

MONKS KIRBY PARISH COUNCIL

No. 1123

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 18th February 2021.

Meeting started 7.30pm

Attendees: Cllr. Washington (Chair), Cllr. Wright, Cllr. Payne, Cllr. Dalby, A Higgins (Clerk), Cllr. Partridge, RB Cllr. T Gillias, WC Cllr. A Warwick.

Apologies: Cllr. B Woolliscroft

Declarations of Interest with regards to items on the agenda.

Nil

Public Participation Session with regards to items on the agenda (15 minutes).

WC Cllr Adrian Warwick.

Warwickshire County Council have set their budget - a 2.99% incr this year (£47 for a band 'e' property).

Warwickshire Recovery Fund is supporting businesses and saving approx 4,000 jobs that would otherwise be lost.

Warwickshire County Council are rationalising their estates - the working environment is changing due to the number of people working from home. Flexible working has been proved to work. This is an opportunity to sell some properties and work with developers.

RB Cllr. Tony Gillias.

Council Meeting Tuesday 2 Feb.

Housing dept facts & figures

Council house rents.

Up by £1.45 per week. This is in-line with government guidance and follows four years of rent reductions. The average weekly rent for a council house is £86.59.

Right to buy policy.

13 properties were sold in Rugby last year. The council has acquired 32 homes with a further 5 new homes due to be acquired soon.

Old bell house.

Lawford Rd - this is being redeveloped and will be turned into 18 apartments.

Island at Junction of Lawson Road / Addison Road.

This land has been sold to the County Council and Rugby Borough Council have agreed to spend this money on improving this junction.

Grant - Homes of England.

Rugby Borough Council has received a grant from homes england of almost £700,000. New builders to be installed in 610 properties + new bathrooms

High Rise Flats (Biert Place)

Residents have been moved and flats have been demolished.

Coronavirus.

Test & Trace Support Scheme.

Rugby Borough Council received 743 applications for the test & trace support scheme. 145 payments have been made.

Shielding Hub.

Delivered 1,687 emergency food parcels to vulnerable people.

A5 Committee.

RB Cllr. Gillias confirmed he had attended a recent meeting.

This meeting highlighted the need to upgrade the junction with the A5 / A426 Gibbet Hill. The dual carriageway at the edge of Wibtoft was also mentioned.

The A5 is critically important as it feeds the motorway network and avoids traffic going through villages.

A representative from Highways England attended this meeting and RB Cllr. queried why no response had been received by Highways England to Magna Park meetings. The representative committed to attending the next meeting which will be in March / April.

Planning

R20/1062. Land at Fosse Way / Top of Millers Lane.

Planning Services have formed a working party and they are producing a development plan for Gypsy and Traveller sites - now on agenda - next meeting to be held in the 2nd week of march.

RB Cllr. Confirmed that the last date for feedback to Planning Officers is Wednesday 17th march. The Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 31st March. Cllr. Washington asked RB Cllr. Gillias for his response to Rugby Borough Council's response to the letter from Monks Kirby Parish Council. RB Cllr. suspected that the planning policy had been interpreted incorrectly.

RB Cllr. Gillias stressed that Enforcement Officers need to act quickly in instances of continued work being carried out.

Cllr. Dalby queried if utility companies would have to apply for permission before installing services. RB Cllr. confirmed that utility services can be applied for wherever / by whoever and no permission is needed.

Cllr. Payne confirmed that Severn Trent has a process to go through including completion of forms.

Council discussed but were unsure if water services were existing on-site from the previous owner.

Service Station A5.

No news / feedback from officer. RB Cllr. confirmed he is continuing to liaise with the Planning Officer.

Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2021.

Proposed - Cllr. Wright, seconded - Cllr. Dalby.

Matters Arising from the approval of Minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2021.

Rugby Borough Council App	Clerk - Share details on whatsapp group and website	Completed
Coronavirus vaccination transport assistance / volunteering	Clerk - put on website	Completed
(From Dec 2020 meeting) Highways England - Cllr. Woolliscroft awaiting call from WCC		Ongoing
Litter pick. Clerk confirm date with RBC / publicise on website, noticeboard and whatsapp group	Clerk - emailed RBC 26/01/2021	Ongoing
MKPC Meeting dates 2021. Share dates on parish council website	Clerk	Completed
Planning 20/02075/OUT H District Council	Confirm that MKPC supports this application	26/01/2021 Completed
Planning R20/0259 Land Adj to Lutterworth Rd	Confirm that MKPC objects to this application and supports the above as M Park is a better site	26/01/2021 Completed

Matters Arising Cont.

Planning R20/1062 Land at top of Millers La. / Fosseway.	1. Cllr. Washington to contact Head of Development Strategy re their statement & object 2. Clerk to ask C Davies to supply Planning Committee Report asap 3. Clerk to register MKPC to attend & speak at Planning Committee 03/03/2021. Nominated spkr Cllr. Washington 4. Cllr. Woolliscroft to circulate drainage response to all cllrs. RB Cllr. to confirm when responses have to be in by	1. Completed - update at February meeting 2. Completed. 3. Completed 4. Completed
Risk Assessment	Cllr. Washington / clerk to review and update.Report back at February meeting	Completed. Renewal due June 2021
Public Access to contact details for council	Review at April meeting - clerk add to agenda	Completed / ongoing.
Wooden Bollards - some missing	Clerk to contact Craig Thompson	Craig to visit site 25/01 and report back. 16/02/21 clerk emailed wcc contact. Update - craig ordered 5 more - should be completed by April 2021.

Correspondence.

Nil

Finance.**Finance report from clerk.****Payments for approval.**

Proposed - Cllr. Dalby, seconded Cllr. Payne.

Payee	Date	Invoice	Amount
YOURLOCALE LTD Neighbourhood Plan (payment agreed in January, recorded officially in minutes of February meeting)	11/12/20	YL/MKPC/001	£4,200.00
Louise Partridge Combination padlock for Fishponds Community Park	10/01/2021		£22.99
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd Supply & install play equipment	22/01/21	0000812655	£20,925.72

Lutterworth Area Community Projects Limited**Speed Detection Signs.**

Ongoing.

Action: Clerk add to April agenda.

Village Hall Committee Update.

Lutterworth Area Community Projects have asked for a further two estimates for comparison. Ongoing.

Neighbourhood Plan.

Progress is being made on the questionnaire. Ongoing

Litter Pick.

Ongoing. Decision to be made in early March to see if the event can go-ahead?

Planning.

R20/1062 Land at top of Millers La / Fosse Way.

Planning Committee Meeting has been confirmed for Wednesday 31st March 2021. Councillors discussed the letter received from Mark Pawsey MP as well as the Ministerial note from the Rt Hon Christopher Pincher MP.

Action: Cllr. Washington to draft a reply to Mark thanking him for his efforts.

A Zoom meeting was held on Monday to discuss the response from Rugby Borough Council. Agreement was obtained from this meeting to write back to Chris Davies cc Planning Policy officials and include the ministerial briefing note - before Wednesday 17th March. This document to be circulated to Planning Committee members a few days before the Committee meeting on 31st March, so that Officers are fully informed.

Action: Cllr. Washington and Cllr. Woolliscroft to produce the above letter and send.

Action: Cllr. Washington to circulate documents concerning approved pitches / unapproved pitches in Rugby.

R20/0582 Stave Hall Farm, Fosse Way.

Appeal under Section 174.

Action: Clerk to re-submit Council's original response to Chris Davies.

Hedges.

Nil.

Fishponds.

Invoice received from Wicksteed (above under finances). VAT to be claimed back in March.

£2,500 donation has been received from the Lady Mary fund.

Council discussed and agreed to clear the loan to the fundraising group of £1,000 and bank the remaining donation. This puts the Council in a good position when applying for further grants as they often request a % of money be supplied by the applicant.

Approximate cost for the remaining equipment to be purchased and installed is approximately £10,000 - £12,000.

Action: Cllr. Partridge to write to villager handling the contribution from the Lady Mary fund and thank them for their contribution. Council agreed to request these funds now.

Winter Working Party.

Action: Cllr. Partridge to circulate a note on this to raise interest - this event to be held end March.

Quote from Bear Woodcraft was authorised at last meeting. Work not yet completed - ongoing.

Street Lighting.

Faulty light corner of Main St. / Brockhurst Rd.

Cllr. Partridge confirmed that the e.on engineer visited yesterday on Tuesday but was unable to get the light to work. The engineer returned to site on Wednesday and replaced the faulty light with a brand new light.

Severn Trent - Road from Bell Lane.

Broken concrete.

This issue has been passed on to the relevant department and they have confirmed they will return to site and rectify the broken concrete etc. Ongoing.

Trees.

Nil.

Election May 2021.

Notice of the Parish Council Election will be issued on Friday 19th March.

Action: Clerk to put this on the Council's website / noticeboard / whatsapp group.

Deadline for applications - Thursday 8th April.

Monthly Monks Kirby Meeting will be held the following week - Thursday 15th April.

Applications to be sent direct to Rugby Borough Council.

Further guidance will be issued from the Government next week.

Parish Meeting / Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Parish Council Elections.

Thursday 6th May.

Annual Council Meeting / Monthly Parish Council Meeting.

Thursday 13th May.

Annual Meeting of the Parish (Parishioners Invited).

Thursday 27th May.

Action: Clerk to set meeting dates and send invitations. To publicise dates on website / noticeboard / whatsapp group.

Census 2021.

Action: Clerk to circulate posters etc. to website /noticeboard / whatsapp

Items for Round the Revel.

Elections & applications & deadline of 8th April.

Annual meeting of the Parish - Parishioners invited - Thursday 27th May.

Items for the Website.

As above

Parish Information (for information exchange only).

Bridge on shortcut sandy la. / kirby la. No response.

Action: Clerk to chase

Weeds along church wall & kerbside - authorise regular contractor?

Action: Clerk to put on agenda for March meeting - Council to discuss & agree action.

Defibrillator pads

Action: Clerk to order adult pads - cost of £45 + VAT agreed by Council.

Childrens Pads.

Action: Cllr. Washington to talk to the Ambulance Service for their advice.

Action: Clerk to put on agenda for March meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.