



# KIRBY BELLARS PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Smith (Chair) (AS), Cllr Batten (AB), Cllr Ingham (CI), Cllr Davies (DD), Cllr Simkin (TS), Cllr Joe Orson (JO)

In Attendance: Victoria Webster (VW) – Clerk

Absent: None

	Agenda Items	Action By
1.	<b>Apologies</b> Cllr Browne (RB)	
2.	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> There were no declarations of interest.	
3.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b> The minutes of the meeting of the 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 were accepted as true and correct and signed by the chair.	
4.	<b>Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ RB to meet with Jim Worley to discuss planning matters. Did this meeting take place? RB to report back to Councillors.</li> </ul>	RB
5.	<b>Public Participation</b> There was no public participation.	
6.	<b>Planning Applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 19/00133/GDOAGR Thorpe Satchille Road. Proposed new agricultural building. This was previously rejected but an amendment to this has been submitted. Please see 19/00802/VAC</li> <li>▪ 19/00256/FUL Erection of 3 detached dwellings, Main Street. Resubmission of original application. No decision has been reached yet. AS attended the recent Planning Committee hearing for this application and asked how the village can change from unsustainable to sustainable to allow appropriate planning applications to be approved. A previous SLAR issued by MBC stated the village should expand with affordable housing etc. MBC were not aware of this SLAR and the application has been put on hold</li> </ul>	

	<p>pending further investigation. AS also challenged MBC about allowing the village to develop, otherwise, eventually a developer will put a planning application in with overwhelming support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 19/00802/VAC Thorpe Satchille Road. Amendment to approval of hay barn.</li> <li>▪ 19/00998/FUL Gaddesby Lane. Erection of agricultural/fish farm storage building. No decision has been reached yet.</li> </ul> <p>DD made observations that this application had not been completed accurately and reported this to MBC. MBC have made further investigations into these.</p>																			
7.	<p><b>New Bank Account Update</b></p> <p>All relevant paperwork has now been completed. Signatures were obtained from the Councillors on the paperwork to be sent to Unity Bank to allow a new account to be opened.</p>																			
8.	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Clerk presented the following accounts for payment:</li> </ul> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Chq No.</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Payee</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>000398</td> <td>LCC – New Salt Bin</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£325.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>000399</td> <td>MBC – Election Costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£75.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>000400</td> <td>Ladywell Accountancy – Payroll Services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£36.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>000401</td> <td>V. Webster – Oct/Nov/Dec Payroll</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£732.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>000402</td> <td>Kirby Bellars Village Hall Rent</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>It was agreed the payments were correct and the cheques were signed.</p> <p>The bank reconciliation and bank statements for all receipts and payments since the previous meeting were presented for checking. These were signed as accurate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>2020/21 Budget Update</b></li> </ul> <p>The Clerk presented the draft budget for 2020/21. It was agreed that £5 should be added to the payroll budget for general inflation. The election costs were reduced from £400 to £50. This produced an estimated expenditure of £11, 630.</p>	Chq No.	Payee	Amount	000398	LCC – New Salt Bin	£325.00	000399	MBC – Election Costs	£75.19	000400	Ladywell Accountancy – Payroll Services	£36.00	000401	V. Webster – Oct/Nov/Dec Payroll	£732.51	000402	Kirby Bellars Village Hall Rent	£20.00	
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9.	<p><b>2020/21 Precept</b></p> <p>It was agreed the precept should remain the same at £9250 for 2020/21.</p>																			
10.	<p><b>Data Protection Regulations – further review/update</b></p> <p>There were no items for discussion.</p>																			
11.	<p><b>Tree and Heritage Warden Update by David Davies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Wildflower Verges</b></li> </ul> <p>Leicestershire County Council have now circulated their guidance on wildlife verges. There are wide verges on the North side of the A607 most of the way through Kirby Bellars which could be good sites for wildflowers. We will need to pay for the cost of any seeds and also to obtain consent from the landowner or occupier who is immediately adjacent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Wreake Valley Living Landscape</b></li> </ul> <p>Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust are interested to support the development of a living landscape in the Wreake Valley between Syston and Melton. If wildlife is to thrive it needs to be supported across wider landscapes with links between</p>																			

	<p>designated nature reserves. The Parish Council can play a role in seeking to bring people together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Trees</b></li> </ul> <p>During the course of the general election all of the parties have stated their intention to plant more trees. The Parish Council could play a part by encouraging people to plant more trees also we could access trees at little or no cost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Built Heritage</b></li> </ul> <p>There is now an active group that is working toward applying for funding to replace the roof on St Peters Church.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>River Bridge on Washdyke Lane</b></li> </ul> <p>Heavy rain over the past couple of months have meant that the contractors have not been able to make any progress on work to underpin the bridge.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Budget</b></li> </ul> <p>If we are to make progress on planting trees and wildlife verges there will be costs but at present it is not clear how much money we will need but I would ask that we set aside a sum in the budget for 2020-21.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Funding Requests</b> No funding requests had been received.</p>	
13.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Email from LCC confirming receipt of the Parish’s email in relation to our traffic concerns along the A607. They confirmed the Highway Team would investigate this and decide on the best course of action.</li> <li>▪ A Council motion request for the national community energy campaign. Councillors decided there was not a common enough demand to support this.</li> <li>▪ An email has been received from a village resident in relation to the new salt bin. Unfortunately LCC placed this in the wrong location and provided a yellow bin instead of a green bin. This has now been resolved.</li> <li>▪ A village resident sent an email about the ever-increasing flooding issue along the A607 in the village. This is to be reported to Highways.</li> </ul>	VW
14.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cllr Orson Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Southern Relief Road. The funds for this are now in place. The North East section will commence 2021 with completion 2023. The Southern section is due for completion 2025.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Vehicle Activated Sign</li> </ul> <p>AS and VW met with LCC Highways who came out to the village to review the current vehicle activated road signs. Following discussions and further investigation on their part, it has now been confirmed that the County Council has made the decision to purchase, install and maintain a pair of speed indicator devices for the village. Exact dates for delivery and installation is to be confirmed.</p>	
15.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020</p>	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_