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Minutes of a meeting of the Kirkbymoorside Town Council held remotely via Zoom on Monday 18 January 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors J Cossins, C Dowie, N Holroyd (Chair), T Shipley, and J Wells.

Also present: District Cllr T Riby and Town Clerk L Bolland.

Councillor Holroyd welcomed all present. All participants were asked to mute themselves unless participating in discussion. To ensure business continuity should there be any issues with connectivity and the Chair (Cllr Holroyd) is unable to participate then councillors appointed Cllr Wells to Chair the meeting.

20164 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**.

20165 There were no Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.

20166 Minutes and Matters Arising

- a. The draft minutes of the Meeting held on 21 December 2020 were **received** and **approved**.
- b. Matters arising.

Pursuant to concerns about the condition of the ditch along the eastern boundary of Old Road play area the Town Clerk has liaised with the Estate Manager for Ravenswick Hall and assurance has been provided that dredging of the ditch will be incorporated into the estate management schedule. The land management schedule will also include works to Kildare wood following a tree safety assessment and maintenance of the public footpaths that pass through the estate.

20167 Public Session - to allow members of the public to make representations, ask questions and give evidence in respect of any items of business

There were no members of the public present.

20168 Discussions with Town, District and County Councillors in respect of questions already posed, and any new matters.

None.

District Cllr Riby explained that he had felt it necessary to report the behaviour of a member of the public at Old Road play area to the police via 101.

20169 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 31 December 2020 was **received**.
- c. Payment of £176.01 to Scarborough and Ryedale Carers Resource from the remaining funds (£685.78) held for the Kirkby Community Fridge was **authorised**.
- d. It was **noted** that there is no change to the cost of the Scribe annual subscription plan from 1 March 2021 which will remain at £39 per month (paid annually).

20170 Planning

a. The following planning applications were reviewed:

- I. 20/01186/73M | Variation of condition 02 of planning approval 18/01313/MFUL dated 29.05.2020 - amendment to elevations to reflect variations in ground level | Land To North Of Wainds Field Kirkbymoorside YO62 6JG

The clerk confirmed that the variation related to alteration of the footpaths to 1.8m and addition of a tactile crossing. Cllr Shipley expressed concern about modifications to the footpath affecting access from Westfields/West End. The clerk confirmed that the plan shows access via a footpath leading from Neville's Walk through the estate to Feversham Drive (ingress/egress beside at the south eastern boundary of 16 Feversham Drive) and another branch of the footpath leads north through to Westfields/West End passing behind 26 Feversham Drive.

No observations recorded.

- II. 20/01203/HOUSE | Erection of a part two storey/part single storey side and rear extension following demolition of existing garage and erection of extension to front porch to enclose it | The Lodge Village Street Keldholme Kirkbymoorside North Yorkshire YO62 6LZ **No observations recorded.**
- III. 20/01231/73 | Variation of condition 01 of planning approval 19/01405/GPAGB dated 24.03.2020 to allow design and internal layout alterations | Bowforth Farm Back Lane Welburn Kirkbymoorside North Yorkshire YO62 6HJ **No observations recorded.**

b. The following planning decisions were **noted**:

- I. 20/01020/HOUSE | Erection of a linking structure between the dwelling and adjacent detached barn used as a hobby studio to allow internal access between them | 8 West End Kirkbymoorside YO62 6AF **Approved**
- II. 20/01021/LBC | External and internal alterations to allow erection of a linking structure between the dwelling and adjacent detached barn used as a hobby studio to allow internal access between them | 8 West End Kirkbymoorside YO62 6AF **Approved**
- III. 20/01061/LBC | Internal alterations to remove existing loadbearing wall | Clay Hill House Village Street Keldholme Kirkbymoorside YO62 6NB **Approved**

20171 Information was **received** from North Yorkshire Police Traffic Bureau in response to concerns about speeding on West End and Westfields, dated 23 December.

Cllr Shipley confirmed that no further information has been received from the Police Traffic Bureau. Cllr Dowie proposed that the details of how to report instances of anti-social use of vehicles or poor /dangerous driving to the police, as part of North Yorkshire Police's 'Operation Spartan', should be publicised to encourage members of the public to report any traffic concerns. **Agreed.**

20172 Play Areas

- a. Information was **received** from North Yorkshire Police in response to concerns about anti-social behaviour at Old Road play area and the request for more frequent patrols of the play areas. The response by the police was considered to be positive and it is good to have assurance that the patrols have been in progress, however it would have been good to have been made aware of this sooner. Cllr Dowie proposed that the council respond to PCSO Sean Simpson expressing appreciation for the information provided and requesting a continued police presence and regular updates of surveillance necessitated in the parish.
- b. Concerns about anti-social behaviour at the play areas were discussed. Cllr Shipley acknowledged the initiative of local young residents who cleared up the litter and debris resulting from the anti-social behaviour incident in December and commended their efforts to keep the skate park tidy. The installation of flood lights had been suggested on social media posts but the Town Council has

already explored this option at length and undertaken a consultation which demonstrated clear objection by residents of the neighbouring properties. The clerk shared a suggestion made by PCSO Sean Simpson that removal of some of the hedge would make the skatepark more exposed and increase visibility of activities in the play area. However, councillors noted that the hedge provided protection to neighbouring residents from disturbance by noise generated by activities at the play area and skatepark. Additionally, it is suspected that provision of a hedge to enclose the play area and skatepark was a condition of the planning approval for the site. The clerk will seek further information in this regard.

20173 The contribution of £160 to Macmillan Nurses York from the proceeds of the event held in the Moorside Room on 5 December, pursuant to minute 20151, was **noted**.

20174 The Phase 1 Report of the Village Hall Solar Panel/Battery Feasibility Study in respect of the Kirkbymoorside Squash Club building was **received**.

The clerk provided the following information:

The sports clubs do not use a great deal of electric on the playing field and certainly not at the squash club, as all the heating is gas. The project proposes that the squash club could change the method of heating over to electric and this would show greater savings. However, the boiler is only 3 years old so it is unlikely that the Squash Club committee would consider this to be a feasible option.

The saving to the squash club and the playing field is minimal and unlikely to achieve any payback. One consideration of the effectiveness of PV panels is that energy is generated through the day, the brighter the day, the better the generation. However, the clubs would use most of their electricity in the evening. The feed-in tariffs are minimal, so battery storage is the better option, but this reduces the total system efficiency to less than 20%. Even if the installation is fully funded by a third party, it is unlikely to be worth the investment.

20175 Support of the Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill was **considered**.

In summary, according to the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill the Government must develop an emergency strategy that:

- (a) requires that the UK plays its fair and proper role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with limiting global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial temperatures;
- (b) ensures that all the UK's consumption emissions are accounted for;
- (c) includes emissions from aviation and shipping;
- (d) protects and restores biodiverse habitats along overseas supply chains;
- (e) restores and regenerates the UK's depleted soils, wildlife habitats and species populations to healthy and robust states, maximising their capacity to absorb CO₂ and their resistance to climate heating;
- (f) sets up an independent Citizens' Assembly, representative of the UK's population, to engage with Parliament and Government and help develop the emergency strategy.

Cllr Dowie proposed that the Council:

- (i) Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
- (ii) Inform the local media of this decision;
- (iii) Write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill; and
- (iv) Write to the CEE Bill Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (campaign@ceebill.uk).

Agreed.

Cllr Wells proposed that an agenda item be included for consideration at another meeting to raise awareness Kirkbymoorside's status as a Transition town and promote the activities of many local groups and activities that demonstrate that the town is actively environmentally conscious. **Agreed.**

- 20176** Information of the 2021 Census was **received**.
- 20177** Information from the York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership in respect of government announcements, funding opportunities and consultations in respect of climate action, was **received**.
- 20178** It was **noted** that the Local Government Association (LGA) recently published a new Model Councillor Code of Conduct which is for principal authority councillors initially.
- 20179** It was **noted** that on 5 February North Yorkshire Police's Economic Crime unit will be holding an 'Ask the Experts' public engagement event, using Microsoft teams, aimed at online safety for adults and children.

20180 Town Clerk's Report

On 7 January the Town Clerk raised concern with Ryedale District Council about inadequate gritting of the footpaths and requested details of the winter maintenance schedule from Streetscene. This is still awaited and the matter has been chased up with Streetscene and the Community Officer.

The Town Clerk reported that on the weekend of 9/10 January 2021 the chain on one of the toddler swing seats had been tampered with. The chain had been unfastened and the fixture tossed aside. Fortunately the fixture was located and the chain resecured. Repairs authorised in accordance with specifications of the maintenance contract and Financial Standing Order 3.4.

In response to concerns about the safety of the steps in Manor Vale on the public footpath leading from the golf course road to Neville's Castle, Andrew Hall, Public Rights of Way Field Officer for North Yorkshire County Council inspected the steps in the week commencing 11 January 2021. He identified 2 step boards that are broken and need replacing. The condition of the steps is not considered to be dangerous and therefore it is not necessary to put a temporary closure on the footpath. All being well, he intends to replace the missing steps in the week commencing 18 January.

The Town Clerk has made arrangements for replacement of the bin next to the public bench facing the A170 roundabout and installation of an additional post mounted bin to be installed on the roadside in front of Grace Lane vets, when the ground conditions are more favourable. Both bins and post are from the Town Council stock and the only costs associated are for labour, authorised in accordance with specifications of the maintenance contract and Financial Standing Order 3.4.

On Friday 15 January 2021 the Town Clerk instructed emergency works to clear some fallen hawthorn branches that were obstructing the public footpath leading from the golf course road to the Ancient Ash in Manor Vale woodland, authorised in accordance with specifications of the maintenance contract and Financial Standing Order 3.4.

The Christmas lights were due to be dismantled on 10 January but this was not possible due to the adverse weather conditions. All the Christmas lights have now been taken down and the trees were collected for recycling by Holt Farms on Sunday 17 January.

The next Community Connect Partnership meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 January from 12.30 via Microsoft Teams.

Following enquiries by the Town Clerk information has been received from Ryedale District Council with regards to Community Infrastructure Levy payments due to Kirkbymoorside. The Manor Woods development at Westfields is not liable for CIL as it was granted outline planning permission prior to the introduction of CIL in 2016. Information about the S106 commitment associated with the development has been requested. In relation to development at Wainds Field –

18/01313/MFUL a demand notice for CIL has been issued by Ryedale District Council as work on site has commenced. The payment schedule has split the full payment into 4, the first payment is due in August 2021, the next November 2021, the third February 2022 and the last August 2022. The total to be paid to Kirkbymoorside Town Council is £32958.75 (15% of the total) which will be paid in four installments of £8239.68 over this period.

20181 Town Mayor's Report

The Town Mayor has not had any civic engagements since the last meeting.

20182 There were no reports from Members representing the Town Council at meetings of outside bodies and on delegated matters since the last meeting.

20183 Questions to the Chair

Cllr Wells requested that information be sought from the Planning Authority to clarify how many planning applications have been approved for residential development in Kirkbymoorside parish in relation to the government requirement for additional housing and whether the number of houses granted planning permission are factored into the Ryedale Plan figures before build.

Cllr Dowie confirmed that the Kirkby Community Fridge has remained open throughout the lockdown and asked if the Council could express thanks to everyone involved for their efforts and additionally to thank the local residents and businesses for their support of the initiative.

Cllr Shipley expressed concern on behalf of local businesses that people are disregarding the 2 hour parking restrictions on Market Place and parking all day whilst the car park remains relatively unused. He asked if Ryedale District Council would consider offering free parking in Town Farm car park. Cllr Dowie explained that during each lockdown there have been no parking charges in Ryedale District Council car parks. It is apparent that this information is not widely known and the clerk was asked to contact Ryedale District Council for confirmation of the same in order that the free parking could be publicised and to determine the feasibility of suspending charges indefinitely.

20184 The date of the next meeting, to be held remotely via Zoom, at 7pm on Monday 15 February 2021 was **noted**.

The meeting concluded at 8.02pm.