

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kirby Misperton Parish Council

Wednesday 19th October 2022

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 Sarah Barker - Wyatt

Cllr Helen Brotherton (& Volunteer Clerk)

1. No apologies for absence were received
2. There was one declaration of interest in items on the Agenda. Cllr Brotherton advised that she had sought a quotation for the Roundabout works from Not Just Mowing, the company which currently has the churchyard grass cutting contract for 2022/23 and where the Owner of the company is Cllr Brotherton's son-in-law.
3. It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the following meetings, as a true and correct record:
 - 3.1. KMPC Meeting 31st August 2022 – APPROVED
4. Ongoing issues (matters arising) from this meeting, were all covered elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. War Memorial & Roundabout project and update:

Three Quotes are required to progress the idea of the roundabout refurbishment.

Currently the Council only has two costed quotations for the planned works:

- Christopher Humphries of "Spruced Up"
- Colin Pepler of Not Just Mowing

The third party approached to potentially quote, Andrew Karavics of Scampston, has only proposed a fee of £200 to "design and oversee planting". As this is not a fully costed quotation, it cannot be considered. Council agreed that it would be more practical to have a phased approach.

Phase I – stripping all plants, weeds and roots to clear the roundabout back to a "blank canvas". All waste / plant cuttings to be removed, (excluding the Jubilee tubs). This to be achieved in time for the installation of a village Xmas Tree for the community event idea for 17th December.

Phase II – Spring 2023 – Council to ask for design options and costings from three businesses.

Clerk requested to approach Spruced Up and NJM for quotes for this manual labour and clearing exercise. Cllr Winter to approach a contact for this labouring work. Clerk to draft a concise email so that the requirements of the Phase I are communicated fairly to all three parties.

Clerk offered to circulate the Guidelines PDF of War Memorial Cleaning (last circulated in January 2021) with a view to some gentle cleaning taking place before / during the removal of the plants and clearing of the roundabout.

Planning

6.1 It was noted that no new Planning Applications were forthcoming from RDC.

6.2 Stocks brow – no developments. It was AGREED that this item should remain on the Agenda until news of a resolution is forthcoming from RDC.

6.3 Clerk was requested to contact RDC Planning to enquire if all the works currently being undertaken are on schedule and as per plan. As the interruption due to Covid has meant the current Councillors were mostly not in position when the original plans were approved.

6. Financial Matters

7.1 The Updated Financial Regulations (Oct 2022), were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman. Any revisions to the Standing orders will be reviewed at the next meeting.

7.1.3 Revised Asset Register signed and APPROVED

7.2 RFO circulated the Bank Reconciliation and Payments & Receipts and a copy of the current spreadsheets plus the current Virgin Money Bank Statement at the meeting. It was AGREED that everything was financially correct. The following cheque was APPROVED

i. Chq # 512 – reimbursement to Cllr Cray for Poppy Wreath £25.00

7.2.1 The Internal Controls will be reviewed at the December meeting.

7.3 The Clerk confirmed that the balance of the General Training is £82.50 for 2022 / 23 is available for any Councillor to utilise.

7.4. General Budget Review 2022/23: the RFO requested that the matter of increasing the Reserve funds should be discussed at the December meeting when the Precept for 2023/24 is discussed and agreed

7.4.1 The VAT refund application for 2022/ 23 will be delayed in order that any materials costs for the refurbished roundabout can be included.

7.4.2 Salt Bins – the Clerk requested that Councillors inspect the status of the Council owned Salt Bins as the budget for re-filling had not been utilised in the last Winter period. It was AGREED that the Clerk check in with Highways to ensure the usual annual fill up of the NYCC owned Salt Bin is on schedule as usual for November.

8. Village Matters & Matters requested by Councillors

8.1 KM8 / Third Energy – Cllr Cray confirmed the Communications Officer from Third Energy, Anna Rundell, had been invited to this meeting but unfortunately had to decline. Plans for a Geothermal Test Unit for KM8 for approximately 3 – 6 months, were progressing with nothing finalised.

8.1.1 The RDC Resolution of 15th September 2022 was unanimously RESOLVED to be adopted by KMPC with immediate effect:

“Given the clear evidence that climate change is real, man-made, largely created by the exploiting and burning of fossil fuels and adversely impacting the world right now, this Council resolves to actively oppose the creation of any new source of fossil fuels in this Parish. This to include drilling and hydraulic fracturing (fracking) for oil and shale gas”

8.2 Local Government Restructure – Cllr Winter advised that there was nothing new or significant to report, but that he remains in close contact with our re-elected District Councillor and new North Yorkshire Councillor, Steve Mason. RDC will indeed cease to exist in 2023, but full details as to how local agents and representatives will be placed to deal with local ground level issues is still unknown.

8.3 YLCA – Cllr Brotherton advised that the planned remote meeting on the 2nd November, with the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Ms Metcalfe and the Assistant Chief Constable had been cancelled, without reason being given. YLCA advised that they were strongly disappointed that there was a lack of willingness to engage with the parish sector. KMPC wish to share their support for the sentiments of the YLCA.

8.4 NYCC Highways & Pavements – the Clerk updated the Council on the ongoing frustrations with using the Parish Portal to report problems. Whilst some small progress has been made with Highways clearing the overgrown vegetation on the Cemetery Road. The cooler weather, leaf fall and waterlogging, makes the state of this pathway unacceptable. Clerk has been asked to request assistance from our MP, Kevin Hollinrake, in the quest to get more helpful answers and actions from NYCC Highways. Blocked drains and “unpleasant smells” from the lower end of the village are also an ongoing concern. Clerk to again post this issue on the Parish Portal.

8.5 Other village matters:

8.5.1 Village / Parish Noticeboards refurbishment / replacement. Cllr Winter advised he had found some more cost-effective options and that these would be reviewed at the December meeting so that any costs can be absorbed into the Precept budgeting exercise. The Clerk confirmed that a laminated sign stating the location of the actual Defibrillator has now been sited in the NB area and that a detailed pictorial laminated sign as to How to Use the Defibrillator has been purchased by the Clerk and sited near the Unit itself at the Village Hall. Thanks to both Mr & Mrs Cray and also Mr K Edmonds for the siting of this new signage.

8.6 Traffic & speeding issues – the Clerk updated the Council following her conversation with the PCSO on 23rd September. Information as to how best to contact the police about inconsiderate / dangerous parking has now been circulated via the Village newsletter.

With an additional Beat Manager now in place, our PCSO confirmed there should be more regular Speed Events, ideally bi-monthly. The last exercise took place between 17h00 – 18h30 on 17th September at both ends of the village. The Gt Habton end had far more speeding vehicles with 4 x warning letters issued. Cllr Cray proposed that the moving of the 30mph sign at the Gt Habton end of the village should be requested. Moving it back, away from the village, by a few metres, would give drivers a greater chance to slow down and follow the speed limit.

8.7 Drains & Sewers – Clerk to ask Yorkshire Water for an updated map / layout of the systems in place in the village, particularly to see where any “hot spots” could be.

9. Other Council Matters

9.2 The idea of a Community Event of a Village Christmas Lights switch on, an invitation to residents to join in a Festive Window display activity and for the event itself to be followed by refreshments at the Village Hall, was proposed by Cllr Cray. The proposal for a 5 – 6ft Xmas Tree and Lights (no higher than the signage on the roundabout), funded by the KMPC, was accepted. The idea was warmly received and will be progressed aiming for Saturday 17th December 2022.

Subsequent meeting dates agreed:

14th December 2022 @ 19h00

Dates for 2023 – to be confirmed.

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

Signed:.....

CHAIRMAN

Date:..... 20/12/2022