

Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th July 2019

Present: Cllrs Washington (Chairman), Woolliscroft, Dalby, Payne and Wright, the Clerk, Mrs A Higgins, WC Cllr Adrian Warwick, Mr R Hewes

Apologies: Cllr Partridge and RB Cllr Gillias

Declarations of Interest (relating to items on the agenda)
Cllr Dalby, Planning application relating to Streetfields Farm as a neighbour

Public Participation Session

Mr Hewes asked if the large stones sited on the oak tree island were intended to be permanent. The Chairman said the stones were doing the job of protecting the grassy island from traffic mounting the kerbs and damaging the signpost. Mr Hewes considered the stones should be properly sited to look better and become a visual asset. Item to be placed on a future agenda. Mr Hewes also asked about the triangle of land at the junction of Sandy Lane and Bond End which he thought could be a useful site and benefit from tidying up. Mr Hewes indicated he would be happy to help with such a project. The land belongs to the Denbigh Estate, their permission would be required. Item to be placed on a future agenda.

WC Cllr Warwick

New fire station to be built on A45 to serve the south of the Borough.
50 new Police Officers will be recruited in the next few months which will rise to 100 new Officers by next year.
Direct Payments – people using care services can now have a pre loadable debit card and will be able to choose their own care providers. Cllr Warwick would assist applicants.
Speed data Brockhurst Lane – satnav collected data showed the average speeds to be 22 mph and 16 mph mean values which WCC interpret as the speed limit acting as it should and is acceptable. The Chairman challenged the figures and Cllr Warwick agreed to ask for the data to be explained by WCC, he will organise a meeting with WCC and Parish Cllrs to explain the results. The Chairman asked for the Parish Council to see the raw data in order to understand the figures. Cllr Warwick also said that the Revel School can ask for road safety equipment from WCC e.g. banners, posters and in school equipment to educate children and parents via the children. WC Cllr Warwick left the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th June 2019

Proposed Cllr Wright seconded Cllr Payne

Matters Arising from the Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th June

Ownership of the willow trees in Street Ashton Lane – Clerk to ask WCC again
Clarification of the text relating to speed and traffic was requested. The Clerk explained the sentence was intended to precis the response from WCC Traffic Dept which stated they considered the matter closed. This is a WCC decision not attributable to Monks Kirby Parish Council.
Query relating to credentials of Mr George Ing – Mr Ing is a Special Constable stationed at Rugby.
Neighbourhood Plan – Mr G Kirk will meet with Parish Cllrs before the September meeting to explain the processes involved. Cllr Warwick asked to be reminded of this meeting.
Litter Pick – the dumped asbestos has now been removed.
RBC Local Plan is now online.
Magna Park, proposed site visit – 4 Cllrs would like to visit the new Way Fair site.

Correspondence

RBC Coton Park East Supplementary Planning consultation – circulated
 Clerk and Councils Direct – circulated.

Finance

£53.00	WALC training fees proposed Cllr Washington seconded Cllr Wright
£70.00	B Dent repayment for pest control, proposed Cllr Wright seconded Cllr Dalby
£604.75	E-ON street lighting energy costs, proposed Cllr Wright seconded Cllr Dalby
£108.16	E-ON street lighting maintenance, proposed Cllr Wright seconded Cllr Dalby
£147.50	T J Brill – tree pruning, maintenance Fishponds Community Park, cleaning children's picnic bench, proposed Cllr Woolliscroft seconded Cllr Dalby
£103.20	Wicksteed, inspection report, proposed Cllr Wright seconded Cllr Dalby
£85.00	T J Brill maintenance benches and notice board, proposed Cllr Woolliscroft seconded Cllr Dalby

Bank reconciliation - approved Cllr Washington seconded Cllr Wright

Formal acceptance of office by Alexa Higgins as Clerk and RFO to Monks Kirby Parish Council

August agenda item

Overhanging branches at village name sign – Clerk to ask WCC to prune

Planning

Pailton Radio Station site – no decision made as yet, RBC seeking further information

Streetfields Farm – to be decided at RBC Planning Committee 17th July 2019

28 Brockhurst Lane – erection of single storey rear extension and detached structure garage and garden store. The Chairman suspended the meeting and asked Mr Hewes, being the applicant, if he had any comments to make. Mr Hewes said the extension was largely to create more storage space. The Chairman re-started the Parish Council meeting and asked for Parish Cllrs comments. Following discussion the Cllrs decided to object to the application but may be willing to approve if a clause was included to stop the property being divided into two units in the future. Cllrs considered the proposals disproportionate to the size of the house and overall the proposal more than doubles the original footprint of the house on land not previously developed. Parish Cllrs asked for clarification on how the proposal fits with the new Local Plan and planning policies and also if the whole area currently described as garden has planning permission for this use.

24 Main Street – demolition of garden shed and erection of garden store. Cllrs supported this application.

Mr Hewes left the meeting.

Land at Fosseyway, Monks Kirby certificate of lawfulness for retention of two mobile structures
 Parish Cllrs objected to this application asking what had changed since a Planning Officer had stated the mobile structures were within planning rules in November 2018.

Neighbourhood Watch and Police Reports

Police report circulated. Cllr Woolliscroft asked all Cllrs to be particularly vigilant at this time when slaughtering stock in fields is happening on a regular basis.

Neighbourhood Watch – there has been no response from the Rugby co-ordinator. Cllr Payne to check on the position with the Stretton-under-Fosse group.

Fishponds Community Park

Visual inspection 8th July 2019.

Annual inspection report available. The two wasps' nests have been eradicated.

Mr Brill has asked for the outside hedge to be flailed with a tractor as it has become too wide for him to trim. Cllr Dalby agreed to arrange for the hedge to be cut at the same time as a neighbouring farmer's hedge.

Special Expenses Review – Cllr Payne has asked for an extension to the response deadline. Clerk to ask RBC about the financing of footway lighting in the Borough.

Street Lighting

3 comparable quotes have now been received to replace the existing lighting scheme with LED lanterns. Cllrs Washington and Woolliscroft agreed to compare the figures and submit an expression of interest with Salix, the finance provider. Proposed Cllr Wright seconded Cllr Payne.

Traffic Calming

Speed data to be discussed again with WC Cllr Warwick when the raw data details are available.

Bi-ennial Tree Inspection

Cllrs Dalby and Payne agreed to completed this survey in the next few months. Clerk to provide a copy of the survey done in 2017. November agenda.

Parish Information – none relevant.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.