

Kettlethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th July 2021 at 7.40 pm in Kettlethorpe Village Hall

Present

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

1. **APOLOGIES** - Cllr Lizzie Smith, D/Cllr Jane Ellis.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

3. **MATTERS ARISING**

3.1 **Local Policing issues** – The June Crime Report listed 1 burglary, 6 thefts, 2 vehicle crimes and 1 criminal damage. There were no reported crimes for Kettlethorpe Parish, but in a burglary in nearby Newton on Trent, offenders broke into a shed to steal a rotavator and slashed all 4 tyres of a truck parked on a driveway.

3.2 **Jubilee Park**

i. **Park sign** – Jez was thanked for his work in cleaning up and refixing the Jubilee Park wall sign.

ii. **New Springies etc** – It was known that the Springies required refurbishing, and someone had tried to paint them, but had not made a very good job of it. Richard felt that rather than spending £3,250 for Sutcliffe's to do the job, the Council could renovate them a lot cheaper.

He also reminded the meeting that the soft pour tarmac required attention, and suggested that a strip of about 8 ins to 10 ins wide could be cut out to replace the original joint. The Chairman offered to check the FCC website and whether RoSPA had any contacts that they could recommend.

3.3 **Highways** .

i. **Footpaths and Footbridge**, Sallie Bank – Lizzie had sent off a strong letter to LCC asking when this outstanding work would be carried out, but had so far has only received a 'we will reply soon' response. The Chairman recently saw someone, believed to be from LCC, checking the bridge measurements and hoped that he was estimating repair work in readiness for the next financial period.

ii. **Entry to the Chicken Farm site** from A1133 – a resident had reported that heavy lorries had been driving to the site very early in the morning via Marsh Lane and that construction work was being carried out in contravention of the planning regulations, despite the previous Parish complaint to WLDC. An e-mail and photograph of the construction work was sent to WLDC asking that they formally instruct that work should stop immediately until the new access road is completed.

3.7 **Propeller Memorial** – The Chairman is to get in touch with Mr Moore when time permits.

3.8 **Parish Cemetery i. messy seat, (bird lime)** The Chairman had carried out a preliminary clean of the seat, but further action is required. One idea was to shift it from under the tree to a new location, on a concrete base or paving slabs. As an alternative, it was suggested that the seat could remain in its present position and some form of readymade shelter could be provided. Catherine was to check with a neighbour who had a similar construction in his garden and the clerk was to obtain prices from woodyards.

ii. **Slippery path (moss)** – there has been insufficient time to deal properly as help is needed to kill the moss and then scrape it off. The work is in hand.

- 3.9 Dove nuisance, Home Farm Close** –As no response had been received from Nigel Periam at West Lindsey last month, the clerk was asked to contact him again as the birds are still creating a nuisance, perching and defecating on cars and roofs which are turning green as a result.
- 3.10 Newark Road – residents tipping rubbish**– It was hoped that the fliers that were distributed round the area after the last meeting would have the desired effect in deterring this fly tipping.
- 3.11 Queen’s Jubilee event** – It had been suggested at an earlier meeting, that a village party could be held with mini events, but Tim felt that perhaps we could do one better if individual street parties were encouraged, offering gifts for the children, such as mugs, medallions, or crowns. Richard said that maybe the village could be split into two ‘lots’, one South and one North creating a fun competition. The Council could help by purchasing the aforesaid gifts for children and party packs of festive items such as bunting, flags etc. Catherine felt that if we are going to have an event, we must get the ball rolling now and not leave it too late.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant items were circulated during June and a full list was forwarded at the month end.

5. PLANNING

None

6. FINANCE

- 6.1 MKS - grass cutting services** £262 + VAT – **£314.40**. Payment was proposed, seconded, and agreed by the meeting
- 6.2 PAYE and Salary** - Payment of these items was agreed in accordance with the proposal made at the April 2021 meeting.
- 6.3 Parish Accounts** – The balance at the bank to month ending 30th June 2021 is **£17,823.61** with an expenditure of **£3,190.30**.

7. MATTERS ARISING

- 7.1 Kettlethorpe village sign** – *reported by a resident as being in a poor state*. To be investigated when time permits.
- 7.2 Community Defib service membership scheme** – This scheme should provide peace of mind to defibrillator owners by offering regular maintenance and replacement parts, but as Co-ordinator of the Laughterton and District LIVES group, much of what is available is already dealt with by the Chairman. More thought is to be given to this issue.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 8.1** As in previous years, August is the Council holiday month, consequently, the next meeting will take place on Monday 6th September at the usual time of 7.40 pm in Kettlethorpe Village Hall..

Meeting closed 9.10 pm

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