

MONKS KIRBY PARISH COUNCIL

No. 1194

Monks Kirby Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th March 2022.

Meeting started at 6.30 p.m.

Attendees: Cllr Woolliscroft (Chair); Cllr Dent (Vice Chair); Cllr Dalby; Cllr Woods; WC Cllr Warwick; RB Cllr Gillias.

Cllr Woods signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, the Pecuniary Interests and Code of Conduct forms to be submitted to the Clerk when completed.

Apologies: Cllr Clarke and Cllr Partridge, The Clerk Mrs. A Higgins

Declarations of Interest with regard to items on the agenda – none declared

Public Participations Session with regard to items on the agenda (15 mins) – none present
WC Cllr Adrian Warwick

Budget.

WCC has set the budget with a 3.75% increase: 2% ringfenced for adult social care and 1.75% general increase

Jubilee tree planting.

To be planted before the end of March to be included in virtual scheme.

Youth Ready Council

21st April annual youth conference encouraging young people to take part in debate on topics which are of interest and concern to them

Autism Strategy for Coventry and Warwickshire

A new 5 year strategy has been approved

Road closures for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations will be free

Warwickshire Alert for Ukraine refugees

Positive response for welcoming refugees

Funds from Magna Park Fund.

Cllr Woolliscroft asked what was happening with the funds received by WCC from Magna Park Fund. A WCC representative had visited the village in July/August 2021, there has not been any further information or responses since that time. Cllr Warwick to remind. Cllr Warwick confirmed that the money was in the pot and WC Cllrs would want to see the money spent wisely.

Gypsy and Travellers

Parish Council written to RBC questioning their document re sites, numbers in August 2021. A response was received on 24th January 2022 saying RBC were taking legal advice and would be responding – nothing has been received. Cllr Warwick suggested it would be good timing to arrange a further Northern Parishes Panel meeting.

RB Cllr Tony Gillias

Planning

There is to be a full Council meeting on 14th March, it will be the first meeting back in the Council Chamber since 22nd February 2020. Weaknesses have been identified in the Planning Dept. More officers have been recruited including two for the Dunchurch Area, a permanent Enforcement Officer and two Land Charges and Searches Officers which should free up more time for the Planning team.

Budget

Budget has been increased by £5.00 p.a. – 8% RBC; 13% Police; 79% WCC..

RBC has received from central government £1m transformation budget and £500,000 climate change budget.

Housing Strategy

RBC are carrying out a housing strategy in order to understand housing need. Cllr Woolliscroft asked if this would feed into Gypsy and Traveller sites, RB Cllr Gillias agreed. Cllr Woolliscroft asked about affordable house and Cllr Gillias agreed RBC should be doing a survey. There should be liaison between RBC and the Parish Council re Housing Needs Survey. RBC has appointed a Neighbourhood Plan co-ordinator.

A5 / Traffic

Traffic problems on the A5 at the Gibbet roundabout were discussed.

Cllrs Warwick and Gillias then left the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2022. Proposed Cllr Dalby, seconded Cllr Dent.

Matters Arising from the approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2022

Public Order Spaces Protection Survey

Concerned with designated open space in the town centre.

Debris

Debris left after a car crash has been collected. Problem to be taken up with the Police who should be issuing the contract and ensuring all the debris is cleared away. Clerk to contact Police and Crime Commissioner.

Action: Clerk to contact Police and Crime Commissioner.

Correspondence – Clerk and Councils Direct – circulated.

Finance

Online payments - Proposed Cllr Dalby, seconded Cllr Dent

Payee	Date	Invoice	Amount
E Hobson: Work on Fishponds Community Park	22/02/22	February	£85.00
Carter Jonas: Fishponds	02/01/22	370317	£50.00
CPRE: Donation – countryside charity	11/02/22	Letter	£36.00
A Higgins: Clerk’s salary Jan 22 – March 22			£590.21
A Higgins: Clerk’s expenses Jan 22 – March 22			£90.43
Yourlocale ITD: Neighbourhood plan – locality funding – evidence gathering, policy writing / np production	01/03/22	YL/MKPC/006	£2,400.00

Action: Clerk to add Cllr Woods as a signatory to both accounts.**Finance – cheque**

Village Hall – rent - £45.50

Signed by Cllr. Dalby and Cllr. Dent.

Finance – for agreement

Subscriptions to WALC £130.00 and NALC £30.00 agreed. Proposed Cllr Woolliscroft seconded Cllr Dalby.

Finance - Bank Reconciliation - Proposed Cllr Woolliscroft seconded Cllr Dent**Finance – Fishponds**

Tree disposal at Fishponds Community Park £45.00 agreed. Proposed Cllr Dalby, seconded Cllr Woods.

Wicksteed – order acknowledgement £9725.84.

Village Hall – Terms of Reference

Chairman explained the current situation regarding renewal of the Village Hall lease which is now complete. The new lease does not acknowledge the Village Hall Committee. Chairman has drafted a suggested terms of reference. The document was discussed and minor amendments made. A revised draft to be written and submitted to the Village Hall Committee for approval.

Action: Clerk to add to April agenda.

Litter Pick – 12th March, meeting 9.30 a.m. oak trees, Main Street.

Footpath and Speed Limit on The Hayes - No action as yet.

Clerk and RFO – contract signing – Clerk to liaise with Mr. Clegg

Planning – R20/0259 – Cross in Hand A5

Application to be discussed at the Planning Committee Meeting on 9th March. Parish Council registered to speak.

Planning – R22/0172 – Spring Farm

Demolition of existing house, construction of a new dwelling including detached garages. The Cllrs had no objection to this application in principle as long as it complies with the policies in place concerning development in the Green Belt.

Action: Clerk to feedback as above.

Planning – G & T Sites/Meeting with Parish Councils

No further action to date. Cllr Woods to contact Planning Inspectorate to check if the appeal has been validated.

Neighbourhood Plan

The environment chapter is now complete. A steering group meeting to be arranged. Suggested April 30th for a public meeting in the Village Hall. Completion now expected to be Spring 2023.

Parish Information (for information exchange only)

Comments received regarding traffic and parking the day of the inter-schools cross country run held in Monks Kirby.

Cllrs decided to write to the Revel School Head explaining the nature of comments received and asking that the School continues to engage with parents.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Chair and send letter to school.

Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.