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Minutes of a meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held remotely via Zoom on Monday 21 December 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors J Cossins (joined the meeting at 7.20pm), J Coughlan, C Dowie, N Holroyd (Chair), T Shipley, and J Wells.

Also present: County Councillor V Arnold, District Cllr T Riby and 1 member of the public.

Councillor Holroyd welcomed all present. All participants were asked to mute themselves unless participating in discussion. In accordance with standing Order 1.o, to ensure business continuity should there be any issues with connectivity and the Chair (Cllr Holroyd) is unable to participate then Chairing of the meeting will fall to Cllr Coughlan as Vice-Chair.

20141 Apologies for absence

- a. Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting were **received** from Cllr Brown.
- b. Reasons given for absence by Cllr Brown were **approved**.

20142 There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

20143 Minutes and Matters Arising

- a. The draft minutes of the Meeting held on 16 November 2020 were **received** and **approved**.
- b. There were no matters arising

20144 Public Session - to allow members of the public to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any items of business

The member of the public wished to make representation in respect of agenda item 11. e, Proposed development of Sylatech and associated land at West Lund Lane. Cllr Holroyd proposed that the order of the agenda be revised to consider this as the next item of business and invited the member of the public to participate in discussion of this matter. **Agreed**

A letter had been received by the Chair in advance of the meeting from the member of the public expressing concerns about the proposed development. The Chair advised him to send his letter to the company carrying out the consultation on the proposed development.

20145 Planning – Agenda item 11.e. Proposed development of Sylatech and associated land at West Lund Lane

- I. The Public Consultation document was **received**.
- II. Correspondence received in response to the consultation was **noted**.

A summary of concerns by members of the public was recorded as follows:

Not in line with Ryedale Plan: The Ryedale Plan identifies the land east of West Lund Lane for expansion of existing industry only. There is no allocation of land for residential development at this location and the strip of land west of Ings Lane and north of Gawtersike Lane is outside of the development limit.

Timing and scope of the consultation: The consultation document has been circulated to a limited number of Kirkbymoorside residents and the consultation period is only three weeks over the Christmas period with a deadline of 2 January 2021 for responses.

Insufficient infrastructure to support a further expansion to the local population: There is concern that the local services particularly the Doctors Surgery, Dental Surgery and Primary School and the nearest secondary school will not be able to cope as they are already at capacity. The absence of banks in Kirkbymoorside means that the Post Office is the only banking facility.

Traffic concerns:

- i. Extra traffic will increase pollution, congestion and intensify the demand for parking spaces which is already insufficient in the town.
- ii. There will be a significant increase in traffic movement on West Lund Lane which is not designed to facilitate the access of heavy levels of traffic and commercial HGV vehicles particularly as the road has a bottle neck at the bridge.
- iii. Increased congestion of vehicles joining the A170
- iv. Increased congestion at the A170 roundabout with the ingress and egress of commercial vehicles from Ings Lane
- v. Obstructions caused by additional vehicles parking on the road in West Lund Lane due to inadequate parking.
- vi. Impact that additional traffic on West Lund Lane would have on the recreational value of this lane which is enjoyed as a quiet and safe space for exercise. The route linking West Lund Lane, Gawtersike Lane and Ings Lane offers easy access to country walks and valuable open space for nearby residents, which would be detrimentally impacted by the development.

Environmental impact:

A Ryedale District Council local background paper from 2017 states that the current Sylatech site (454) "has a presence of Great Crested Newts" which were identified within 100m of the proposed residential development. Owls, bats and other birds of prey are often spotted around the site and their habitat would be affected.

The proposal indicates there will be a tree line removed where the under-ground power lines will be placed. Removal will result in a loss of habitat for wildlife and an increase in noise and visibility of the industrial facility to the neighbouring houses.

Ings (Ings Lane) means marshland or water meadow. The field and gardens in the area can suffer from a lot of standing water especially in the winter months. Development and the associated increase of impermeable ground surface area will exacerbate this issue.

Residential issues:

There is no need for additional residential development in Kirkbymoorside particularly as there are already three sites within the town that are either in the process of development or earmarked for development: Manor Woods, Land of Westfields 225 dwellings comprising, 44 no. 4 bedroom, 119 no. 3 bedroom and 51 no. 2 bedroom dwellings and 20 no. 1 bedroom; Wainds Field 32 dwellings comprising 2no. two bedroom dwellings, 12no. 3 bedroom dwellings and 18no. four bedroom dwellings; Land off Swineheard Lane is earmarked for residential development (number of houses to be confirmed, approx. 30 – 45).

There are security and privacy concerns for the properties immediately adjacent to the proposed public footpath.

Whilst residents are concerned about the residential development support is made for expansion of Sylatech with the offer of additional employment opportunities. However there is concern that Phase 3 of the proposed expansion will result in an increase in air and noise pollution that will be to the detriment on the environment and might affect the property values neighbouring properties.

Cllr Cossins joined the meeting at 7.20pm.

20146 Discussions with Town, District and County Councillors in respect of questions already posed, and any new matters

District Cllr Riby was pleased to note that a grant had been awarded for Footpaths for all.

County Cllr Arnold said that documents regarding the future of local councils in North Yorkshire have been submitted to the government by NYCC. Copies are on the NYCC website. The county council is now working on the budget. She also drew attention to the work done by NYCC regarding Covid 19 and staying safe.

Cllr Wells asked County Cllr Arnold what measures are being taken now that schools have been informed they must carry out Covid testing in January. County Cllr Arnold stated she had no information about that but would find out. Cllr Dowie said that Loughborough University was offering free online training to any school in the country.

20147 Financial matters:

- a. Accounts paid since the last meeting of the Council were **reported** and payments **approved** according to the list provided.
- b. The Financial Summary to 30 November 2020 was **received**.
- c. The increase of 1.5% to the YLCA subscription fee for 2021/22, currently £745 per annum (calculation made per elector) was **noted**.

20148 The application by Kirkbymoorside Tennis Club for the allocation of £1000 from code 30 towards the cost associated with the purchase and installation of wash facilities at the tennis courts, pursuant to Minute 19094c.iv) was **agreed** subject to removal of gender differentiation in the Constitution.

20149 Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund

- a. The Grant Agreement in respect of £20,000 to be awarded to Kirkbymoorside Town Council in partnership with Ryedale Cycle Forum was **received**.
- b. Correspondence from Ryedale Cycle Forum acknowledging the terms of the Grant Agreement was **received**.
- c. It was **agreed** to support Ryedale Cycle Forum's request for design costs from GGP Consulting Engineers.
- d. The Grant Agreement in respect of £20,000 to be awarded to Kirkbymoorside Town Council in partnership with Ryedale Cycle Forum was **approved**.

20150 Kirkbymoorside Tree Conservation

- a. It was **noted** that the Ancient Ash in Manor Vale wood has been submitted as a 'Remarkable Tree' to the Tree Council
- b. It was **noted** that the Ancient Ash in Manor Vale wood is already registered on the Woodland Trust 'Ancient Tree Inventory'
- c. Information regarding suitable locations within the parish for the planting of more trees was **received**.
- d. It was **agreed** to plant trees of suitable species and established maturity to replace any felled trees.

District Cllr Riby asked the Town Council to support his project to have 3 trees planted in the Town Farm Car Park. **Agreed**

20151 Moorside Room

- a. Use of the Moorside Room for administration of the COVID-19 vaccination, at no charge, should the venue satisfy the programme requirements, was **agreed**.
- b. It was **agreed** to waive the hire fee of £60 for the event held on 5 December in order that the participants may donate this amount to MacMillan Nurses together with 10% of the profits from the event.

20152 Planning

- a. The response from the Health and Safety Executive pursuant to concerns raised about activities at the Old Highways Depot Manor Vale Lane Kirkbymoorside YO62 6EG was **noted**.
- b. The following Planning applications were reviewed:
 - I. 20/01139/COND Discharge of conditions 06, 07, 09, 10 and 11 of planning approval 19/01405/GPAGB | Change of use of agricultural buildings to form 1no. 4 bedroom dwelling (Use Class C3). | Bowforth Farm Back Lane Welburn Kirkbymoorside North Yorkshire YO62 6HJ (dated 24.03.2020). No observations recorded.
 - II. 20/01135/TPO | Removal of T10 - Scots Pine and removal of T11 - Scots Pine of TPO 277/2001 | Land Off West Lund West Lund Kirkbymoorside North Yorkshire

Cllr Shipley commented that Little Owls roost in the tree and proposed the recommendation that a native tree is planted there as a replacement. **Agreed**
 - III. 20/01155/FUL | Erection of general purpose storage building | Field 1173 Keldholme York. No observations recorded.
- c. Withdrawal of planning application 20/00946/FUL | Change of use, conversion and alterations to stables to form 1no. four bedroom dwelling with associated parking and landscaping | Land At OS Field 04201 Village Street Keldholme Kirkbymoorside North Yorkshire was **noted**.
- d. Approval of planning application 20/00927/HOUSE | Erection of timber framed car port | Garth Corner Vivers Place Kirkbymoorside YO62 6EA was **noted**.

20152 Kirkbymoorside Community Fridge

- a. It was **noted** that the Community Fridge was officially opened by the Town Mayor on Wednesday 25 November 2020 and agreed to congratulate all parties involved.
- b. The purchase of a freezer to extend the scope of foods available was **considered**. Members of the Kirkby Community Fridge committee met recently and had decided a freezer is not needed at this time. County Cllr Arnold asked to be kept informed about the Community Fridge, as she would like to help the project.

20153 The quotation for sharpening the cutting units of the gang mower, in accordance with minute 17081 dated 18 September 2017 was **agreed**.

20154 It was **agreed** to delegate authority to the Town Clerk to liaise with suitably qualified professionals in order to draft a plan for management of the vegetation at the weir, Keldholme.

20155 Information on Ryedale District Council's management of the Reopening High Streets Safely Fund was **received**.

20156 North Yorkshire County Council's consultation with residents in respect of the annual budget, council tax for the next year and longer term plans and priorities, closing date 11 January 2021, was **noted**.

Since the date of issue of the agenda information has been received of the North Yorkshire Police Fire and Crime Commissioner's Precept consultation 2021 /2022. Julia Mulligan is asking North Yorkshire residents how much they are willing to pay in their council tax bill for North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. The survey began on 16 December 2020 and is open until midnight on Wednesday 13 January 2021. All details have been posted on the Town Council website and notice board.

20157 Additional information in respect of the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower lanyard scheme was **received**.

20158 Christmas

- a. Receipt of £70 from the Christmas tree scheme was **noted** and thanks to all participants recorded.
- b. The winners of the 2020 Best Christmas Window Display as nominated by members of the public were offered congratulations: 1st Place 'Something Special', 5 Market Place and 2nd Place 'Bella Bambino' 4 West End

- c. It was noted that all Christmas trees will be collected from Market Place on Sunday 10 January and recycled by Holt Farms at no charge.

Cllr Dowie asked if this was limited to trees on the brackets in the town or if any household could leave their Christmas tree for recycling.

20159 Community Award

- a. It was **agreed** to invite nominations for the Community Award.
- b. The closing date of 31 January 2021 for nominations was **noted**.

20160 Town Mayor's Report

The Town Mayor's only engagement since the last meeting was the official opening of the Kirkby Community Fridge at the Methodist Hall on Wednesday 25 November 2020.

- 20161** There were no reports from Members representing the Town Council at meetings of outside bodies and on delegated matters.

20162 Questions to the Chair

Cllr Shipley commented on the damage at the skate park. He had removed alcohol bottles and litter recently. The adjacent field has a culvert, which is blocked with rubbish causing water to flow into the skate park. Could the owner of the field be asked to clear it?

Additionally it was commented that the grass at Ryedale View play area is very long and needs cutting.

In view of the recent damage at the Old Road play area Cllr Dowie asked if the Town Clerk could write to the Police to request more frequent visits to the play areas. **Agreed.**

It was agreed to have an agenda item for the January meeting to discuss the play areas and skate park.

- 20163** It was **noted** that the date of the next meeting will be on Monday 18 January 2021 at 7pm to be held remotely via Zoom.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 pm