

Kirklington Parish Council Meeting

Minutes for Parish Council meeting held on 3rd April 2023 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr Bob Radford (RSR)(Chair), Cllr Martin Smith (MS)(Vice-Chair), Cllr Ian Woolridge (IW), Cllr Andrew Twidale (AT), Cllr Sarah French (SF), Cllr Patrick Mitchell (PM), Cllr Graeme Wheatcroft (GW), Cllr Bruce Laughton, Helen Cowlan (HC)(Clerk)

Public: 2 members representing Rage Against the Incinerator (Bilsthorpe Incinerator)

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Penny Rainbow and Malcolm Brock were not available due to commitments / pre-election period.

2. Declarations of interest

None

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th March 2023 were approved as a true record. Proposed GW, seconded MS.

4. Adjournment for matters to be raised by the public for future consideration, and County/District Councillor items

- *Bilsthorpe Incinerator* – representatives from the group opposing the project proposals gave an overview of the current position and requested help in supporting the objection to proposals when the (anticipated) application is made for the 200,000-tonne capacity incinerator (for non-hazardous waste). Help was also requested in terms of raising awareness. The site was previously approved for a 100,000-tonne gasification incinerator but proposals were shelved. A number of questions and concerns have been raised including:
 - *the Waste Plan states that any new incinerator should provide the community with energy and heat – this has not been included in proposals.*
 - *the Waste Plan clearly states that waste should not be received from out of the county, which conflicts with suggested demand.*
 - *initial calculations suggest 120-125 lorry movements per day onto site which places considerable demand on local road networks – it believed actual numbers could be much higher, and there are additional concerns about routes taken as well as risk of hazardous materials.*
 - *environmental impacts could be seen over a wide area depending how far the wind carries, and deposits, potentially harmful particles (air quality, water flows, food chain).*
 - *procedural concerns / cautions due to the last decisions being made in a ‘closed’ session.**Lack of clarity in terms of what the energy will be used for, or how any by-products will be disposed of.*

BL also outlined information about a previous application using an unproven and untested method. The technology for new proposals is different. It is uncertain where remaining demand will come from (once the County's waste has been processed). Concerns have also been expressed regarding the lack of clarity about what will be burned / processed. It is anticipated that the application will be timed with short notice over Easter / elections period.

The Village Team in Bilsthorpe have skills across a number of areas but any expertise and / or support that can be given would be welcomed to fight the case, especially in terms of legal issues. Fundraising will go ahead in readiness for legal expenses if the application is called in.

- *Devolution* – BL advised that the devolution agreement has been passed and will now go to the Secretary of State and Parliament for voting and ratification. All funding is being provided by Government. It is estimated to have generated an additional funding of approx. £40million already.
- *Eakring Road* – BL has reported poor road quality near National Grid, and will chase issues regarding trees impacting traffic flow / safety near Coultas (especially larger vehicles).
- *Belle Eau Park* – HC provided an update of information received about lorries continuing to be a problem due to them taking an incorrect turn when intended for Lineage site, and damage being caused to property (as well as noise / safety concerns). Concerns raised about lack of interest / engagement from site / uncertainty about meeting operators licence terms. **Action – HC to add to next meeting's agenda for formal discussion and review (23-09).**
- *Funeral* – details were given for Peter Lathrope's funeral, with formal condolences being shared.
- *Road crossing* – IW advised that based upon previous advice from Highways, it was unlikely that any traffic calming measures would be possible on A617. Also, it was understood that there would need to be at least 30m visibility of the crossing which would mean it would have to be placed near the Village Hall, which could conflict with existing junctions. **Action – HC to double check current policy with Highways (JH) (23-08).**

5. **Planning (HC):**

- 23/00145/TWCA WINGS School, Main Street – pruning of trees to enable clearance of guttering etc at Sports Hall. **Outcome – no objection (info only).**
- 23/00455/HOUSE The Court, Southwell Rd – two storey front extension. Conversion of garage and associated alterations. New cladding. **Outcome – although not in traditional keeping with the area, there are at least two other modernised buildings nearby which were approved – decision of 'no objection' unanimously agreed (7 votes).**

It was noted that the NSDC Planning website can be difficult to navigate and use due to connection speeds. Where possible the Clerk will download documents and send by email for future planning applications.

6. **Action points review (all)**

| Number | PC member | Subject | Date Raised | Status |
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| 16-45 | HC | <u>Ivy Farm</u> NCC have advised of plans to improve the area including a concrete apron to divert rainwater to the 'northern' dyke. Action: awaiting info re plans for site. | Nov-16 | ongoing |
| 19-57 | HC | <u>School Playing Field</u> Feedback on the document: clarify if it meant that motor vehicles, rather than 'wheeled' vehicles, should not access to make sure bicycles / pushchairs retain access; politely challenge proposals to charge for use of field as the School isn't charged for use of the Church / Village Hall facilities. Action: HC has contacted Head to see if an agreement can be put in place between School and PC while waiting for response from NCC. | Nov-19 | ongoing |

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| 20-25 | HC | <u>Flooding / drainage projects</u> Gulley cleansing has been carried out along Church Lane but not the main road which will need doing more than annually. Action: HC to establish who is replacing SB as Highways contact and ensure they are updated / liaise with TVIDB. HC to report issues with flooding at the bottom of Hall Lane (PM to get photos). | Oct-20 | ongoing |
| 20-26 | HC/BL | <u>Potholes/road issues</u> The trees at the top of the hill (near Coultas) appear to be causing an issue again as traffic observed to be being forced into the middle of the road. Gullies appear to be clear for now. Action – BL to escalate road surface and overhanging tree issues. | Oct-20 | ongoing |
| 21-22 | HC/PR | <u>National Grid</u> Action - HC to try and contact office of Chairman of National Grid; PR to request a speed check / speedwatch in the area | Sep-21 | ongoing |
| 22-10 | HC | <u>Speeding on Southwell Rd</u> Speed / traffic monitoring checks have been requested for A617 and the Mill end of the Village. Road strips have been in place near Maxey's and near Hexgreave but unsure if this is linked. Action - awaiting updates from NCC | Apr-22 | ongoing |
| 22-12 | HC | <u>Policy Review</u> Action - HC to amend 'last reviewed' dates on policies and ensure up to date on website. | May-22 | ongoing |
| 22-17 | HC | <u>Civility and Respect Project</u> Action - HC to review information, draft a policy to agree at a future meeting. | Sep-22 | ongoing |
| 22-19 | HC | <u>Highways</u> All actions have been completed - no further action | Nov-22 | closed |
| 22-20 | HC | <u>Police surgeries</u> Proposed 10/5 at 7pm to discuss matters including rural crime and speeding. Action - RSR and HC to book bar and Hall | Nov-22 | ongoing |
| 23-04 | HC | <u>The Mill</u> Hedges and Ivy are encroaching (bridge). Opportunity to review signage / road markings in the area. Action - HC to chase site visit (JH). | Feb-23 | ongoing |
| 23-05 | HC | <u>CIL Funding</u> Ideas include village signs or gates at entrance(s); need to review potential 'red tape' e.g. for installation Action - HC to send village consultation and establish potential costs for village signs and installation, including approaching Hockerton. | Feb-23 | ongoing |
| 23-06 | IW | <u>Defib lighting</u> IW has identified that solar lights are a good solution at reasonable cost but will carry out site visit for further review. Action - IW to research options to improve lighting for defib at the school. | Feb-23 | ongoing |
| 23-07 | HC | <u>Elections</u> All actions have been completed - updates to be sent as needed going forward. | Mar-23 | closed |

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| 23-08 | HC | <u>A617 safety</u> Action - HC to contact JH/NCC to establish options for speed / safety on A617 as per minutes. | Mar-23 | ongoing |
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7. **WINGS** (all)

No issues to report.

8. **Financial matters** (IW):

- i) Balances – current account £2542.68, deposit account £7664.98, CIL £13161.50 (all new CIL).
- ii) Clerk payment – payment for March was approved - prop RSR, sec SF.
- iii) Review any payments due – none due.

9. **Traffic Report** (IW)

25/3 Belle Eau Park junction (heading towards Newark), lorry had tipped over on corner (acute turn).

31/3 – lorry jack-knifed near Hexgreave's (heading towards Newark)

There is a new interactive sign outside the Village Hall (temporary).

Action – HC to report pothole near turning for Hexgreave's – left hand side heading towards Mansfield.

10. **Noticeboard** (HC/PM)

PM has kindly volunteered to repair / paint the noticeboard at the Village Hall. It is understood that there is joint ownership between the Parish Council and the Village Hall, and both parties have given permission for works to be completed.

11. **Corkhill Lane Traffic** (HC)

Residents have previously raised concerns about lorries using the road. Squires have confirmed they have permission from Highways to use it and they take the most direct route that avoids residential areas as much as possible. Southwell Road is avoided. Squires' drivers undergo regular training, and lorries are fitted with cameras - they can be contacted with enquiries and questions if needed.

12. **Elections** (HC)

HC gave an overview of the current stage of processes including the fact that there will be a contested election due to there being more candidates than seats for the Parish Council.

13. **Correspondence** (HC)

- i) Easter Church Services – *including St Swithin's 9th April 10.30am*

14. **Date of next meeting** – 22nd May 2023 at 7.00pm (amended date)

Please note earlier start time due to it being the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council Meeting as well as the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

Meeting ended at 20:55