

Kirby Bellars Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 September 2016 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall.

Present Cllr Smith (Chair), Cllrs. Batten, Howe, Ingham. Woollin
In attendance; Cllr Orson, PCSO Jack Riley, Victoria Clarke and 6
members of the public

Update by PCSO Jack Riley re local thefts

The PCSO reported that Church lead thefts are now being dealt with by Melton police whereas previously it was dealt with at County level. Currently, a suspicious vehicle that has been seen in the Melton area is being investigated. Further information and updates are posted on the Melton Police website.

With regard to local burglaries the police have increased the number of patrols that are regularly being carried out and would ask residents to report any suspicious activity on 101 or if a burglary is actually taking place to use 999.

PCSO Riley agreed to look to get Kirby Bellars scheduled for speed monitoring on the main A607 as soon as possible.

Update provided by Victoria Clarke, MBC re pig farm smells

A nuisance notice, requiring them to abate the nuisance, was served on the pig farm on 16 Sep and 21 days are allowed for appeal. The notice then provides for 90 days for action to be taken by the farm owner. Victoria has observed the pig farm on over 40 occasions to date, has received complaints from 29 different complainants and has completed diary sheets from 12 households. If the owner appeals, then Victoria will be seeking witnesses. Victoria asked that residents continue to maintain their diary sheets noting both times when a smell is present (&its severity) and also noting times when there is no odour.

Update by Owen Davis, Chris Toon & Emily Cattermole (STWA)

None received.

- 1 Apologies - None received.

- 2 Declarations of Interest & Dispensations
Cllr Smith declared an interested in item 9b (funding request from the village hall).

- 3 Minutes of the previous meeting
 - a The minutes of the meeting of the 14 July were approved.

- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
 - a Cllrs Smith & Batten reported back from the Melton & Oakham Waterways Society meeting on 1 Sept. The Society has a 20 year vision but needs to secure considerable funding to move forward.

- 5 Public Participation
 - a Cllr Orson informed that a second draft of the Melton Local Plan is due to be issued in October for comment by the end of December 2016.

- 6 Planning Applications
 - a PA 16/00543/FUL Field OS 0850 Gaddesby Lane, Kirby Bellars
New dwelling.
The Parish Council supports this application as it will allow the owners to be onsite to care for their livestock and thus allow the business to be sustainable.
 - b Land adjacent to 61 Main Road, KB (Eco site on main A607)
This has been rejected by the Planning Inspectorate
 - c Park Farm Cottage - request for initial comments. Applicant to be advised to refer to LCC Highways re access. SB

- 7 STWA & Sewer Smells - Update
 - a Despite repeated requests for an update report, none has been forthcoming in time for the meeting. It was agreed to

ask representatives to attend the next meeting to provide a verbal update and that if progress is not forthcoming the PC should seek further assistance from Alan Duncan MP.SB

- 8 Pig Farm - Update.
 - a It was noted that a second entrance has been made to access the pig farm. The Clerk to follow up on the email from Highways forwarded by Cllr Orson. SB

- 9 Funding Requests
 - a St Peters church has requested assistance towards the costs of maintaining the church grounds. It was agreed to donate £500 (this being the budgeted amount). SB
 - b The village hall committee have requested help with refurbishment works to the kitchen and heating system. The Chair declared an interest in this project and took no further part in any decision. It was agreed in principle to fund up to £3000 (this being the budget amount) to allow the Village Hall Committee to seek further match funding. Invoices must be submitted when the claim is made. SB

- 10 Strategic Growth Plan for Leics
 - a Cllrs had no comment on this.

- 11 Accessibility Policy Review by LCC
 - a Cllrs did not wish to get involved in this project at the present time.

- 12 Parish Council website - Update
 - a The new Parish Council website (www.kirbybellarspc.org.uk) has been live since the middle of August. The new Parish Council email address is now operational; this is clerk@kirbybellarspc.org.uk. The Clerk is claiming additional hours for training and then setting up of the website, this has been funded by the grant received from the Transparency Fund.

- 13 Defibrillator - using the defibrillator session
- a Cllr Smith will set this up. It is likely to be on a Friday evening in November from 6.30 to 7.30pm subject to a facilitator being available. Cllr Smith to let the Clerk know the date asap so that it can be displayed on the Parish Council Website. AS/SB

- 14 Equal Opportunities Policy & Grievance procedure
- a It was agreed to adopt the statement produced by Cllr Ingham which refers to NALC guidance & procedure.

- 15 Accounts & External Audit of 2015/16 Accounts
- a The Clerk presented the following accounts for payment;

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount
306	Grant Thornton - Audit fee	£ 120.00
307	Kirby Bellars Vill Hall- rent	£ 60.00
308	D Overfield - Mowing July & Aug	£ 70.00
309	S Booth - Clerks sal & exps aug/sep	£ 772.05
310	HMRC - Paye due on sal & exps	£ 25.20
311	St Peters Church KB - donation	£ 500.00

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

- b Grant Thornton have accepted the 2015/16 accounts. The Clerk has displayed the statutory notice.

- 16 Correspondence
- a It was agreed the Clerk should submit a response to the LRALC development & Support questionnaire by 7 Oct. SB
- b Superfast Broadband Leics survey (by 2 Oct). No action.
- c Shale Wealth consultation by 26 Oct. No comment.
- d Parish Emergency Planning. LCC rep wants to come to meeting to discuss. Cllrs did not wish to get involved in this project at this time.
- e Questionnaire from MBC re how much people on benefits should pay towards their council tax bill (closed 28 Sep),

this has previously been forwarded to councillors for response before the deadline.

17 Any Other Business

- a Cllr Howe advised that it had been brought to his attention that the storm drain /gully on Main Road (near to Station Lane) is overgrown with grass and needs clearing. The Clerk to report to Highways. SB
- b Cllr Howe reported that the 7 & a half ton restriction sign on Station Lane is missing. Clerk to report to Highways. SB
- c Cllr Howe reported that the footpath on Station Lane to the bus stop is overgrown. The Clerk to report to Highways. SB
- d Cllr Howe reported that a man-hole cover is missing on Main Road in the verge on the Leicester side of station Lane. It has become overgrown with grass and is a health and safety issue. The Clerk to report to Highways. SB
- e The Main Road sign opposite Station Lane is broken and not secure. The Clerk to report to Highways. SB
- f It was noted that a notice has been posted (dated 23 Sept) in the telephone box by BT indicating that they intend to remove the card only handset and the box. 42 days are allowed for objections to be raised.
- g The Clerk reported that David Weston's seat is being taken over by vegetation and needs a clean. Cllr Batten undertook to organise this. AB

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Date and time of Next Meeting

- a The next meeting of the Kirby Bellars Parish Council will be on Thursday 8 December and will commence at 7.30pm.

Signed
Date

Chairman of Kirby Bellars Parish Council
December 2016