



# KIRBY BELLARS PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Kirby Bellars Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.45pm in Kirby Bellars Village Hall

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

	Agenda Items	Action By
75/23.	<b>Present, In Attendance and Apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllr Orson.	
76/23.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
77/23.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b> The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate account.	
78/23.	<b>Actions from the Previous meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b> Protective Markings. No response has been received from LCC. <b>Action: VW to chase them again.</b> Parking considerably note was put on Facebook. VW to investigate a new bank account for the Parish Council reserves. Ongoing. DD to contact the museum with regards to the stone. Additional information in relation to the Climate & Ecology Bill was sought but VW was informed the decision had already been made. Information relating to the Net Zero Strategy was distributed. All other actions are due to be discussed at today's meeting.	VW  VW DD
79/23.	<b>Public Participation</b> There was one member of the public present but had nothing to raise.	
80/23.	<b>Borough Councillor Report</b> Review of the Local Plan. This has now been through the consultation stage and will now be discussed amongst the Borough Councillors at a meeting in February. Kirby Bellars is unlikely to be affected by any changes. There is going to be a 1.75 million investment into refurbishing the leisure centre and school sports facilities. The leisure centre will need to be reviewed again as this will not last in the long term. There has been no progress with the town centre development. Flooding. A meeting is to be held with LLAFA, Environment Agency, MBC	

	<p>and Chairs of the Parish Councils that the Wreake affects. This will be a closed forum and they will look at what is currently happening, the future and the recent flooding impact on the area. The flood defences that are already in place worked well in the recent flooding, but it is likely that the flooding in the area will worsen due to the increase housing developments.</p> <p>NC asked if flooding prevention measures must be included in future housing development planning applications?</p> <p>RB confirmed they did. However, three applications in 2017 that should have been rejected were approved and these are now contributing to flooding issues as predicted.</p> <p>DD commented that the work that Brooksy are carrying out should reduce flooding and other villages could do something similar.</p> <p>RB suggested this should be raised at the forthcoming meeting as above.</p>	
81/23.	<p><b>Planning Applications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 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.</li> </ul>	
82/23.	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>b. Councillors to review and approve the Bank Statements and Cash books. All Councillors reviewed and approved the documents.</li> <li>c. Chair to approve and sign Bank Reconciliation. All Councillors reviewed the Bank Reconciliation, and the Chair signed the document.</li> </ol> <p>DD asked if we could amalgamate grants and donations on the Cash Book. VW confirmed this could potentially be possible if the Parish Council doesn't have a Grants Policy.</p> <p><b>Action: VW to look at this and report to Councillors.</b></p>	VW
83/23.	<p><b>Traffic/Parking in and Around the Village</b></p> <p>The below response was received from LCC.</p> <p>With regards to a formal crossing, we have carried out a crossing justification assessment, The assessment is a national practice (the guidance is set out in the Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 6, previously within the DfT Publication Local Transport Note 1/95) which justifies whether a pedestrian crossing is required using a calculation involving both pedestrian and vehicle flows. The assessment also takes into account other influencing factors at the location such as collision history, the time it takes waiting to cross the road, the width of the carriageway, vehicle speeds and the speed limit. Additionally, Leicestershire County Council also take into consideration the surrounding neighbourhood facilities such as schools, medical centres, shopping areas and elderly care facilities. In essence, the assessment evaluates the potential conflict between vehicles and pedestrians.</p>	

The assessment provides a crossing justification value (CJV) which indicates whether the site meets the criteria for a crossing. The scores dictate the type of measures that would be feasible for that location.

Should the CJV value be less than 0.4 a crossing facility is unlikely to be supported and no further action is taken. Should the CJV value be greater than 0.4, a crossing facility is supported and will be confirmed at the assessment review meeting where the type of crossing will be discussed. As a guide, for values between 0.4 - 0.6 consider uncontrolled and above 0.6 controlled. Examples of uncontrolled measures are refuges, road narrowing's, build outs and dropped kerbs. Examples of controlled measures are zebras, puffins, and toucan crossings. If the CJV is greater than 0.9, a signal-controlled crossing may be considered.

The assessment was carried out by officers using the data given from the recent surveys on Main Road, Kirby Bellars and provided a CJV of 0.18 and therefore, does not warrant a crossing facility. It is important to understand that an underutilised crossing can cause more issues for pedestrian safety than having no crossing at all. A crossing facility that is not regularly used becomes unsafe as motorists will become so accustomed to not having to stop that the requirement to "stop" becomes subconsciously ignored.

With regards to the vehicles exceeding the 40mph speed limit, the Police are the enforcement authority. However, they advise that when assessing if a road would be considered an area of concern, they would normally consider that the 85th percentile of speed should be above the National Police Chiefs' Council's (NPCC) threshold for prosecution which is 46mph in a 40mph limit.

I have reviewed our speed data and can confirm that the recent surveys gave the following results.

Site 880088022505 A607 Melton Road, west of Station Lane, Kirby Bellars (Site A)

Direction	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Mean Speed
Both	45	39.7
Eastbound	41.1	37.2
Westbound	46.7	42.1

Site 880088022506 A607 Melton Road, east of Station Lane, Kirby Bellars (Site B)

Direction	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Mean Speed
Both	40	36.2
Northwest bound	39.9	36
Southeast bound	40.2	36.3

Site 880088022507 A607 Melton Road, east of Station Lane, Kirby (Site C)

Direction	85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Mean Speed
Both	42.7	38.6
Southeast bound	43.4	39.7
Northwest bound	41.6	37.6

For all but one of the above directions the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile (The speeds of which 85% of vehicles are traveling at or lower) were within the NPCC threshold. These are all good indicators that motorists are aware of the

	<p>prevailing environment and drive accordingly. Based on our analysis this does not meet with our criteria for intervention and we would be unable to justify any action at this moment in time.</p> <p>LCC replied in relation to the Parish Councils concern of parking along Main Street and stated there is little than can be done surrounding this, but they could potentially plant trees etc in areas to stop the parking there.</p> <p><b>Action: NC and EL to identify areas along Main Street where plants, trees etc could be planted to eradicate parking in that area.</b></p>	
84/23.	<p><b>Parish Council Website</b>  2commune who supply the Parish Council with both their website and email account were recently informed that with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 they no longer have the rights to supply 2 commune to Parish Councils for their websites. This was not a planned change and they were given no indication that this was planned. The company who owns the rights to 2commune, Cuttlefish have now contacted all Parish Councils this affects and have informed them they can continue on a like for like contract for the website with them and on the same terms and price. All Councillors agreed to the move to Cuttlefish.</p>	
85/23.	<p><b>Tree &amp; Heritage Warden Update</b>  No updates.</p>	
86/23.	<p><b>Funding Request</b>  No new requests have been received.</p>	
87/23.	<p><b>Correspondence</b>  No further correspondence for discussion.</p>	
88/23.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b>  Councillor vacancies. The Parish Council currently have one vacancy and DD has confirmed he will be stepping down from the Parish Council with affect from May 2024 so there will be two vacancies. It was suggested the Parish Council host an evening where villagers can come and meet with Councillors to enable them to share information about the Parish Council and what it involves being a Councillor. It was suggested the Councillors attend the village Bar Night on the 8<sup>th</sup> March as an initial meet and greet and then there will potentially be a second event if it is felt it is needed.</p>	
89/23.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  18<sup>th</sup> March 2024</p>	

The meeting closed at 8.21pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_