

MONKS KIRBY PARISH MEETING

DRAFT No. 59

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2022.

Present: Cllrs. Woolliscroft (Chair), Dent (Vice Chair), Dalby, Clarke, Woods, A Higgins (Clerk), WC. Cllr. Warwick

Apologies: Cllr. Partridge, RB. Cllr. Gillias.

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

WC. Cllr. Warwick

WC. Cllr. Warwick extended thanks to Warwickshire Fire & Rescue service for the work they did during Covid, taking on extra roles.

During this period of recovery from Covid WC. Cllr. Warwick confirmed that he could only raise the precept by 2.99%.

The adult social care budget is accelerating.

Warwickshire Recovery Investment Fund – there is £140m available to invest in local businesses & organisations.

Estate management – if Warwickshire County Council has property not used they are considering options - could it be leased or developed? The aim of this is to supplement Warwickshire County Council's income.

Magna Park – new leases prohibit vehicles from Magna Park using nearby villages.

WC. Cllr. Warwick confirmed the grant pot is now open for community projects.

Cllr. Woolliscroft expressed thanks to WC. Cllr Warwick and RB Cllr. Gillias for their support, for attending Parish Council meetings, giving support & feeding back to their respective councils.

Speed Signs.

These signs light up and show the speed. What is the progress?

WC. Cllr. Warwick confirmed that these signs have been approved and Warwickshire County Council are awaiting delivery. WC. Cllr. Warwick to feedback to the Parish Council with an update, this will then be shared with the community. This information to include number of signs and location.

A resident asked if data from the signs could be downloaded? WC. Cllr. Warwick confirmed that this data is available already through the use of Sat Nav, mobile phones etc. Speed reports are available based on this data.

Bin collections.

Current industrial action - in negotiation. There is a nationally set pay scale that cannot be negotiated locally. Negotiation with the relevant teams is ongoing.

Black bins – collection of should continue – residents urged to continue to make bins visible.

Green bins – additional collections will be made at the end of year for those collections that were missed.

Blue bins – currently there is no scheme in place to support collection.

Presently there are 3-5 crews coming out to collect rubbish, from Rugby.

People are also able to take things to the tip – booking is currently required.

A resident requested that booking should now be unnecessary – WC. Cllr Warwick to feed this back.

The strike at present is predicted to continue until 15 June.

Smite close – road surface.

A resident complained that the road surface is badly damaged and that when Brockhurst Lane was resurfaced this wasn't as bad as Smite Close.

Smite Close has been patched but the surface has been torn up by school traffic turning around.

The resident asked if there is a scheduled for repairs? How often should it be repaired? Who can it be raised with?

Cllr. Woolliscroft confirmed the Parish Council were not aware of any impending works or a rotating schedule of a fixed period of time for repairs.

Cllr. Dent to contact the relevant person at Warwickshire County Council to discuss and feedback to the Parish Council and residents.

School - Concern about proposals for a security and perimeter fence.

A resident had heard that there are different types of fencing being considered, these options are very different to the current wooden fence.

There are a number of people who are close neighbours who are also concerned.

These close neighbours have gardens with views over arable land and the school fields so any change in fencing would have a direct affect.

The resident also raised concern that this would dramatically change the frontage of the school and the school gate.

The resident confirmed they had exchanged some correspondence with the Head of the School.

Would the type of fencing used at Wolvey school be indicative of the proposals?

Wolvey School has a 1.7m high fence.

What steps do the school have to take to progress with any plan?

The resident commented that the School appears to be reluctant to speak to residents directly – and wants to communicate through the Parish Council

The resident said that they feel that the School, as neighbours of several households, should have an open conversation with these households as part of the community.

The resident said the School reported that this work might have to take place over two years, so this must be a costly project.

The resident asked what has prompted this? If a Risk Assessment was completed, it would be beneficial for this to be shared.

The resident also confirmed they had received conflicting advice about whether planning advice would be needed?

Cllr. Garcia has confirmed that she is supportive of Residents concerns.

The resident asked how to ensure that the school has a broader responsibility and engages with the community, not just the Parish Council?

Cllr. Woolliscroft confirmed that he was already in communications with the Educational Trust and he shares the above concerns.

Cllr. Woolliscroft has exchanged emails with Andrew Edwards (Executive Headteacher) and that a meeting is planned for Tuesday 24th May. This meeting to include RB. Cllr. Gillias and the Revel School.

Cllr. Woolliscroft confirmed he would relay all discussions from tonight to this meeting and feedback to the residents.

Cllr. Woolliscroft confirmed there are currently no formal proposals.

Cllr. Woods confirmed that under Permitted Development Rights the School is able to do certain things without planning approval. Fences come under 'Minor Operations' and the School could install a fence upto 2m high.

A question was raised about who is responsible for the fences to the rear of neighbours properties – residents / school? To be confirmed.

Cllr. Woolliscroft confirmed that there is a real positive here in that communication is already ongoing, with a meeting planned for Tuesday 24th May. Results of this meeting will be feedback to the community.

The fence must be suitable for the conservation area and the village.

Neighbourhood Plan - Concern over green areas disappearing.

A resident had read the Neighbourhood Plan and was concerned that it mentioned support for building to take place in the Greenbelt, under certain circumstances.

Cllr. Woolliscroft confirmed that this would be dependent upon a proven need as per a Housing need survey, carried out by a Housing Association. The discussion within the housing group of the Neighbourhood Plan considered that the Parish Council would be prepared to consider affordable housing, outside the Village boundary, on an exception site, against a proven need. The Parish Council would have to consider this if a need was identified. No plans are in place to build affordable housing or carry out a survey at the moment.

Cllr. Woods – This would have to be shown to be an exception site outside the boundary. The National Planning Policy refers to rural exception sites.

Cllr. Woolliscroft confirmed that if the Parish Council received feedback that there was a need, they would carry out a housing needs survey – this would inform as to whether there was a need and would be the first stage. This would be carried out at the behest of the Parish Council by a Housing Association. The Parish Council would be presented with results of this survey.

Cllr. Woods – There is an opportunity now to review and comment on the draft neighbourhood plan – on the Parish Council website

(<https://www.monkskirby.org.uk>) - this will inform the next stage of the process.

A resident asked if affordable housing makes up a portion of planned housing?

Cllr. Woods confirmed that Market Housing Schemes are ordinarily required to provide a certain percentage of affordable housing. In this instance it wouldn't be a market led scheme but would need to meet the criteria.

Land at top of Millers Lane / Fosse Way .

Cllr. Woolliscroft confirmed this application went to the Planning Committee and was turned down. The applicants appealed in July 2021. This is currently ongoing. There is a timescale set within which the appeal must take place – this does not start until a start letter is issued, by the Planning Inspectorate – this has not yet been issued.

The delay is likely due to a resource issue.

Cllr. Woods confirmed that as soon as the Parish Council has further news they will share this with the community.

A resident thanked the Parish Council and the Chair for their efforts.

Sandy Lane.

A resident commented about agricultural vehicles using Sandy Lane and causing damage to the verges, this being especially a problem in wet conditions. Could the owners of these vehicles contribute to the upkeep of the road?

Cllr. Woolliscroft confirmed that Sandy Lane is much busier than it used to be, due to the one-way system. The Parish Council have pointed out to Warwickshire County Council that this is happening and discussions regarding maintenance and upkeep are ongoing.

Cllr. Dent to add this to the list of items to be discussed with her contact at Warwickshire County Council.

Cllr. Woolliscroft thanked everyone for attending.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.