

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall,  
Kettlethorpe, on Monday 03 February 2020 at 7.40 pm**

**Present**

Cllr Richard Elliott, Chairman,  
Cllr Richard Barnard,  
Cllr Tony Scawthon  
Cllr Tim O'Callaghan,  
Mr. Ron Gee, clerk.

District Councillor Jane Ellis

The Chairman welcomed District Councillor Jane Ellis to the meeting and a discussion on speeding in villages was initiated. Various incidents in Loughterton were mentioned, and it was agreed that the Speed Van should be requested. Councillor Ellis said that she would back the application and asked to be 'copied in' to the e-mail to be sent Lincs Road Safety Partnership.

A short debate took place on Community Speedwatch, in which Cllr Ellis was brought up to date on the current state of affairs.

1. **APOLOGIES** - Cllr Lauren Flinders, Cllr Catherine Turner, Cllr Lizzie Smith, PCSO Glenn Patchett.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the January meeting had been circulated to all members and were proposed as a true record by Councillor, Tim O'Callaghan, seconded by Councillor Tony Scawthon and agreed by the meeting.

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 **Local Policing issues** – The Crime Report for January listed 2 x burglaries, 8 x thefts, 2 x vehicle crimes and 6 x criminal damages, but there were no reports in respect of this Parish. (see *Correspondence 4.1*).

3.2 **Jubilee Park – i. Fences / barriers** - The painter has agreed to deal with the rusty barriers at the same time as the fencing and has a stock of a suitable metal paint. He hopes to make a start in March if there is an improvement in the weather, as the fence is currently too damp.

**ii. Soft pour tarmac** - Richard will shortly investigate a seal from a company known as Nottsport but the tarmac surface is currently not dry enough for adhesion.

**iii. Rocker rides** – The specialist seats from play equipment companies are proving to be too expensive and the idea of using certain types of rubber tractor seats is to be explored.

3.3 **Highway Matters i. Speed Watch** – Community Speedwatch now has it's 7 volunteers, and the date for training is to be organised. It was suggested that one night during the early weeks of March should be suitable, when the nights will be getting lighter, as the team may need to move out of doors, for any demonstrations.

Team members are to meet up in the Friendship or the Village Hall (to be decided), and the clerk is to contact the organiser to make the arrangements. He is to advise that any initial paperwork should be sent to him for distribution, although the eventual co-ordinator should be one of the volunteers,

**ii. Potholes on A1133** – now repaired.

**iii. Flattened Road sign and bollards** – LCC Highways advise that the work has been assessed and a job allocated.

- 3.4 **Parish Council Surgery** – Tony was to cover the January Surgery on the 20th but was unable to attend due to circumstances. The next will be on 16<sup>th</sup> March, for which Catherine will be ‘in the chair’ and Tony is to do the May Surgery.
- 3.5 **Parish Facebook** – Lizzie has offered to deal when time permits, and is to be asked if she would be willing to become the Parish ‘go to’ expert for any IT. (*See Correspondence item 4.6*).
- 3.6 **Troughs – i. New signs** – Two notices reading “*Laughterton welcomes safe drivers*” had been created by Duncan for the troughs on Kettlethorpe Road (*See Finance 6.1*) and will be fitted by Richard.
- Tony suggested that instead of small flowers such as primulas in the boxes, perhaps later in the year we could provide conifers and grasses instead, which would be more visible and could save a lot of time, effort and expense.
- Tim said following up this idea, as the cost of maintaining the boxes will not be great, why not close the scheme down when the current sponsorship is due for renewal. We could write to the sponsors thanking them for their support, advising that the scheme is no longer feasible, then provide signs on the troughs relating to road safety in the village.
- ii. Levelling / Compost / Cleaning** – Still waiting for an improvement in the weather. Richard suggested that as some of the boxes are beginning to show signs of wear, perhaps when they reach the end of their useful life, a new two-step version could be created.
- 3.7 **Repairs to Propeller Memorial** – In hand with Robin, waiting for an improvement in the weather
- 3.8 **Remembrance poppies for 2020** – The clerk had ordered 10 large poppies, of approximately 45 cm diameter to be delivered later in the year, at a recommended donation of £3 per item to the Royal British Legion.
- 3.9 **Foreign vehicles / Kettlethorpe** – After a visit from the Chairman, Nutrel are to consider creating a more visible sign. The clerk had raised the issue with LCC Highways and Richard suggested that any notice could include *7.5-ton limit applies, except for access*.
- 3.10 **Parish Council dinner -resume**<sup>9</sup> – It was agreed that it had been a pleasant sociable evening, with good company

#### 4. CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1 Police Report for January
- 4.2 LCC Highways – Signage request, Kettlethorpe village
- 4.3 LCC – Highways grass cutting agreement
- 4.4 WLDC – campaign to scrap fly tipping
- 4.5 Poppies for Kettlethorpe Parish
- 4.6 LCC – Important information about Parish websites / plus website training dates. *It was asked if Lizzie would agree to be the Parish PC expert (see Matters 3.5) and if she would she be willing to go on one of the training courses listed in this letter, to operate the Parish website, if Duncan is unable to continue under the new scheme? Although the information states only one representative per Parish would two be permitted if each attend on a different date?*
- 4.7 WLDC – Agenda for Council Meeting
- 4.8 Lincs Road Safety – Request for training dates
- 4.9 WLDC – Community Awards
- 4.10 LCC Highways – Update on flattened road sign
- 4.11 LALC – Monthly defib sheet

4.12 November 2019 Flooding

***Items received after agenda printed***

4.1 Police Report for January

4.13 LCC Highways - pothole on Kettlethorpe Road

***E-mailed items for January – circulated 01 February 2020***

**5. PLANNING**

5.1 **Application No 140283** – Permission granted for extensions and alterations to Blossom Farm and outbuilding to living accommodation, Main Road, Laughterton LN1 2JZ. *The approval of this application was noted by the meeting.*

**6. FINANCE**

6.1 **Blades Advertising & Marketing** – Signs for flower troughs x 2 - £33.60 incl: VAT. Payment of this invoice was agreed by the meeting, proposed by Cllr Richard Barnard, seconded by Cllr Tim O’Callaghan

6.2 **PAYE / Salary – for end January** – Approval for payment of these items was given as per proposal at the May AGM.

6.3 **Parish Accounts for end January**– It was confirmed by the accounts sheet and the HSBC bank statements, that the expenditure to the end of January was £8,415 with a balance remaining of £12,239. The Chairman and the clerk were invited to sign the monthly accounts.

**7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

7.1 **Kettlethorpe Rd** – It was pointed out that services have been extended to property behind the homes on Kettlethorpe Road. The hope that this is not the start of building work was expressed, but the Chairman felt that West Lindsey were sure to have their eye on the situation.

7.2 **Works on Newark Road** – This was said to be initial clearance of the area in advance of dealing with Application No 139624, to create an agricultural road.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place in Kettlethorpe Village Hall on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at 7.40 pm

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm