

MONKS KIRBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 8th August 2023. Meeting started 6.30pm.

Attendees: Cllr. Paul Woods (Chair), Cllr. Colin Clarke (Vice Chair), Cllr. John Dalby, Cllr. Barbara Dent, Cllr Louise Partridge, Cllr Bill Woolliscroft, P Clegg (Clerk)

2301 - Apologies and approval - None

2302 - Declarations of Interest with regards to items on the agenda - None

2303 - Public Participation Session (15 minutes).

- Brief discussion on charities within Monks Kirby.

2304 - RB Cllr. Tony Gillias.

- Confirmation of a new 200-acre wetlands parks in Magna Park should be completed next April.

2305 - Approval of Minutes of the Monthly meeting held on 11th July 2023.

- Minutes approved by Councillors.

2306 - Matters Arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2023.

- Agreed by Councillors.

2308 - Finance

- Bank Reconciliation for agreement – Agreed and signed by councilor.
- Norton Anti-Virus renewal (£45.00). Approved by Councillors.

2309 - Monks Kirby Speed Calming

- Action – Clerk to clarify status of project money after completion of road marking/painting.
- Action – Clerk to request speed measuring strips for Monks Kirby from Cllr Warwick.

2310 - Internal Audit Report Recommendations

- Reserves are earmarked – Approved by Councillors.
- Clerk salary does not correspond to NALC pay scales and should also be in the LC2 scale and not LC1 as stated on the contract – Approved by Councillors. Action – Clerk to update Contract.
- Clerks Contract to be signed and reviewed annually – Action Clerk & Cllr Woods to sign new contract.
- A grievance disciplinary procedure is adopted – Action – Clerk to check that this is covered within contract.

2311 - Fishponds

- All equipment checked and all OK.

2312 - MKPC / MKVH

- Awaiting response from VH committee.

2313 - Policies and procedure for review

- Equal Opportunities Policy – Approved by Councillors.
- Diversity Statement – Approved by Councillors.
- Risk Schedule 2023. Action – Clerk to review document and re-issue.

2314 - Bus Service

- Agreed to monitor situation.

2315 - Planning

- R23/0718 – Extension in Stocking Meadow Monks Kirby. Action - Clerk to respond to planning department and confirm that the Council have no objections to the proposal as it is supported under the MK Neighbourhood Plan (under Special Needs).
- R23/0806 - Land and Buildings on the North West Side Of, Brockhurst Lane. Action – Councillors to review document and respond before closing date of application.
- R23/0310 – Land at rear of Cross in Hands Farm – request has been withdrawn.
- R23/0739 Drive Cottage Estate, Extension. Action - Clerk to respond to planning department and confirm that the Council have no objections to the proposal as it stands. Also, to inform them of potential issues from an Ash tree on the property. As it could fall, has power cables running through the branches and a large limb hanging low over the highway.

- R23/0444 Bond End Extension. Action – Councillors to review document and respond before closing date of application.

2316 - Solar Farm Grant

- List of current options
 - Replacement chairs and tables for Village Hall – Awaiting costings from VH Committee.
 - Additional street light in Brockhurst Lane – Awaiting quote.
 - Extra picnic bench in Fishponds play area – Agreed by Councillors not to progress.
 - Village pump – Approved by Councillors to locate on the Millennium green.
 - Village name road sign replaced. Action – Cllr Clarke to investigate possible sign designs and costs. Action – Clerk to investigate option for funding to be from the Magna Park fund.
 - Utilise the old Pub sign. Action – Cllr Clarke to progress.

2317 - Do the council want to use the projector for future meetings

- Approved by Councillors to use when required, such as planning request documents.

2318 – Neighbourhood Watch

- Action – Clerk / Cllr Partridge to share information on membership on Whatsapp and Round the Revel.

2319 – WALC Survey request questionnaire

- Action – Cllr Woods to complete questionnaire.

2320 - Replacement of damaged bins in village

- Agreed to monitor issue

2321 – Main Street flooding issues for discussion

- Action Clerk to request additional drainage solution to cover flooding from either burst pipes or general flooding from both Seven Trent and WCC.

2322 - Round the revel / whatsapp / website / noticeboard

- Action – Cllr Partridge to communicate
 - Neighbourhood watch membership/volunteers.
 - Continuing bus issues
 - The withdrawal of the request to build truck stop at Cross in Hands Farm.

2323 - Parish Information (for information exchange only).

- A large amount of data on Monks Kirby's history has been digitised and could be added to the MK website.
- Sleeper bridge over the stream on the footpath to be checked by Cllr Clarke.

Meeting closed 8.45pm

Next Parish Council Meeting – 12th September at 18:30