



KIRBY BELLARS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Kirby Bellars Parish Council Meeting held on 18th March 2024 at 7.45pm in Kirby Bellars Village Hall

Present: Cllr Campsie (NC) (Chair), Cllr Lovegrove (EL) and Victoria Webster (VW), Clerk

Due to only two Councillors being present, agenda items can only be discussed, and no formal decisions can be made.

	Agenda Items	Action By
90/23.	Present, In Attendance and Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Davies (DD), Cllr Ingham (CI) and Cllr Browne.	
91/23.	Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.	
92/23.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the 15th January 2024 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate account.	
93/23.	Actions from the Previous meeting of the 15th January 2024 No actions for discussion	
94/23.	Public Participation Two members of the public attended the meeting. A villager who previously refurbished the village benches has offered to carry this out free of charge again for the Parish Council. Action: To discuss at the next Parish Council meeting. An update was requested on obtaining the Protective Marking on the drop-down curb outside the village hall. VW confirmed this is a work in progress and the Parish Council are still working with LCC to get this installed. Both villagers reported that there has been some suspicious activity at the end of the village near the church that looks as though it could potentially be drugs related. VW informed the villagers the best way to report such activity is via www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk where local beat offices will receive this information and act upon it. Villagers should report such incidents each time they are witnessed so the Police can gauge what sort of issue they are facing.	VW

	It was reported that motorbike riders without number plates have ridden through the village. This is difficult to report as no further details.	
95/23.	Borough and County Councillor Reports No Councillors present to present a report.	
96/23.	Planning Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 23/00579/FULHH. The Willows, 6 Washdyke Lane. Proposed front and rear loft extension. Changes to existing front porch and rear fenestrations. No decision has been yet. ▪ 22/01264/FUL. Appeal. Proposed development of a single 3-bed bungalow with associated access. No decision has been made yet. <p>NC reported that he had discussed the appeal for 22/01264/FUL with RB which will go to central government, but it is unlikely to be upheld as it is normally only appeals relating to large projects or contentious applications that government get involved with.</p>	
97/23.	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. c. Chair to approve and sign Bank Reconciliation. All Councillors reviewed the Bank Reconciliation, and the Chair signed the document. <p>The question was raised if the Parish Council should transfer some funds from the current account to the higher interest reserves account. This should be reviewed at the next meeting following the end of the financial year. Action: Add to the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	VW
98/23.	The procurement threshold has been increased to £30,000 The threshold for public supply contracts has been increased from £25,000 to £30,000. This is for information purposes only and the Financial Regulations will be updated to reflect this change.	
99/23.	To consider what the Council can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity in the area. The Wreake Catchment Nature Recovery Partnership commissioned a feasibility study recently which is due to be finalised this week. There will be many examples of actions we could potentially take which will be relevant to Kirby Bellars within the report. This should be discussed further at the next meeting. It should also be noted that work is being carried out to open up the local canals once more. Action: Add to the agenda for the next meeting.	VW

100/23.	<p>Bus Shelter Maintenance</p> <p>The bus shelters were recently cleaned, and the following maintenance requirements was noted:</p> <p>The shelter on the west bound side of the A607:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The bottom panels are quite badly rotten. <p>The shelter on Station Lane:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polycarbonate panels have been vandalised but still intact. <p>This should be discussed further at the next meeting. Actions: Add to the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	VW
101/23	<p>Village Litter Pick</p> <p>Last year the village held a litter pick and the same was suggested for this year. A date of the 13th April has been selected. Anyone interested in helping with this should meet outside the village hall on the 13th at 10.00am.</p>	
102/23	<p>Kirby Bellars Parish Council .gov.uk email address</p> <p>NALC recently distributed a briefing which was designed to help Parish Councils better understand how to protect emails and the benefits of having a gov.uk account. Funding is currently available from government to assist with this if Councils wish to upgrade to a gov.uk account. The Councillors present felt this would be beneficial and due to time constraints on accessing the funding, the Clerk made the decision that the Parish Council would apply for said funding rather than deferring the decision to the next meeting and potentially missing the opportunity to receive funding.</p>	
103/23	<p>Tree & Heritage Warden Update</p> <p>DD has spoken with the museum and they have confirmed they will be able to return the stone to the village to be stored/displayed in the church by May.</p> <p>The question was raised as to which tree's LCC are responsible for in the village. Action: VW to find this information out.</p>	VW
104/23.	<p>Funding Request</p> <p>No new requests have been received.</p>	
105/23.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Correspondence was received from the NHS in relation to the Beacon Unit which is a child and adolescent mental health inpatient facility caring for those experiencing severe mental health and learning disability services asking if the Parish Council would consider donating any funds. Action: To be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	VW
106/23.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No items for discussion.</p>	

107/23.	Date of Next Meeting 20 th May 2024	
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The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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