

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kirby Misperton Parish Council

Tuesday 20th December 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 Helen Brotherton (& Volunteer Clerk)

1. Apologies were received from Cllr Charles Booth due to illness and from Cllr Sarah Barker – Wyatt due to work commitments – given the rearranging of the meeting date, both apologies were duly accepted.
2. There were no declarations of interest in items on the Agenda
3. It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the following meetings, as a true and correct record:
 - 3.1. KMPC Meeting 19th October 2022 – APPROVED
4. Ongoing issues (matters arising) from this meeting, were all covered elsewhere on this Agenda.
5. War Memorial & Roundabout project and update:

Christopher Humphries of “Spruced Up” had been tasked to complete the Phase I task. The initial contractor having failed to complete the job by the requested deadline and had given notice that he would no longer be able to complete the task by the end of the year. The works required were agreed to have been more comprehensive, and harder than the Council had fully understood. The additional funds needed to complete the task were APPROVED and as the budget supported the ultimate goal of a refurbished roundabout, the Council were unanimous in the support of the project reaching completion. See payments approved.

The Village Xmas Tree with lights, baubles and star was erected by Spruced Up and played its part in the festive “Village Lights Switch On” & Christmas Window Displays on 17th December. The Council provided Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and other Refreshments that evening from 18h30 at the Village Hall which was extremely well attended (over 40 pax). A Donations box was put out by the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, which had not been agreed in advance. As the refreshments were provided free of charge by the participating Councillors, it was felt that for future similar events, any Donations received should be perhaps offered to a local Charity rather than taken for Village Hall funds. Cllr Cray, who is also a member of the VH Committee has advised she will bring the matter up at their next meeting.

Phase II – Spring 2023 – Council to ask for design options and costings from three businesses. This Phase is now a priority for 2023.

- Chris Humphries of Spruced Up has advised he will gladly re-quote for a new design
- Two other quotes are required as the design will likely exceed the £500 limit set for requiring multiple quotations.

6. Planning

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

6.1 It was noted that the Ashfield Caravan Site application for change of use from 11 touring caravan to 8 static sites was passed without comment or objection from KMPC

6.2 Stocks Brow – it was noted that the new retrospective application for 22/01307 had been published on 8th December 2022. It was RESOLVED that no observations were needed and that it was unanimously APPROVED that the building works should continue, correctly to meet planning regulations.

7. Financial Matters

7.1 The revised Standing Orders were presented by the Clerk. There were a number of small amendments, to make the document more appropriate to the size of the Kirby Misperton Parish Council. The final document is scheduled to be presented for Approval and signature by the Chairman at the next meeting.

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 # 513 £488.00 – Phase I of the Roundabout plus purchase and erection of Christmas Tree

7.2.1 The Internal Controls will be reviewed at the January 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. KMPC Budget: the RFO presented the proposed Budget for 2023/24:

7.4 a) It was AGREED that the Precept should rise by 5% for the next Financial Year. This small increase agreed in preference to keeping the zero increase approach so that the impact of future necessary increases might be ameliorated and softened. The Clerk was asked to complete the Precept Application for £2,437.05 from RDC. This was proposed by Cllr Peter Winter, seconded by Cllr Jackie Cray and thereby passed unanimously.

7.4 b) the RFO presented a uniform 10% increase on anticipated outturn over 2022/23 on all statutory and usual expenditure. This was APPROVED.

7.4 c) the RFO presented an increase on the Reserves from £500 to £750 to meet the suggestion of the Internal Auditor. See Minutes of 28.06.22 where it was AGREED that the Council would consider working towards increasing the Reserves over the next five years.

7.4 d) The Coronation budget was AGREED as a provisional budget at £500. However, although this matches the Budget for the 2022 Platinum Jubilee where the actual spend came in at £117.44 under the £500, partly due to the generosity of Councillors not charging for some items, it was agreed that it would be unlikely that the Coronation celebrations would be on a similar scale, partly due to the King's promise to have "scaled down" monarchy. There will be a Village Hall Committee meeting in early January to agree joint responsibilities and ideas for Coronation events and therefore a shared budget.

7.4 e) The RFO presented a budget of £800 for the Village Noticeboards. The RFO advised that she had submitted an application for a Rural Grant from RDC for the Noticeboards project. If successful, the £800 budget can be reviewed.

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 – Cllr Booth had confirmed prior to the meeting that the bins were all filled to a satisfactory level

8. Village Matters & Matters requested by Councillors

8.1 KM8 / Third Energy – Cllr Cray shared the December 2022 Communication from Third Energy's Sustainability & Environmental Project Lead, Anna Rundell, which is published in full here:

Our plans remain the same, we aim to install a test unit on KM8 in January as part of a Net Zero Technology Centre funded project with Ceraphi. As far as I am aware there has been a delay from the initial Nov target due to the NZTC but, we aim to have the unit up and going early next year. The unit has a demonstration area which shows how it would work with a domestic heating system. When everything is up and running, we will be inviting you and other members of the community to the site to see it.

We will still be committed to using the wells for geothermal and / or other green projects. Hydraulic Fracturing is not on our agenda!

8.2 Local Government Restructure – Cllr Winter confirmed that there were to be local “hubs” in the new North Yorkshire Council to maintain a close relationship and point of contact with very local issues. Our new North Yorkshire Councillor, Steve Mason, will be able to give more information on the operational structure in early 2023

8.3 YLCA – Cllr Brotherton advised there was no pressing issues to report, from YLCA

8.4 NYCC Highways & Pavements – the Clerk reported there were no current issues, apart from the ongoing frustrations of stubborn refusals to acknowledge that the Cemetery Path remains an unresolved issue.

8.5 Other village matters:

8.5.1 Village / Parish Noticeboards refurbishment / replacement. See Item 7.4 e) regarding the new Budget and the Grant Application.

8.6 Traffic & speeding issues – the Clerk advised that there had been no further communications from the PCSO about Spedwatch or Speed Events

8.7 Drains & Sewers – Clerk asked for assistance in the task of contacting Yorkshire Water for an updated map / layout of the systems in place in the village, particularly to see where any “hot spots” could be. Cllr Winter put himself forward to initiate a first contact to establish what could be available.

9. Other Council Matters

9.1 The King's Coronation in 2023 – see 7.4 d) for Budget. It is hoped that representative (s) from the Parish Council of Great & Little Barugh will be able to attend a joint meeting of the Village Hall Committee and representatives of KMPC on 18th January 2023 to discuss sharing plans and budget. It was RESOLVED that any expenditure on the Coronation should be shared fairly between all contributing and participating parties.

Subsequent meeting dates agreed:

25th January 2023 @ 19h00

1st March 2023 @ 19.00

Other Dates for 2023 – to be confirmed at the January meeting, in particular the Statutory Meetings for Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting in May.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 20h30

Signed: *Rev'd Cllr. Jacqueline Cray.*

VICE CHAIRMAN

Date: *25 January 2023*