



KIRBY BELLARS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting held on 12th March 2020 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Ingham (Chair) (CI), Cllr Batten (AB) Cllr Davies (DD), Cllr Simkin (TS), Cllr Joe Orson (JO), Cllr Browne (RB)

In Attendance: Victoria Webster (VW) – Clerk

Absent: None

	Agenda Items	Action By
1.	Apologies Cllr Smith (AS)	
2.	Declarations of Interest CI declared an interest in planning application: 20/00091/GDOAGR.	
3.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting of the 5 th December 2019 were accepted as true and correct and signed by the vice chair.	
4.	Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting of 5th December 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RB to meet with Jim Worley to discuss planning matters. Did this meeting take place. This meeting has not yet taken place, carry forward to the next meeting. ▪ Report flooding issue on the A607 to Highways. This issue was reported. 	RB
5.	Public Participation There was no public participation.	
6.	Planning Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 19/00256/FUL Erection of 3 detached dwellings, Main Street. Resubmission of original application. No decision has been reached yet. ▪ 19/00802/VAC Thorpe Satchille Road. Amendment to approval of hay barn application 19/00133/GDOAGR. Permitted ▪ 19/00998/FUL Gaddesby Lane. Erection of agricultural/fish farm storage building. The application has been withdrawn. ▪ 19/01310/FUL. Land North of Ashby Folville Road. Reinstatement of barn for conversion to dwelling including the conversion of an existing barn. No 	

	<p>decision has been reached yet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 19/01383/FUL. Poplars Farms. Change of use of former cow sheds to function room/wedding venue. Permitted. ▪ 20/00090/COU. Land and agricultural building North of Pringle. Retrospective change of use of land to agricultural and land drainage business. No decision has been reached yet. ▪ 20/00091/GDOAGR. Hillcrest Farm. Proposed steel portal framed barn. Approved. 										
7.	<p>New Bank Account Update The new bank account has now been opened and it is ready to use. However, the parish will not start to use the account until the new financial year.</p>										
8.	<p>Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Clerk presented the following accounts for payment: <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Chq No.</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Payee</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>000403</td> <td>V. Webster – Jan/Feb/Mar Payroll & Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£835.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>000404</td> <td>Viking – Toner Cartridges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£85.18</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It was agreed the payments were correct and the cheques were signed.</p> <p>The bank reconciliation and bank statements for all receipts and payments since the previous meeting were presented for checking. These were signed as accurate.</p>	Chq No.	Payee	Amount	000403	V. Webster – Jan/Feb/Mar Payroll & Expenses	£835.19	000404	Viking – Toner Cartridges	£85.18	
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9.	<p>Data Protection Regulations – further review/update There were no items for discussion.</p>										
10.	<p>Tree and Heritage Warden Update by David Davies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildflower Verges Following the previous meeting of the Parish Council DD submitted a proposal for wildflower verges on the south side of the A607 to LCC. DD received a response from LCC to say that creating and managing the wildflower areas would require local volunteers to prepare and maintain the ground and so it would not be safe to do this on such a busy road. LCC are looking for areas where there is less traffic and restricted speeds. During the course of the summer DD will aim to visit those sites in other villages that have been sown with wildflowers with a view to using that learning to make a further application next Autumn. • Wreake Valley Living Landscape Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust have a plan to create a ‘living landscape’ in the Wreake Valley – the area between Syston and Melton. They will begin work on this in April. They would like to involve Parish Councils in promoting the idea. At present it is not exactly clear what would be involved but the overall idea is to take such opportunities that are available to create habitat for all kinds of wildlife with a view to having wildlife corridors that will join up areas and so enhance the range of wildlife across the landscape. DD is proposing to contact other Parish Councils along the valley with a view to gauging interest and setting up a meeting to introduce the idea to the councils and the wider community. • Biodiversity Training LRALC have offered this training and DD has signed up to attend on 23 March. 										
11.	<p>Funding Requests A funding request was received from St Peters church for £500 to support the</p>										

	churchyard maintenance. VW is to write to the church and explain that the council are unable to support such work but outline that we are able to support charitable works in caring for the past and present residents of Kirby Bellars.	VW
12.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An email has been received from Rupert Matthews in relation to crime and policing in our area. RB is going to invite Audrey Danvers to the next parish council meeting. ▪ An email has been received from Derek Overfield asking if the parish want him to continue with his regular mowing duties in 2020. The Councillors confirmed they are happy for Derek to carry this out. ▪ An email was received from the Armed Forces Community Covenant Development Officer asking the parish council to support The Armed Forces Covenant. All Councillors were in agreement that this is something the parish would like to support. 	RB
13.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RB Update <p>Melton Borough Council (MBC) are currently in the process of putting together a Developer Contribution Policy which the parish can contribute to. The next meeting to feed back to MBC is in 2-3 weeks' time. This policy will be valid for 3 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JO Update <p>All seven district and borough councils in Leicestershire have formed two alliances to develop more collaborative working. This is not a formal agreement, more a good friendship.</p> <p>The district councils are looking to form a combined authority and potentially elect a mayor as a figure head.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MBC Parish Engagement Developer Contributions SPD <p>Following a recent email from MBC in relation to this, the Councillors agreed it would be beneficial for a footpath/cycle path alongside the A607 going into Melton to encourage walking and cycling as many feel it is currently too dangerous.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Washdyke Lane Mud <p>Contractors were working on Washdyke Lane and created a large amount of mud spread across the road. AB contacted MBC to request this be cleaned up who confirmed it was their responsibility but had issues with this being carried out. It was eventually carried out by the contractors themselves. JO confirmed that any issue such as this should be reported to either the police or the contractors. AB commented that MBC should issue questionnaires asking for satisfactory levels on work carried out by the council and not just questionnaires in relation to the initial contact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Village litter pick <p>Councillors agreed that this would be a good exercise for the village to carry out and will hopefully bring the community together. RB can obtain sticks and bags from MBC and arrange for the rubbish to be collected once the pick has taken place.</p> <p>Action: arrange a date and notify the village and RB</p>	DD
14.	<p>Date of Next Meeting 14th May 2020</p>	

Signed: _____

Date: _____