

MONKS KIRBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd May 2023

Present: Cllrs Woolliscroft, Barbara Dent, Paul Woods, John Dalby. Clerk Pete Clegg

Apologies: Cllrs Louise Partridge, Colin Clarke.

Cllr Woods opened the meeting by welcoming everybody and explained the format of the meeting.

Church Bells

- A concern was raised that the church bells could be stopping. The Councillors confirmed that they were not aware and had not been informed of any plans for this.

Road condition

- A worry was raised about the poor quality of the roads, in particular along stretches of the road between Monks Kirby and Street Ashton (the Hayes).
- It was also highlighted about the safety of the footpath around St Edith's Church, not being level. The Councillors confirmed they were aware of the issues together with WCC.

Bus Reliability

- The current unreliability of the bus service was raised at the meeting. In particular;
 - Punctuality of the buses.
 - Buses not arriving as per the timetable, causing huge issues to passengers. Causes discussed for this were:
 - Labour shortages (reason given by Bus company).
 - Driver deciding not to go to Monks Kirby (witnessed by residents).
 - Councillors indicated that they were aware of the issues and have followed up by email to the bus company with a response awaited.
- Street Ashton residents highlighted that the bus does not always stop at Street Ashton and suggested that a bus stop be formally created. Reference was made to the fact that a recent Council report relating to a planning application referred to a bus stop being in place at Street Ashton. services The Councillors requested copy of planning application report from the residents.
- A suggestion was made for the possibility of a bus tracking screen to be located at the bus stop in Monks Kirby.

Street Ashton Traffic

- Concerns were raised about increased traffic flow through Street Ashton, including HGVs driving through the village. It was noted that Pailton PC had reported issues regarding HGV traffic to companies in Magna Park with some success and that the issue would be raised at the next Magna Park meeting.

- One of the residents in Street Ashton raised a concern about visibility and the speed of traffic when exiting their property onto the B4112. The resident suggested that a 'Hidden Drive' sign would assist – resident to forward details of their property and suggested location for sign onto the Parish Council.

Solar Farm Money

- Below is a list of possible options raised at the meeting
 - Replacement tables and chairs for the Village Hall
 - Additional street light in Brockhurst Lane.
 - Additional picnic bench in Fish Ponds playground.
 - Seating bench by Chapel.
 - Village pump to be located on green (Only cost would be the foundations to mount the pump). Location preferred was the green in front of the pub.

Butchers Shop:

- Worries were raised on development of the Old Butchers Shop.
 - It was confirmed that there were currently no planning applications in progress and that the recent works to connect a water supply did not require planning permission.

Denbigh Arms

- The possible closure of the pub was a concern to all at the meeting.

Road Junction

- Safety worries were raised on the junction at Street Ashton.
 - The Councillors noted but indicated that realistically they do not see development by WCC due to the high cost and limited highways budget.

There being no further business meeting closed 08:30pm.