

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kirby Misperton Parish Council

Wednesday 22nd September 2021

The meeting was held at Kirby Misperton Village Hall. No Members of the Public were present.

Present:

Cllr Peter Winter – Chairman

Cllr Jacqueline Cray – Vice-Chairman

Cllr Charles Booth

Cllr Ken Dale

Cllr Helen Brotherton (& Volunteer Clerk)

1. There were no apologies for absence
2. There were no declarations of interest in items on the Agenda
3. It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the following meeting, as a true and correct record:
 - 3.1. KMPC Meeting 20th July 2021 - APPROVED
4. Ongoing issues (matters arising) from this meeting, were all covered elsewhere on this Agenda.

4.1 War Memorial & Roundabout project and update:

It was RESOLVED to create a separate Working Group (Sub-Committee) for the War Memorial and Roundabout project to take it out of the ongoing KMPC Agenda items. This Group could then include other interested participants from the village and not be restricted to Councillors. The Agenda items of Ongoing Maintenance, Landscaping, Redesign etc will all transfer to the new, soon to be formed, War Memorial Roundabout Action Group. The Council expressed thanks and gratitude to the work done by Cllr Dale to keep the shrubs under control on the roundabout.

NYCC Highways have confirmed that whilst they do not “own” the roundabout, they are responsible for it and that any major restructuring / redesign should gain approval for the works from Highways. It was agreed that the Clerk should request a site meeting with a Highways officer to discuss options.

4.1.5 Poppy Wreath – as agreed in the Budget (up to £25), Cllr Cray to order a new Poppy Wreath for the 2021 Remembrance Day Service

5. Planning

5.2 It was noted that no new Planning Applications were forthcoming from RDC. Council requested that the Clerk request an update on the situation with the development at Stocks Brow from the RDC Planning Enforcement officer

6. Financial Matters

6.1 The RFO advised that work continues on the Audit Action Plan and Transparency Code Checklist. The Clerk requested help in putting together an Asset Register (as required by law). The Council's Assets, whilst very minor, still need to be listed at original approximate cost price and should include the new Council laptop plus village signs, the notice board, litter bin and salt bins. Cllr Winter offered to research with other Parish Councils what is required to meet the requirement for an Asset Register and to draw one up

6.2 RFO advised that the HMRC VAT refund was still outstanding and that if not shown on the next Bank Statement, the matter would be pursued with HMRC. The only Cheque to be signed was #371 YLCA Audit fee for £100 – APPROVED

6.3 The Clerk confirmed that there remained some of the 2021 Budget for Training should any Councillor wish to engage in any appropriate training or attend useful webinars.

6.3.1 It was noted that Cllr Cray did not find the Carbon Emissions YLCA Webinar she attended particularly helpful nor pertinent.

6.4.1 The RFO advised that the Council was now fully compliant with Data Protection & GDPR and the ICO Certificate had been uploaded on to the Parish Council website.

7. Village Matters & Matters requested by Councillors

7.1 KM8 / Third Energy – Cllr Cray gave us Third Energy's update on the situation with the wells and the capping tests and lack of success. There was additional information regarding the potential for Geothermal Repurposing and other Research and an offer for a Third Energy spokesperson to attend a Community Meeting. The Council agreed unanimously that this would be a good idea and the Clerk was asked to find out availability for using the Village Hall for this for late November.

7.2 Local Government Restructure – whilst it is accepted that the preferred East / West model for the forthcoming Government Restructure was rejected, there is no further information yet as to how the demise of RDC will impact on small local bodies such as KMPC. Cllr Winter will continue to keep an eye on any developments.

7.3 YLCA – Cllr Brotherton advised that the next general YLCA conference in early October will not be going ahead due to lack of bookings

7.4 NYCC Highways & Pavements – the Clerk advised that she remained disappointed with the results of submitting issues / problems to the highways department and that the minor pot-hole fixes, quick cut backs of over grown verges etc were “sticking plasters” rather than proper solutions. Some clarification should be sought as to what part of the verge is the “bank” i.e. the part which we can manage versus the “hedgerow” which could be protected by law? Cllr Winter to ask the Clerk of Gt Barugh if there was a better route to get answers from Highways and NYCC

7.4.1 RDC – Streetlight Management – Cllr Brotherton confirmed that the key to the map of streetlights on the NYCC Parish Portal did not include any “grey” icons in the parish – these would denote ones that are not the responsibility of NYCC. No further contact will take place with RDC about any Street Light Maintenance responsibilities. The out of order streetlight at High Row was duly reported via the Parish Portal on 24th September but is, as yet, still awaiting repair.

7.5 Litter update

7.5.1 Cllr Brotherton confirmed that PA to Mr Gibb, Helen Brown, had confirmed that the Management of Flamingo Land would be happy to meet some of the Council for a discussion about issues that impact KM. Clerk to request an actual meeting date meeting with Flamingo Land Management for Nov 2021 i.e. after half term. This would then give the Council an opportunity to move the planned November KMPC meeting currently scheduled for 23rd November, to a date after the FL meeting.

7.6 Traffic & speeding issues

7.6.1 Malton to Pickering Cycle route – Cllr Winter reported that the completion of the route was still some way off and that she hoped for amendment to the route to avoid the use of Main Street, would require a feasibility study and further grant applications. Cllr Winter will maintain contact with Helen Gundry for any developments.

7.6.2 Traffic – 95 Alive & Community Speedwatch – update from Cllr Winter (Hovingham consultation) & 20 mph Voluntary Agreements with local farms. The Council supported unanimously the plan to emulate Hovingham PC’s activities and to action this with immediate effect.

- The Clerk to ask the Hovingham Clerk for advice on the letter format
- Councillors jointly to prepare a list of the local businesses (e.g. BATA, Arla and Farrow Scrap Metal) to approach
- Cllr Cray to ask Steve Stonehouse who would be the best contact for the big Contract Farming company
- Clerk to ask both Highways and the Police what the process would be to have speed limit signs painted on the roads, particularly on the approach to and from the bridge.
- Cllr Winter to contact Cllr Lindsay Burr on how to best support the “20 is Plenty” campaign.

7.6.2.1 Parking – it was agreed that the inconsiderate pavement parking issue had become more prevalent over the Summer and that the queues of traffic that blocked the village on key days over the Summer were unacceptable.

- Cllr Dale proposed contacting both Ryedale & Highways to ask what plans are in place for ongoing traffic management in the village
- Cllr Cray advised that she had been in contact with our Police Community Support Officer, Steve Ridley, and that we should be reporting vehicles parked for long periods (i.e. several days). It was agreed that PCSO Ridley should be invited to a meeting in the Spring in advance of the Summer 2022 season
- Cllr Dale requested that the question of what FL’s strategy to manage traffic is now that they are expanding, should be included at the Autumn meeting with FL

7.7 HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Beacons and other events

7.7.1 Cllr Brotherton asked that the idea of a Joint Village Hall, Parish Council & St Laurence's Committee for Jubilee Community Events – June 2022 be considered. Cllr Winter suggested it should also include a representative of the FL Residential site as a way of including them in Village activities. Cllr Brotherton to approach the VH Secretary as a starting point to getting such a joint committee formed

8. Other Council Matters

8.9 The "Meet the Council" Social Event held in August 2021 was discussed. It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting in May 2022 should be a more structured event, including a proper Chairman's Report and a proper Q & A type forum. It was agreed that the flyers and the message were perhaps a bit too informal and that a more robust approach should be taken for the next one to try and engage with the community in a more inclusive way. It was agreed that more use of the FL Shop on the residential site could be a way of connecting with that part of the village.

It was agreed to delay setting the revised date for the next KMPC meeting, in lieu of 23rd November, until a date had been fixed with FL so that the next KMPC meeting could take place post the FL meeting.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 21h00

Signed: 

CHAIRMAN

Date: 2/2/2022