

Kilham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday 09th February 2015, 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors: Geoff Seward (Chairman), Mark Buckle (Vice-Chairman), Sylvia Berry (Vice-Chairman), Caroline Barratt, Gerard Conlin, Christine Snowden, Gerry Horner, Megan Price, Sandra Van der Kooij, Denise Hayhurst, Lucy Savile, Trish Walker,

0 members of the public present,

Clerk: Claire Boston, Ward Cllrs Jane Evison and Jonathan Owen.

1. Apologies for absence:

None

2. Declarations of Interest by members in Items on the Agenda

Cllr Barratt declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 9.

3. Agreeing the Minutes of the Last Meeting.

The minutes of the 12th January 2015 meeting were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Berry and seconded by Cllr Van der Kooij. All councillors were in favour.

4. Public Forum.

No members of the public were present.

5. Planning:

None received.

6. Finance.

It was proposed by Cllr Buckle and seconded by Cllr Berry that the following accounts be paid: Clerks salary & Exp. £418.79, Cartridge World £15.98, A Greaves £40.00.

Payments received:- Burial £40.00.

Unity Bank has announced that they will be changing their provider bank to NatWest from the middle of 2015.

7. Local Transport – Cllr Hayhurst

Following the December meeting a letter was sent to our neighbouring parishes requesting their opinions of the current rural bus service. Three parishes responded, Boynton, Rudston and Thwing/Octon. Two of the parishes agreed with all our comments, the other one said they would like to see improvements whilst retaining the current service.

Two options were presented to the councillors, one was to arrange a meeting with the neighbouring parish councillors and the second to arrange a meeting with BusKing our current service suppliers. Another option would be to approach EMYS who already operates within East Yorkshire and to suggest that they route their services alternatively through Kilham. Ward Councillor Evison and Owen joined the discussion and recommended that a survey is undertaken to identify what the residents needs are before approaching the bus company. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Cllr Hayhurst and Cllr Seward would meet and produce a survey from the template ERYC have supplied. The survey would be made available on the Parish website and hard copies left at the shop and village hall. A time scale needs to

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be agreed before collating the data received.

It was proposed by Cllr Berry and seconded by Cllr Buckle for Cllr Seward and Cllr Hayhurst to compile a survey from the template supplied by ERYC, arrange for the printing of the survey, costs not to exceed £150 without further authorisation. Cllr Horner agreed to format the survey so it was compliant to the website. All councillors were in favour.

8. Lissett Community Wind Farm Fund

The Lissett Community Wind Farm fund pack has been received with a dead line date of the 02nd March for any submissions.

It was proposed by Cllr Buckle and seconded by Cllr Price that the clerk applies for funding toward to Information board in the village. All councillors were in agreement.

9. Allotment Rent – To review

We have five allotment plots currently charging £25.00 per annum, this has not changed since 2008. It was confirmed that there is no waiting list.

A resolution was passed to maintain the allotment rent at £25.00 for another year. It was proposed by Cllr Buckle and seconded by Cllr Conlin, all councillors were in favour.

10.KPC Risk Assessment – To review and renew

A resolution was passed to renew the above policy. Proposed by Cllr Buckle and seconded by Cllr Berry all councillors in favour.

11.Generic Risk Assessment – To review and renew

A resolution was passed to renew the above policy. Proposed by Cllr Berry and seconded by Cllr Conlin all councillors in favour.

12.KPC Health & Safety Policy – To review and renew

A resolution was passed to renew the above policy. Proposed by Cllr Price and seconded by Cllr Horner all councillors in favour.

13. A summary of the Playground Safety Reports.

No issues were highlighted.

14. Correspondence received:

- (a) A letter was received from Kilham Village Hall, with a complaint about the lack of gritting outside the village hall on the 19th January following the snow and ice.
- (b) Natalie Rhodes Dog Warden, ERYC– are any councillors interested in taking part in the dog fouling pilot scheme?
- (c) The Play Inspection Company has sent an order acknowledgement for the inspection to be carried out in December 2015.
- (d) Confirmation from ERNLLCA that Town/Parish councils will not be subjected to capping of the Precept for 2015/2016.
- (e) A complaint was received regarding the barn off Mill Lane.
- (f) ERNLLCA has forwarded an advisory note for the Transparency Code.
- (g) The councillors received all the relevant correspondence via email throughout the month.

15. Clerks report:

A headstone for Mr. Plowman was approved by the clerk and Cllr Seward.

Thankyou correspondence has been sent to Mr. Middlewood, Ian Wilson and David Sheader

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for erecting the Christmas tree and lights. Also a thank you letter was sent to Cllr Walker for purchasing the Christmas tree.

I am currently awaiting legal advice regarding the D'Arcy's Trust.

16. Councillors Reports:

Cllr Seward – Due to moving away from the village Cllr Berry has given me her notice to withdraw as a councillor with immediate effect. Cllr Buckle wished to thank Sylvia on behalf of the council, for the service and contribution she has made to the parish over the past eight years. We wish you all the best for the future. This sentiment was agreed by all the councillors.

I have been in touch with our gritting contractor and have received the schedule of gritting which was carried out throughout the spell of bad weather. The village was gritted every day to the agreed regulations and in parts double gritted. I am satisfied that no further gritting would have improved the condition of the roads and that the contractor has been diligent in his work.

Cllr Conlin observed and approached a van driver who drove straight over the junction of Middle Street and Chapel Lane outside the Bay Horse. In response, the Chairman contacted ERYC to ask for signage to show clearly the road priorities (rights of way), to which they have agreed.

I have received a complaint regarding the village newsletter and that the events advertised have already taken place. Due to the amount of newsletters that have to be delivered, it is not unreasonable, especially during the winter months, for this to take two weekends. We need to enquire how long it takes for the newsletter to be compiled and how long the delivery takes, this will enable us to work out the deadlines required to have the newsletter delivered on time. The overall response is the newsletter is a huge improvement.

When the Christmas tree lights were removed from the tree another section of the lights were not working. It was agreed to agenda this item for the September meeting.

Cllr Buckle – In response to the dog fouling, in the past the children of the school have helped to spray 'clean it up' logos on the pavements near the school, shall I ask the school if they would be interested in taking part again? All councillors were in agreement.

The newsletter has been a learning curve, with both the editor and the delivery girl being new to their roles. We just need to resolve the teething problems.

I wish to inform the council that after the half term the Youth Club is closing, this is due to the lack of volunteers needed. Unless a number of adults come forward the club will have to close.

Cllr Barratt and Cllr Snowden attended the trip today and both the councillors and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The children were so well behaved it was commented upon by members of the public and the children asked so many questions. Cllr Buckle will provide feedback to the school.

Cllr Price – The village hall meeting is next week, are there any issues you wish me to raise? No Cllrs had any questions.

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The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 09th March 2015 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.59pm

SECTION B

Agreements were made regarding the personnel.

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