



KIRBY BELLARS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Kirby Bellars Parish Council Meeting held on 17th July 2023 at 7.45pm in Kirby Bellars Village Hall

Present: Cllr Davies (DD) (Chair), Cllr Ingham (CI), Cllr Campsie (NC) and Victoria Webster (VW),
Clerk

	Agenda Items	Action By
21/23.	Present, In Attendance and Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Lovegrove (EL) and Cllr Browne (RB).	
22/23.	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.	
23/23.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the 15th May 2023 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate account. Proposed by CI and seconded by NC.	
24/23.	Actions from the Previous meeting of the 15th May 2023 There were no actions due for discussion.	
25/23.	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>A parishioner raised the issue of the bus service that runs through the village. It is proving to be quite unreliable. On occasions it is late, sometimes early, and other times does not arrive at all. The bus due at 09.32 is often used by those parishioners that hold a concessionary bus pass but unfortunately the bus often arrives early, and the parishioners are refused entry as their pass is not valid until 9.30. When questioned the driver states he is the earlier bus and is running late. However, the next bus then does not arrive until the next due bus time. There are also issues with the driver either not stopping when the bell is pressed and/or waiting for all passengers to get off or due to the bus being early, standing and waiting at a later stop for 5-10 minutes.</p> <p>Action: VW to write to both the bus company and MBC and highlight these issues and concerns.</p> <p>A parishioner commented that they felt the speed signs when entering the village and passing through along the A607 are not adequate and felt they should be bigger/more of them. There is also vegetation growing over and around the signs that stops them from being seen fully.</p> <p>Action: VW to report the overgrown vegetation issue.</p>	<p>VW</p> <p>VW</p>

26/23.	County Councillors Reports No Councillors in attendance.	
27/23.	Planning Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 22/01264/FUL. Land opposite 52 Main Street. Proposed development of single 3 bed bungalow with associated access. No decision has been made yet. Parish Council comments submitted previously. ▪ 23/00084/FUL. Park Farm Cottage, 4 Main Road. Demolish existing single storey elements and erect replacement structures with associated landscaping and external works. Approved. ▪ 23/00269/FUL. Field OS 0022 And 0031 Thorpe Satchville Road Kirby Bellars. Erection of agricultural storage shed. No decision made yet. Parish Council comments submitted previously. ▪ 23/00448/FULHH. Windy Ridge Farm. Extension to property. No decision has been made yet. Parish Council has no comment. 	
28/23.	Accounts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Councillors to approve the Schedule of Payments and the Chair to sign the document. All Councillors approved the payments presented to them and the Chair signed the schedule. b. Councillors to review and approve the Bank Statements and Cash books. All Councillors reviewed and approved the documents, and no questions or queries were raised. c. Chair to approve and sign Bank Reconciliation. All Councillors reviewed the Bank Reconciliation, and the Chair signed the document. d. Councillors to formally approve the receipt of the Internal Auditors Report. All Councillors reviewed and approved the document, and no questions or queries were raised. The Chair expressed thanks to VW for all her efforts behind the scenes and for managing the Parish Councils finances well. 	
29/23.	Reserves Spending Plan By the end of the current financial year the Parish Council will have around £20,000 in reserves. Around £5,000 of this is reserved as back up financial support leaving £15,000 for consideration under the plan. The Councillors discussed various options that the funds could be spent on including, speeding, the village hall, the village church, allotments, welfare, coffee van, food van etc. It was suggested the Parish Council approach both the church and village hall to ask if there is anything they require financial support for. It was also suggested that the Parish Council could consult the parishioners via Facebook to gauge an opinion. Action: VW to contact the village hall and church. Action: VW to add to the agenda for the next meeting.	VW VW
30/23.	LRALC Annual General Meeting This is now due to be held on the 25 th November in Mountsorrel between 9am and 1pm. Action: VW to add to the agenda for the next meeting.	VW

31/23.	<p>Parish Councillors to Complete an Acceptance Form and Register of Interests Form</p> <p>All Councillors present completed the necessary forms.</p>	
32/23.	<p>Flying Clidders and A607 Trees and Bushes</p> <p>The path leading up to the pub and past the bus stop is practically fully covered by overgrown bushes and trees. This urgently needs cutting as pedestrians are finding it difficult to safely walk on the path and village school children utilise the bus stop.</p> <p>Action: VW to report this via Fix My Street and if they object to responsibility, NC will speak directly to the landowner.</p>	VW NC
33/23.	<p>Parking in the Village</p> <p>The Parish Council have been made aware that a car is continuously being parked across the drop-down curb outside the village hall that allows access for those users with a disability to access the village hall. The Parish Council are unsure what the legal stance on this is and what can be done. It was proposed that the Parish Council consult Highways at LCC.</p> <p>Action: VW to consult with LCC Highways.</p> <p>Main Street has become increasingly difficult to drive down due to cars being parked on both sides of the road, causing a slalom effect. Could the Parish Council post on Facebook about being considerate parkers and think about your neighbours. Emergency vehicles would struggle to manoeuvre down the road.</p> <p>Action: Consult with LCC Highways on this matter as to how the Parish Council could deal with this issue.</p>	VW VW
34/23.	<p>Net Zero and Feedback on the LCC Annual Parish Council Forum</p> <p>DD attended the forum where the County Council used the opportunity to launch their new Net Zero Plan. They spoke about what other counties are already doing i.e. car share, solar panels, tree planting etc. There needs to be haviour change within a village/town/city to enable the plan to be successful. There are many options to consider and it is open for discussion.</p> <p>LCC are planning to save energy by dimming streetlights by 30% from 8pm rather than 10pm. There is currently a consultation open until the 3rd August. It is, however, hard to know what difference this will make, as due to the time of year, it is currently still rather light at 8pm.</p> <p>It was suggested that the reserves the Parish Council hold could potentially be used towards the village having a better carbon front print.</p> <p>The village gateways at the start of the village were discussed and it was queried if these could potentially have more of an impact on reminding those entering the village that the speed limit is 40mph.</p> <p>Action: VW to find out who is responsible for the gateways.</p>	VW
35/23.	<p>Community Speed Watch</p> <p>NC has submitted his contact details to the lead for this scheme and has requested copies of the documents that should have been attached to the original email. The current suggested dates for the village are 2nd – 15th September but this is to be confirmed. The Parish Council will need to recruit 12 volunteers to help run the scheme but again, further information has been requested on this. Details of the scheme will be advertised as soon as NC has</p>	

	received further information.	
36/23.	<p>Tree & Heritage Warden Update</p> <p>DD had an informal conversation with the County Tree's representative about obtaining a Tree Protection Order (TPO) on both the lime trees and walnut tree in the village. They advised that the tree's belong to LCC so it is quite unlikely that MBC will grant the order as LCC will then have to consult with MBC each time any work needs carrying out on the trees.</p>	
37/23.	<p>Funding Request</p> <p>The Parish Council have received a request from St Peters Church to help support them with charitable works in caring for the past and present residents of Kirby Bellars. The Parish Council used to donate £500 annually to the church for such work but this has not been requested since 2020 due to a change in treasurer. The church therefore asked if the Parish Council would consider back dating this request. All Councillors agreed to the request and that the donation should be back dated and increase the donation by 10% for the third year.</p>	
38/23.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>No items for discussion.</p>	
39/23.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The church wall was knocked down in December last year and is still waiting repair. An estimate has now been secured and the insurers have agreed to it and work is due to commence in August.</p> <p>The question was asked if anything could be done about the area under the tree's down near the church as it is constantly muddy, and the area is utilised by walkers and church visitors regularly. The Parish Council need to consult with Highways on this matter.</p> <p>Action: VW to consult with Highways.</p>	VW
40/23.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>18th September 2023</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____