



KIRBY BELLARS PARISH COUNCIL

22 Rockingham Road, Mountsorrel, Leics LE12 7UJ
Tel: 0116 4311943

Minutes of Kirby Bellars Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2023 at 7.45pm in Kirby Bellars Village Hall

Present: Cllr Davies (DD) (Chair), Cllr Ingham (CI), Cllr Lovegrove (EL), Cllr Campsie (NC), Victoria Webster- Clerk

	Agenda Items	Action By
1.	<p>Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Browne (RB).</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting of 16th May 2022 The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate account. Proposed by CI and seconded by EL.</p>	
3.	<p>Chairs Report – Presented by Clair Ingham, outgoing Chair In May 2022 we heard that Leicestershire County Council, Melton Borough Council and the Government finally agreed the funding strategy to build the Melton Mowbray Distributer Road. Preparatory work commenced early in 2023, which is now well underway.</p> <p>The 3 new properties on the land north of 55 Main Street are almost complete and it seems residents have moved in to one property already. With regard to planning we have had a steady flow of applications, mainly altering domestic buildings or extensions with slightly fewer applications for agricultural buildings submitted.</p> <p>The Council made a contribution towards the Village Hall’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations which were enjoyed by all present, in the Village Hall, as the weather was typical for a Bank Holiday. The Council continue to support the Village Hall making an annual donation towards their running costs.</p> <p>One of our villagers, who are a painter and decorator by trade, very kind refurbished all the wooden benches located in the village and did a superb job to preserve them for another year.</p> <p>We continue to experience issues with speeding as are most villages. The speeding is not only on the A607 but sadly on Main Street too. Neil has spent many hours battling with the speed sign company to extract the data but, after getting an Engineer involved, it would appear they may be not recording any data after all. This has been escalated as a complaint because Leicestershire County Council is not</p>	

responding to e mails. Rumble strips were deemed to not be an option due to the speeding measures already in place in the village. We have not been deterred and locally have posted reminders on the village Facebook page as well as completed a flyer and bin sticker campaign that for now appears to have appeased the situation. Incidentally Samworth Brothers responded positively to our complaint and their lorries are rarely seen speeding now. The most recent issue on the roads appears to be people parking in the bus stop at the top of Main Street. This is already a difficult junction to exit, at peak times, and this only obstructs the view even more. This has been raised with Leicestershire County Council Highways and we await their response.

The Council agreed the need to increase our precept by 10%, to be roughly in line with inflation, predicting a rise in the costs of payroll services, website management, e mail hosting, audit fees, insurance and subscriptions.

We organised another litter pick in April, with a few residents helping us out on a lovely sunny day and I know many villagers and the Melton Wombles regularly help to keep our village tidy. We are in the process of getting some defibrillator training organised as it has been a few years since we had some and there are some new faces in the village.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, with my work, I felt unable to continue as Chair and recently stood back from the role. I am most grateful to David for stepping in and putting himself forward as Chair and also for the events and meetings he has attended for me, that are during the day when I am at work. It was a tough decision for me to make but I felt unable to dedicate the time required to be Chair whilst the Company I work for are going through some major changes. We continue to run with a vacancy for a Councillor. Whilst we have asked around and have had some interest, when we followed up with them none have been able to commit to the role. The search continues!

DD took the opportunity to thank CI for all her time and effort during her time as the Chair and was pleased that she chose to remain on the Council.

4. **Finance**

	Current Account	Reserves Account
Opening Balance	£6,828.46	£12,042.28
Precept	£9,250	£0
Other Receipts	£307.40	£124.57
Payments	£6,880.69	£0
Closing Balance	£9,505.17	£12,166.85

Current Account

- The Other Receipts are made up of the 2021-2022 VAT refund and a £200 donation of assist the Parish Council with obtaining a data download from the Vehicle Activated Speed sign.
- Payments to note of interest for 2022-2023 are two separate donations of

	<p>£500 each to the village hall to support the Queens Jubilee event and the Kings Coronation event. The purchase of items for the refurbishment of the village benches which was kindly done by Nathan Steans who lives in the village.</p> <p>Reserves Account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Other Receipts constitute the interest accrued for this account. 	
5.	<p>Borough Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Browne was unable to attend the meeting.</p>	
6.	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>No members of the public raised any questions.</p>	
7.	<p>Date of Next Council Meeting</p> <p>17th July 2023</p>	

Signed: _____

Date: _____