

## Kirby Bellars Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 July 2015 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall.

Present Cllr Smith (Chair), Cllrs. Batten, Howe, Ingham, Woollin.

In attendance One member of the public

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- 1 Apologies - Cllr Hutchinson
- 2 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations  
None requested.
- 3 Minutes of the previous meeting
  - a The minutes of the meeting of the 14 May were agreed subject to the replacement of 'Street' with 'Road' at para 15c.
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
  - a The Clerk had requested a s106 contribution towards a bus shelter but LCC Highways did not support a further bus shelter as two are already being provided in the planning application for Klondyke Way, Asfordby. It was agreed the Chair will note the outcome of the application and if it is approved will approach the company directly with a request for some assistance in providing a bus shelter and base as part of the modifications to the top of Station Lane. AS
  - b Copies of the Parish Councillors guide have been received, these were distributed for councillors to review. The Clerk to also order a copy of Local Councils Explained. SB
  - c All Register of Interest Forms have been submitted to the monitoring officer at Melton BC. Unfortunately the monitoring officer issued an incomplete form and those councillors who completed this form are now required to complete the missing two pages. AH
- 5 Public Participation
  - a None

6 Planning Applications/enforcement

- a 14/00477/OUT Anaerobic digester and up to 49 houses  
Main Road, Kirby Bellars

In addition to the comments made previously to this application the following points were made;

- regarding the sustainability of a shop in the proposed development , there are no safe cycle ways to Frisby or Asfordby or any safe footpaths (access to and from either of these villages is along very busy major roads).
- no safe route for pedestrians or cyclists into the main town of Melton.
- a shop as part of this development would not be a viable business proposition (existing local shops are struggling to survive and are only able to do so as they are Post Offices as well)
- this development will impact heavily on the open countryside environment
- there is likely to be a negative impact on neighbouring businesses and residents from the odour and traffic. Both the odour and increased traffic will threaten the Flying Childers business, with the bio generating engine creating noise 24 hrs/day; this will also impact the animals at the Kirby Kennels causing them to bark and negatively impact on the development and others living in the vicinity. With prolonged barking due to the noise from the bio digester and lorries delivering and turning the Kirby Kennels could end up being subject to noise enforcement action.
- the development is outside of the existing village envelope
- a development of this size would change the nature of the village of Kirby Bellars, making it feel more urban than rural

The Parish Council has lodged its intention to speak at the Planning Committee when this application is considered. The Clerk has requested that both the Chair & Clerk be notified of the date of the Planning Committee due to forthcoming holidays. Cllr Batten gave a short presentation of what it is intended to say at the Planning meeting, this was accepted. It is also intended to ask Cllr Ed Hutchinson to speak on behalf of Kirby Bellars PC. AS

- b 15/00371/FUL Waterways, 38 Main Street, KB  
Rear 2 storey extension and loft conversion above garage to front.

No objection to this application.

- c Notification received from Vox Energy of a proposed application for a Wind turbine. Following discussion it was agreed that no comment would be made
- d Dates for enforcement training sessions have been offered. Following discussion it was agreed to set the training up for 3 August 2015. AS

7 STWA & Sewer Smells

- a Members of the parish council met with representatives of STWA regarding the on-going sewer smells. It was felt that it had been a productive meeting with a list of short term fixes that will be applied and a suggestion of two longer

term solutions. It was agreed that the parish council supports option A - redirecting the main such that it turns right at the Great Dalby junction on the A607 and goes to the Beler Way pumping station rather than turning left as it currently does via Kirby Bellars. The Clerk was asked to write to Alan Duncan asking him to write a letter of support to the Chief Exec of STWA to request that funding be released for option A. A copy of the minutes produced from the meeting are to be forwarded to Miranda Snell and she will then produce a communication to be distributed round the village. SB

- 8 Village enhancement including tidying Old Lock area.
  - a The Heritage Warden, Roger Came, expressed some concern about the potential damage to wild flowers & fauna and habitat for small animals and insects with the work that is being undertaken across the bridge from Washdyke Lane. Councillors explained their intention to clear the area of rubbish, fallen trees, weeds etc and to cut back to create an area that would invite use by local residents as a social and recreational space as there is no other open space available to residents within the village environ. The land is owned by Mrs Fox and the Chair has sought the agreement of Mrs Fox for all work that has been carried out. Roger also expressed concern over the post and wire fence which had been installed preventing access to the river in this area, the Chair explained that Mrs Fox had requested this as part of the work (to ensure the safety of users of the area). It was agreed that the Chair and councillors should arrange to meet with Roger on site to agree the extent of the area that should be strimmed off each spring and then on a regular basis to make the area accessible. AS/ALL
  
- 9 Reference Groups/Neighbourhood Plan
  - a An invitation has not been received to attend any further reference group meetings. It was agreed to await the contents of the Melton Local Plan when a draft is issued before making a decision on whether to produce a Neighbourhood Plan.

10 Defibrillator

- a The Clerk has obtained information on defibrillators and looked at possible sources of funding. Depending on the cabinet used (which depends on the location of the defibrillator) the cost is likely to be between £1500 and £2000. There is a small on-going requirement for electricity to the cabinet and regular maintenance checks are required. In addition the electrodes need to be replaced at a small cost on a regular basis and the battery needs replacement from time to time. It was agreed to invite a representative from Community Heartbeat Trust to give a short presentation regarding costs and operation of the machine and to invite members of the public to attend. There is unlikely to be any funding available from the sources the clerk has investigated, EMAS, iGas Energy & Certas Energy as we do not qualify. However, there may be a small contribution from Community Heartbeat for the defibrillator if it is purchased from them. It was agreed that the clerk should contact Samworths to request funding support. Cllr Howe raised the point that First Aid training for a group of villagers may be equally useful. It was agreed that this will be raised at the next meeting to see if any villagers are willing to volunteer to become first aiders.

SB/AH

11 Seat on the Village Green

- a Cllr Woollin reported that a seat made of recycled plastic would cost approximately £360. It was agreed Cllr Woollin will look at the cost of fixings for the seat and the question of the type of base needed for the seat.

DW

12 BT phone box

- a Cllr Woollin confirmed that the phone box is operational but does not accept coins. It was agreed that as this is not a traditional red style phone box the parish council have no objection if BT wished to remove it.

- 13 Standing Orders  
a These have been reviewed and distributed. It was agreed to adopt the revised Standing Orders. SB

- 14 Accounts  
a The Clerk presented the following accounts for payment;

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount
265	Kirby Bellars Church - donation to mowing	£ 320.00
266	D Overfield - Mowing	£ 35.00
267	LCC - Website support & Mtce	£ 60.00
268	LRALC - Councillors training course	£ 35.00
269	S Booth - Clerks sal & exps jun/july	£ 516.40
270	Thomson Reuters - books	£ 50.00

It was agreed the accounts were correct and the cheques were signed. SB

- b The new Bank Mandate has been submitted to the Bank Of Ireland.

- 14 Correspondence  
a Notice received from the Local Government Boundary Commission regarding the review that is currently being undertaken. Log on to [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk) to review the proposals and made comments. Any comments on the proposals are to be made by 21 July 2015.

- 15 Any Other Business  
a Cllr Batten reported that the Parish of the Upper Wreake is being dissolved and that Kirby Bellars Parish Church will become part of a larger group covering much of east Leicestershire. The group that currently produce the parish magazine would like it to continue, this covers the parishes of Hoby, Rotherby, Brooksby, Frisby and Kirby Bellars, and to extend the magazine to include items from the parish councils to make it a more general newsletter with details of local events and issues. To achieve this some financial

support would be needed from each of the parish councils. It is understood that a letter will be received in due course setting out the proposal and the level of financial support required. This to be an agenda item for the next meeting. SB

- b In the parish council role as first line enforcer the Chair is to investigate a potential breach of planning approval and move to the second stage if breach is evidenced. AS
- c Cllr Howe reported an overgrown footpath from Main Street towards the old Manor and then on in the Melton direction. SB

16 Date and time of Next Meeting

- a The next meeting of the Kirby Bellars Parish Council will be on Thursday 10 September and will commence at 7.30pm.

Signed  
Date

Chairman of Kirby Bellars Parish Council  
September 2015