

# KIRBY BELLARS PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Kirby Bellars Parish Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 7.45pm in Kirby Bellars Village Hall

Present: Cllr Campsie (Chair) (NC), Cllr Ingham (CI), Cllr Sutton (GS), Cllr Brown (RB) and Victoria Webster (VW), Clerk

	Agenda Items	Action By
82/24.	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Lovegrove (EL).	
83/24.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Cllr Ingham declared an interest in item 96/24.	
84/24.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b> The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate account and were approved.	
85/24.	<b>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b> The request at the October meeting to reduce the speed limit on Main Street to 20mph has been registered with LCC and we are on the list for this to be looked into. It was suggested the Parish Council could potentially purchase a sign asking motorists to drive no faster than 20mph on Main Street, similar to those used in other villages if we aren't successful with LCC in getting the speed limit reduced.  All remaining matters arising are due to be discussed at tonight's meeting.	
86/24.	<b>Public Participation</b> The question was raised as to if the village street lighting in certain areas is on a timer. Some lights provide adequate lighting and are on for the duration required, whilst others only appear to come on for short periods. <b>Action: Contact LCC in relation to this.</b>	VW
87/24.	<b>County and Borough Councillors Reports</b> Planning MBC. This is still an ongoing issue and still in special measures.  Community and Business Grants. These have now all been awarded.  Cattle Market Planning Application. This has been submitted and the outcome is due in January.	

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	<p>The increase in National Insurance costs will see MBC's salary bill increase by £200k. This could lead to a decrease in services or an expectation that Parish Councils will have to pick up extra responsibilities. Council Tax and Business rates will also have to be increased.</p> <p>The Melton Farmers protest was well attended today which also aided businesses in the area.</p>	
88/24.	<p><b>Planning Applications</b>  Applications the Parish Council have received are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 24/00772/VAC. Land on the East Side of Gaddesby Lane. Variation of condition 5 of planning permission 21/00023/VAC. No decision has been made.</li> </ul> <p>Despite the Planning Department currently being in special measures it is still unclear as to why they are not processing applications quicker.</p>	
89/24.	<p><b>Village Defibrillator</b>  The village defibrillator will need to be replaced when it is 10 years old which will be in 2028. However, due to the cost of a new machine, it was proposed that the Parish Council include the cost of this replacement in the budget now to allow for the accumulation of funds to purchase a new machine. All Councillors approved this.</p>	
90/24.	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Councillors to approve the Schedule of Payments and the document to be signed.  The schedule and payments were approved and signed.</li> <li>b. Councillors to review the Cash books.  The cash books were reviewed, and no issues highlighted.</li> <li>c. Councillors to approve and sign Bank Reconciliations.  The bank recs were approved and signed.</li> <li>d. Councillors to review and approve bank mandate to remove David Davies from the bank accounts.  Councillors approved and signed the bank mandate.</li> <li>e. 2025/2026 Budget  The budget was reviewed and all Councillors agreed to an increase in the precept for 2025/2026 to £10,558 which is an increase of £258 for the year.</li> </ol>	
91/24.	<p><b>Asset Checks</b>  A list of the Parish Councils assets was circulated prior to the meeting. All Councillors agreed to these being checked bi-monthly and reporting at the next available Parish Council meeting.</p>	
92/24.	<p><b>Bus Shelter Maintenance</b>  GS spoke to the local maintenance man who confirmed they would be happy to carry out the work required for the Parish Council. This will now be done in the spring.  <b>Action: Details and quote to be bought to the next meeting.</b></p>	GS
93/24.	<p><b>New Village Sign</b>  Further details were sought from two companies who design and supply village signs. The Councillors discussed the details. Planning permission would be</p>	

	needed to install this sign. Details and materials of the sign were discussed. <b>Action: Request longevity information for each material</b>	NC
94/24.	<b>Overgrown Path Along the A60</b> We still haven't had any responses from those companies who initially showed interest. RB recommended a company. <b>Action Contact ATV.</b>	VW
95/24	<b>To consider what the council can do to conserve and enhance biodiversity in the area</b> Councillors agreed there was little the Parish Council could do as there is very little land in the village kept by the Parish Council and no buildings.	
96/24.	<b>Funding Requests</b> One funding request was received from St Peters church in the village for their annual maintenance grant. All Councillors agreed to a £750 grant.	
97/24.	<b>Correspondence</b> No items for discussion.	
98/24	<b>Discuss the Clerks recent Appraisal and Consider Pay Increase</b> Councillors discussed the Clerks appraisal and approved a pay increase. NC to review the NALC approved pay scale and propose a new hourly rate.	
99/24.	<b>Any Other Business</b> GS asked that the purchase of poppies for next year's remembrance Sunday can be added to a later agenda. All Councillors agreed.  Councillors discussed different village contacts who may be interested in becoming a Councillor.	
100/24.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	

Meeting closed at 8.43pm

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