

Minutes of a meeting held on 06th September 2018

Present; R. Gore (Chair), C. Cuckson, S. Farrow, L. Hoggarth, C. Hunt, D. Edwardson, D. Forrest

48/18 **Apologies** had been received from Councillor Milne

49/18 **Minutes of meeting held on 19th July** had been circulated, were agreed as a true record, and signed.

50/18 **Matters arising;**

- a) **Telephone box** – estimate for disconnecting power had been received from Northern Powergen along with a list of other companies authorised to carry out the work. The clerk had been in touch with five of these companies but none had provided quotes to date. It was agreed that, since the quote from Powergen was in line with their provisional quote, it should be accepted and the work completed as soon as possible.

Action GP

The clerk had investigated the possibility of grant aid and recommended a fund controlled by the local District Councillor. He was asked to prepare a bid and to submit it to Councillor Milne. The cost of installing the base of the bus shelter was to be used as a guide to the cost of this element. Chris Petty had already given an estimate of the cost of materials for re-painting

Action GP

The agreement from Lincolnshire Highways for the box to be moved to the village green had been received, the chairman took this to check, sign and return to highways.

Action RG

The agreement stated a need to check utilities on the site before work commenced, CH agreed to arrange for the site to be checked for underground cables.

Action CH

It was agreed that the base should be prepared as soon as possible once this had been done. The clerk agreed to contact Chris Petty who was in touch with the parishioner who had agreed to undertake this work.

Action GP

- b) **Pig sty** – RG offered to demolish and remove this during the next two weeks, if there was a concrete base it would be left intact. The council agree that this should proceed.

Action RG

- c) **Speed indicator Device** – it was agreed that the brackets needed to be fitted within the next two weeks so that they were ready to receive the device. RG agreed to chase up Nev Barnes to get the pole extension completed and to arrange for the brackets to be fitted.

Action RG

- d) **Drains village green** – whilst it was felt that these were the responsibility of Lincolnshire Highways it was agreed that the work would be very low priority for them and was likely to take a considerable time. It was clear that the problem was roots obstructing a relatively short length of drain at a shallow depth. It was thought that the existing drain was clay pipes which allowed ingress of tree roots. These should be replaced with impermeable pipes to prevent similar problems in the future. It was thought that part of the drain, at the well end, had already been replaced by Robin Cuckson some years ago. Given the fact that it was likely to be a relatively low cost solution it was agreed that the Parish Council would arrange for the work to be done. David Forrest agreed to speak to John Hewitt about undertaking the work.

Action DF

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Since the work would benefit the occupier of Harepath the council felt that they should request a contribution towards the cost from the present owner.

- e) **Allotment** – there was uncertainty about whether it was within the remit of the Parish Council to sell off the allotment. After discussion it was agreed that the Council did not want to dispose of this asset anyway so there was no need for the clerk to ascertain whether it was within their remit. The clerk was asked to write to the interested party to explain their decision.

Action GP

- f) **Cottage repairs** – these had been carried out, a landlord check of the cottage was due in October so it was agreed that inspection of the work could be carried out at this time. The clerk to liaise with the chairman to agree a date for the landlord check.

Action GP

- g) **Cottage fence** – Mrs Cuckson declared an interest in this item and left the room.

About 30 feet of the fence on the northern boundary was dilapidated and in need of replacement. Mrs Cuckson had offered to meet some of the cost if the new fence was of a type which would prevent pets from moving between the two gardens. It was agreed that concrete posts with gravel boards and wooden panels would be most appropriate as this would be in keeping with the existing length that had already been replaced. It was felt that a fair compromise would be for the council to pay for the materials and Mrs Cuckson pay for the labour. Mrs Cuckson was recalled and agreed to this proposal. RG agreed to investigate the price of materials.

Action RG

CH agreed to put CC in touch with Andy Stratton who could probably do the work at her convenience.

Action CH

The work would be carried out from the garden of number 28 High Street and the clerk would inform the tenant that the work was due to be carried out.

Action GP

- h) **Rent review frequency** – unresolved, clerk to pursue.

Action GP

- i) **Annual Parish Meeting** – the village hall had been booked for Wednesday 15th May 2019

- j) **Hedges obstructing footpath** the clerk had misunderstood the location, this was clarified and he agree to action as detailed in previous minutes.

Action GP

- k) **Facebook** – CH demonstrated pages from Blyton and Scotter where facebook was proving very successful. It was agreed that it would be a useful addition to communication resources within the village and CH agreed to go ahead and set up an account titled Kexby News Forum.

Action CH

51/18 **Website** – this was now up and running although there was still some historical data such as old minutes to be added. It could be accessed by googling Kexby Parish Council and going to the Lincolnshire County Council option. It was agreed that the clerk should contact Bubble Design, thank them for their work and ask them to close down the old site leaving a link to the new site if possible. CH agreed to pass on telephone number to the clerk to action.

Action CH, GP

52/18 **Financial update** – the latest budget forecast was tabled which showed a reasonable surplus predicted at the year end. The clerk explained that the fencing work agreed earlier would not affect the year end figure significantly as he had allocated a monthly allowance of £100 for cottage “repairs” in the budget. The budget was accepted.

53/18 **Correspondence** – a list of correspondence since the last meeting had been circulated and was tabled, members were told that they could still have access to any emails that had not been forwarded by request to the clerk. It was agreed that it would be useful to have the crime reports circulated which the clerk agreed to do.

Action GP

a) **Ride to Save Lives** – the riders would just be passing by Kexby so there was nothing to organise other than informing parishioners of the event. A notice had been put on the website and the clerk agreed to put one on the notice board.

Action GP

b) **LALC Networking Day** – no-one was available to attend.

c) **Village Hall Minutes** – these were circulated for information, no-one was available to attend the next meeting, the clerk had given apologies.

d) **LALC Annual Report** – this was tabled and would remain available from the clerk should anyone wish to see it.

54/18 **Clerk’s pay and expenses** – details had been circulated and a copy was tabled, these were agreed for payment

55/18 **Any Other Business**

a) **Public Realm Survey** – WLDC had invited participation in this, CC and LH agreed to complete and return it.

Action CC, LH

b) **Defibrillator** – the chairman had received a request to instigate a weekly check and a monthly oiling of the door hinges due to problems experienced elsewhere. CC and LH agreed to undertake this work.

Action CC, LH

SF said that she had experienced problems with access to the defibrillators. Having tried to access the one at the Rose and Crown and been given two access codes by the ambulance service both of which were incorrect she tried the one at the village hall for which she was also given an incorrect code. However, the code given for the Rose and Crown machine did work at the village hall. The matter had been reported to LIVES and she understood that it had now been resolved. The clerk agreed to check with LIVES.

Action GP

c) **Parking on High Street** – vehicles parked on both sides of the road were causing serious access problems at times. This was beyond the remit of the Parish Council other than to make polite requests which had been done.

d) **Glentworth Road drains** – this work had still not been completed. A short stretch of new pipes was needed, it was understood that this was on the grass verge and would not necessitate road closure. RG had the contact details and agreed to chase this up.

Action RG

56/18 **Date of next meeting** – confirmed as 1st November at 7:30, CC and CH gave their apologies

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting at 9:45pm