

Kettlethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held by Zoom on 6th April 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present

Cllr Richard Elliott, Chairman,

Cllr Richard Barnard,

Cllr Tim O'Callaghan,

Cllr Catherine Turner,

Mr Ronald Gee, Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES** - Cllr Lizzie Smith,

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the March meeting had been circulated to all members. Acceptance was proposed, seconded, and approved by the meeting

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 **Local Policing issues** – As the Road Safety Speed Van had visited Laughterton on a number of occasions during January and February, Lincs Road Safety Partnership had been asked whether this qualifies Laughterton for provision of the new style 30 mph camera signs. The Council is currently waiting for their response

3.2 **Jubilee Park**

i. **Play area** – i. Parish insurance – should full protection against damage or wear and tear be purchased? If so, monthly equipment checks will be needed, and a risk assessment. To be discussed further at the next meeting when renewal of the insurance is due.

ii. **Park nameplate** - Richard suggested that Dave may have forgotten and offered to remind him

iii. **Funding opportunities** - The clerk was to check if the Communities Foundation (*Correspondence item 3.23*) which offers funding in certain situations, could help with repair or replacement of the rocker toys which are in a poor state.

iv. **Shabby Notices** - as the original template is no longer available, the clerk is to run off several copies from the only available notice and laminate them to replace those at the Play Area..

3.3 **Highways** - *Request for footpaths and attention to Footbridge, Sallie Bank* - waiting LCC attention.

3.6 **Flower Troughs** - i. **Sponsorship fee**, £100 p.a. accepted by the customers.

ii. **Start date** - May.

iii. **Notices** - New signs delivered to Chair – (*Finance item 6.4*) – the 4 posts required for Nellie's Cafe sign are to be obtained by the Chairman

iv. **Resettling and painting troughs** - work carried out by the Chairman and Richard (B).

3.7 **Propeller Memorial** – Mr Richard Moore, resident volunteered to deal with the problem when the propeller has had a chance to dry out.

Richard (B) commented on the poor condition of some of the wreaths and offered to remove them into safe custody.

3.11 **Treasure Hunt for Easter** - Unable to follow through.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

All relevant items were circulated during the month - list appended to Agenda.

5. **PLANNING**

5.1 **Planning Application No 142642** to provide storage building for organic fertiliser and parking area with drainage scheme, Park Farm, Kettlethorpe. This had led to some unease amongst Park Farm residents, who as pointed out by Catherine already 'suffer' from heavy lorries on their private road, which they have to maintain. The Chairman had spoken to one or two homeowners who were worried about the additional traffic and the possibility of smells. WLDC are to be advised of their concern.

- 5.2 Planning Application No 142026** – *Naylor's Hills Chicken Farm, Laughterton. Conditional approval was given by the WLDC to provide a free range poultry unit with ancillary feed silos, generator, hardstanding, and access, with all qualifying conditions listed in the officer's associated report.*

Tim said that he felt so strongly about West Lindsey's attitude to the approval, and their total disregard of the Parish Council and residents' views, that was considering offering his resignation. He asked, what is the point of having a Parish Council, whose local knowledge and that of their residents is just ignored. The result makes a mockery of the Parish Council in the eyes of the residents we are trying to help.

Richard (B) asked if there is any method of appeal, whereby we should be able to highlight the lack of a proper approval procedure. There had been absolutely no consideration of local feeling and no opportunity to address the Planning Committee. Catherine felt that there should be a process whereby this application can be challenged, and that in her opinion, this was not followed. She intended to search out a residents' complaints procedure

The Chairman was to speak to D/Cllr Jane Ellis about the lack of an invitation to the planning meeting but had a suspicion that even if the issue is resubmitted, the eventual result would be the same.

6. FINANCE

- 6.1 Village Hall rental** for 2020 - **£8.00** Payment proposed by Cllr Tim O'Callaghan, seconded by Cllr Catherine Turner
- 6.2 MKS grass cutting** 18/03/2021 - **£157.20 incl: VAT** Payment proposed by Cllr Richard Barnard, seconded by Cllr Catherine Turner.
- 6.3 Trough signs x 4** – Blades Advertising & Marketing - **£80.64 incl: VAT** Payment proposed by Cllr Catherine Turner seconded by Cllr Tim O'Callaghan.
- 6.4 PAYE / Salary** for end March - Approval for payment of these items on a monthly basis had been given as per proposal at the last AGM.
All above payments were discussed and approved by the Council
- 6.5 Clerk's salary / Expenses** – The clerk vacated the room during a discussion on these items and on his return he was advised that with the full agreement of the meeting, the salary had been raised to £375 paid monthly, with an award of £350 expenses, covering the last two years. Approval for payment of these items on a monthly basis was given Proposed by Cllr Catherine Turner, seconded by Cllr Richard Barnard
- 6.6 VAT-** the clerk reported that he had submitted a claim for the refund of **£418.90** for the last financial year.
- 6.7 Parish Accounts** – The balance at the bank to month ending 31st March 2021 is **£10,894.59** with an expenditure of **£9,823.82**.

7. MATTERS ARISING

- 7.1 Prospective Parish Councillor** – Richard (B) had learned that Mr Jez Willis of Home Farm Close had shown an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor and explained something of Mr Willis's background and capabilities. He is to be invited to the next meeting.
- 7.2 Easter Egg Challenge 2022** – When passing through a nearby village, Richard (B) had noticed trees decorated with coloured cardboard eggs, and hedges adorned with bunting of chicks and rabbits. He felt that this might be a good friendly Easter themed Parish competition for next year, with Easter eggs given as prizes.
It could be something for all ages and abilities, as people can walk around and view the decorations, but those with limitations could participate from their own homes. Plain-card egg shapes can be bought in a variety of sizes, with large ones at 26cm for 50p each from such as Amazon. He suggested that if the Council could cover the expense, we could even distribute cut-outs to each house, asking residents to decorate them and hang them outside over the Easter period, but if not interested, to pass them on.
- 7.3 Resignation of Councillor Tony Scawthon** – Since the last meeting, Tony had felt it necessary to resign from the Council for family reasons. His letter of resignation had been sent to WLDC and

notices provided on each board. The Chairman felt that a letter of thanks to Tony would be appropriate.

7.4 Chairman / Vice Chairman for 2021 / 2022 – as the Vice Chairman, Councillor Richard Barnard felt that if were to become Chairman at present, his workload could interfere with his ability to undertake the position satisfactorily. As a result, the present Chairman Cllr, Richard Elliott agreed to remain in post. To be confirmed at the next meeting.

7.5 Annual Parish Meeting. The Chairman advised that the next meetings will again be by Zoom and will be the Annual Parish Meeting, immediately followed by the AGM.

Due to current legislation, these must be held before 7th May, as virtual meetings will not be allowed after that date. Covid 19 rules will still prevent the use of the Village Hall until later in May, if permitted.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – As stated, these will be the Annual Parish Meeting / AGM and will take place by Zoom at 7.30 pm on the agreed date of **Tuesday 4th May 2021** as Monday 3rd is a Bank Holiday.

See LALC E News, item 3.33 for problems with future use of Zoom and meeting venues.

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4. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant correspondence has been circulated by e-mail

- 3.1 LCC – Household Waste Recycling Centres to accept all forms of waste
- 3.2 Clerk - Minutes of March meeting distributed to all Cllrs, plus Catherine for website
- 3.3 D/Cllr Ellis – Marsh Lane, Trent Bank and E.V.A. response
- 3.4 LALC – E News
- 3.5 Saxilby Police – Newsletter
- 3.6 TSG Publicity – Bus service changes
- 3.7 D/Cllr Ellis – Two Press Releases “Spirit of Togetherness”, “Budget Announcement”
- 3.8 Came & Co – help during the pandemic
- 3.9 Lincs Echo – clerk, 2 x clippings
- 3.10 Came & Co – Request to confirm no change in risk levels for next year / responses from Councillors
- 3.11 LALC – E News
- 3.12 Lincs Voluntary Community Groups – request for information – answered 16/03
- 3.13 Sharon – Village Hall rental for 2020 / 2021
- 3.14 Clerk - Notices for troughs, agreement from Chair / request to Duncan
- 3.15 Env: Agency – Kettlethorpe Waste Issues / Richard (B)
- 3.16 NALC – Webinar on Microsoft help
- 3.17 Duncan – Proof notices for Nellie’s and Gem Cars
- 3.18 Councillor Tony Scawthon – resignation, to WLDC
- 3.19 Election of County Councillor and Police & Crime Commissioner -- to notice boards.
- 3.20 West Lindsey News
- 3.21 Visit by WLDC Chairman and Council Leader to Lincs Vaccination Centre
- 3.22 Trough signs go-ahead given to Duncan.
- 3.23 Communities Foundation – funding for suitable projects
- 3.24 Chairman – troughs cleaned up, levelled, and painted
- 3.25 Parish insurance e-mails
- 3.26 Pelican Trust
- 3.27 LALC E News
- 3.28 Clerk – MKS, grass cutting
- 3.29 WLDC – Parish Newsletter
- 3.30 WLDC E News brief, **plus** 4 new trough signs delivered by Duncan, taken by Ron to Chairman
- 3.31 LALC – Information to date on Zoom type meetings
- 3.32 Lincs Road Safety – Request / response on “camera type” 30 mph signs
- 3.33 LALC E News – Holding meetings in the future / Parish Chairman position
- 3.34 LALC News – news around the county
- 33.5 WLDC – Planning App: No 142642 – Erect storage building etc at Park Farm
- 33.6 Chair – dumped tyre(s) – passed to WLDC – Ron
- 33.7 Plans for green and open spaces