

# Kettlethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30 pm in Kettlethorpe Village Hall

Present

Cllr Richard Elliott, Chairman,  
Cllr. Richard Barnard,  
Cllr. Tim O'Callaghan,  
Cllr Catherine Turner,  
Mr R. Gee, Clerk.

D/Cllr Jane Ellis

## 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Jez Willis, Cllr Lizzie Smith.

In opening the meeting, the Chairman welcomed District Councillor Jane Ellis and thanked her for attending.

## MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the October meeting had been circulated to all members and were proposed, seconded, and approved by the Meeting.

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

**3.1 Local Policing issues** – The Police Crime Report for October was circulated to all members and listed the following crimes: - 5 burglaries, 4 thefts, 10 vehicle crimes and no criminal damages. No offences were listed for this Parish.

**3.2 Jubilee Park i. Tarmac** – The Chairman had met an Abacus representative about the wet pour, who sent an estimate of £2,169 + VAT to carry out the repair but warned that remedial work might be needed to the sub-base. The Chairman and Richard arranged meet to check the problem.

ii. **New Springies** - Richard suggested that the springs, and foundation of the Springies are fine but suffer from general shabbiness, with a split seat and a coat of white paint that is now flaking, provided at some time in the past. It was said if we can get the grant, all the work can be done properly. We could even have a total revamp of the play area but would have to find 10% of any grant.

The next meeting of the FCC is expected to be in December. Richard asked if we repaired a Springie and a child was injured because of the repair, would we be covered by the Parish insurance. Clerk to check with Came & Co.

ii. **Park Trees** – Jez has made a start on pruning the trees and will complete in next 2 weeks.

### 3.3 Highways.

i. **Speed limit request** – The clerk had referred a request for a speed limit on Kettlethorpe Lane, to Lincs Road Safety. Graeme Butler responded that he had got Cllr Butroid's support for this and will forward it for investigation to the Minor Works and Traffic Team in Highways. Jane said that Councillor Butroid was also looking into a joint approach by Fenton and Torksey Lock on a similar topic. Mention was made of the need for a limit on Kettlethorpe Road, between Laughterton and Kettlethorpe or alternatively, as Richard said, we could do with a footpath, particularly as children must walk the route in the dark after being dropped off from the school bus.

Richard said the grass verges have been allowed to encroach up to 18 inches into the road and offered to dig trenches to find the original edge of the tarmac and photograph it. In his opinion the road could be 3 foot wider. Jane asked to be copied into any e-mails on this subject so that she could bombard LCC with information.

**Chicken Farm** — Speaking of this application, Tim said to D/Cllr Jane Ellis that he couldn't understand why the numerous critical comments on the West Lindsey Planning website (68 were mentioned by Richard) and all the reports from the Parish Council have been ignored. Despite construction not being allowed until the new access road was built, heavy lorries used Marsh Lane instead, showing that Andrew Arden was in full knowledge that he was blatantly contravening the planning conditions.

Kettlethorpe PC sent an e-mail and photograph of site work going ahead, to Planning Officer, George Backovic and Cath Bentley of Planning Enforcement, asking them to formally give the order

to stop work immediately, until the completion of the new access road, but as said by Tim, there was no response and it was felt that as usual, our comments were being totally ignored.

Tim went on to ask what action was taken for this flagrant disregard of planning conditions. Nothing so far as we know because there had been no response from West Lindsey. Instead, Mr Arden chose to invite one or two senior residents to look at his project, and then preferred to use the District Councillor to offer an invitation to neighbours and this Council to visit the site, giving the impression that she was in his pocket.

Jane responded that she was in no-one's pocket, she is Mr Arden's Ward member as well as ours and was acting as mediator, but Tim asked, why didn't you mediate by telling him he should have come to us? Jane denied manipulation by Mr Arden and said that she had advised him to build bridges with the Parish Council, and Tim apologised, but said that's not how it looks. Richard pointed out to Jane that we are not aiming at you, it's West Lindsey.

Accepting all that has been said, Tim stated what we want to be able to do in situations like this, is to go back to the residents who have complained and say that we have put your objections forward, but these are the reasons why it was still approved. Jane said, so what you want is some form of feedback, Richard said, if an application is rejected, the applicant would be given the reasons why, but if it has been accepted despite many objections, we don't get anything. Why is it one thing way and not the other. Jane answered that you could always look online at the minutes of the planning meeting, but it appears that you would like something more specific.

It is strongly believed that some form of consultation should have taken place in the early stages of this contentious application. Mr Arden could have attended a Kettlethorpe Parish Council meeting to explain the application, to inform Laughterton residents about such matters as why he is building the chicken farm in this Parish, and not hid own, where there is plenty of space. As stated by the Chairman, it's not our job to put explanatory fliers through doors, it's his.

Tim and Richard went on to raise another issue with Jane regarding the delivery and usage of animal waste in this Parish rendered in Bassetlaw – *See Matters arising item 7.3*

**Solar Farms** - Jane referred the meeting to a recently circulated e-mail about a solar farm consultation. She said it is possible that nearby power stations could be converted to this method and Richard pointed out some of the detrimental aspects of using solar panels to generate electricity.

**Flower Troughs** – Some of the plants are in reasonable condition, but it was suggested that a few bulbs could be planted to supplement those that were provided last year.

- 3.8 Parish Cemetery i. New seat** - A new recycled plastic seat has been ordered from Agri-cycle by the clerk at a cost of £345, plus brackets at £25, delivery costs of £38, all plus VAT. He was advised that delivery could take a few weeks. It was suggested that the existing wooden seat could be installed somewhere along the footpath between Laughterton and Kettlethorpe.
- 3.10 Queen's Jubilee event** – Mrs Ann Lister had asked if the Council wished to join in with celebrations being organised by the Kettlethorpe PCC, Newton Parish Council, Newton Church and Newton School. The Chairman offered to have a word with Mrs Lister.
- 3.11 Kettlethorpe village signs** – A request has been received from a parishioner to change the Parish signs for something more picturesque, as they are considered by some to be 'old hat'. The Chairman was to speak with the resident concerned, as she had offered to investigate designs and costs to change.
- 3.12 Community Speed watch** – Mr Tony Scawthon has agreed to organise the Speed Watch team and e-mailed the clerk to say he had 4 confirmed members and was waiting for a response from 2 more individuals, as 6 is the minimum number.
- 3.13 Dog Kennels – Noise, Kettlethorpe resident's complaint** Tim offered to have a friendly word with one of the kennel owners.
- 3.14 Campers on restricted land** – Details of two occupied camper vans and car situated in the unregistered field behind Kettlethorpe Road, Laughterton LN1 2LB have been passed to the Planning Enforcement Office who acknowledged the report with reference **No. WLGE\_372700216**.

- 3.15 Remembrance Day** – 30 large British Legion poppies purchased last year were mounted on lamp posts etc by the Chairman and Richard to commemorate November 11<sup>th</sup> and the clerk offered to purchase a wreath for the Propeller Memorial.
- 3.17 Creation** - of a native woodland in two fields owned by Mr R. Brownlow in Kettlethorpe. Mr Jack Wilson, organiser has been advised that the Parish Council support his project.
- 3.18 Christmas Ceremony** – The first Sunday in December i.e., 5<sup>th</sup> had been agreed as a suitable date; Mrs Riley is to be contacted at Newton school; Tim is to purchase selection packs as gifts for the children; the Chairman to check if Lizzie’s Mum could help with her horse and carriage as transport, and Noel Mullaly was to be invited to be Santa. Richard was to obtain more baubles for the tree and if possible, increase the brightness of the lights by changing the supply voltage. Jamie Kyme had volunteered to provide the music and suggested a suitable itinerary for the event. Food e.g., burgers and hot dogs are to be made available at The Friendship.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

*A list of e-mails and notices circulated during November will be forwarded at the month end*

**5. PLANNING**

None

**6. FINANCE**

- 6.1 MKS** - grass cutting October 28<sup>th</sup> Invoice No 2870 - £157.20, including VAT.  
*Payment of this item was, proposed, seconded, and agreed by the meeting.*
- 6.2 Parish Precept** – After some discussion on expected additional expenditure, an amended spreadsheet was used to achieve the sum of £9,750 for the Precept estimate. The final figure for 2022 / 2023 must be submitted before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- 6.3 PAYE and Salary** – Payment of these items was agreed in accordance with the proposal made for the year at an earlier meeting.
- 6.4 Parish Accounts** – The balance at the bank to month ending 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021 is £14,833.79 with an expenditure of £6,678.10

**7. MATTERS ARISING**

- 7.1 Defibrillator** – The Chairman reported that it will be necessary to change the defibrillator battery shortly at a cost of £110 and that he would deal.
- 7.2 Start time of meetings** – Tim asked if it would be possible to start future meetings at 7.00 pm. The benefits of starting earlier were discussed and the meeting agreed to Tim’s idea. To be implemented at the December meeting.
- 7.3 Waste rendering** Richard gave a detailed explanation of a long-standing Parish problem where liquid waste from slaughterhouses is being transported through the Parish for injection into Lincolnshire fields, after being rendered at a Low Marnham factory in Nottinghamshire. The factory takes in and processes heads, guts and other non-edible parts from dead animals and then extracts material from the components. The resultant liquid slurry from which the smell can be horrendous, is then removed from the site by agricultural tractors which transport the substance continuously, Monday to Saturday, across the county border, usually via Dunham Bridge. It is understood that Bassetlaw District Council have refused permission to use the substance on Nottinghamshire fields, possibly because of risk of pollution to watercourses and the River Trent, due to water run-off from the land. Locally last year it was applied to land subsequently sown to a cereal crop with the likelihood it would be used for animal consumption. Waste products, such as this and sewage sludge, must be properly treated before being applied as a fertiliser, and the internet says, the user must have a license from the Environment Agency.

*Fuller details are to be passed to D/Councillor Ellis for investigation*

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 8.1** The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm** in Kettlethorpe Village Hall.

Meeting closed 9.45 pm  
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