to Council for adoption.

Heritage Lincolnshire – received today. Clerk to forward to Councillors.

Date of next meeting 6th August 2024

