

## **MONKS KIRBY PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020.**

**No. 1060**

**Meeting started 7.30pm.**

### **Present.**

Cllr. Washington (Chair), Cllr. Wright, Cllr. Dalby, Cllr. Payne, Cllr. Partridge, Clerk, Cllr. Warwick, one resident.

### **Apologies.**

Cllr. Woolliscroft

### **Declarations of Interest with regards to items on the agenda.**

Nil.

### **Public Participation Session with regards to items on the agenda (15 minutes).**

#### **Drains.**

A resident expressed concerns over a drain in Bond end that is blocked – approximately halfway up on the right-hand side – exiting Monks Kirby.

**Action:** Clerk add to list of issues, for discussion with WCC.

#### **Litter Pick.**

The resident reported various of items of litter in Monks Kirby Lane. Council confirmed that the annual litter pick is set for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March and that this would include all roads from the village. Resident was given flyer which will be distributed throughout the village this coming weekend. All volunteers to meet at grass triangle at 9.30am. High visibility vests, bags and pickers will be provided.

#### **WC Cllr Adrian Warwick.**

WC Cllr. Warwick confirmed that the Council has set a budget on their plan of strategy for next 5 yrs. Council tax to rise by 3.99%.

1.99% of this is the council tax rise, 2% of this is the adult social care levy.

It is projected that over the next 5yrs the number of people over the age of 70 will increase by 14% and that the number of people over the age of 85 will increase by 17%.

It is also projected that 4,300 people over 65 will be living in nursing homes.

The Council will be investing in technology and climate change issues.

The Warwickshire County Council website has been upgraded.

A total of 4,500 Safe and Well checks have been delivered annually. These visits are carried out by operational firefighters, based at 38 community fire stations. With the permission of the resident the visit covers a range of topics with a link to fire risk including:

- Smoking, alcohol, medication and drugs
- Mental health, dementia
- Mobility including slips, trips and falls
- Hoarding
- Loneliness and social isolation
- Healthy eating and lifestyles
- Home security
- Road safety.
- A handbook complements the visits and this is left with the household, along with information on any actions or referrals made by the visiting crew.

Council to consider anybody that might benefit from this check.

The population is expected to rise by 1.5%.

Cllr. Payne reported that a number of buses are not stopping where they should and that the transport system should be involve with people using it and not be prescriptive. Buses do not stop at Street Ashton.

Action: Cllr. Payne to send Cllr. Warwick details, Cllr. Warwick to investigate and report back.

Cllr. Wright confirmed that there are some villagers in Monks Kirby who do use the bus service and are appreciative of actions by Cllr. Warwick and Council to provide this service.

Action: Cllr. Wright and Cllr. Payne to compose a letter to the bus company thanking them for their existing services. This letter to request that they stop at Street Ashton.

Cllr. Warwick confirmed that some funds have been allocated to additional work for drainage.

Action: Surface drains – the stream under Brockhurst Road and drains near the school – drains have been covered over. Clerk to email Cllr. Warwick with a list of problems. Cllr.

Warwick to organise a site visit with his contact within Warwickshire county council.

#### **RB Cllr.**

n/a

#### **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

Proposed – Cllr. Dalby, seconded – Cllr. Partridge.

#### **Matters Arising from the approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

Faulty streetlight at corner of Bell Lane and Main Street has been repaired by e.on.

Litter pick confirmed for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March – notices have been put up on the Parish Council noticeboard and website. Clerk to collect equipment on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Leaflet drop to take place weekend of 22/23 February.

Planning – Clerk forwarded email received from RBC re a possible meeting with a senior representative. Meeting request not granted.

#### **Correspondence**

LCR Magazine

#### **Finance**

£611.39 e.on – charges for period 01/10/19 – 31/12/19.

Proposed Cllr. Partridge, seconded Cllr. Wright.

£275.00 Tom Brill – Bear Woodcraft – Hedge laying at back of Fishponds.

Proposed Cllr. Partridge, seconded Cllr. Wright.

£28.80 e.on – repair light corner of Bell Lane and Main Street.

Proposed Cllr. Partridge, seconded Cllr. Wright.

## **RBC**

Suggestions of topics for inclusion in overview and scrutiny work programme.  
Councillors discussed and have no suggestions for scrutiny.

## **Spraying of weeds along church wall and kerbside – Bear Woodcraft – Approval (£40).**

Action: Cllr. Partridge speak to Church contact – are they going to spray as they did last year?  
In which case no action from council.

## **Risk Assessment – review.**

Chair reviewed.

Action: Clerk to complete the spreadsheet and email to Councillors.

## **Planning.**

R19/1051, R19/1052 – Newnham Paddock – Approval.

R19/1535 – Pailton Radio Station – refused.

Action: Clerk to re-submit Council's initial response to RBC on Millers Lane as there has been an appeal raised against the refusal.

## **Drains.**

Surface water drains – as above.

Severn Trent – Sewers – Main Street, Bell Lane. Ongoing.

Action: Clerk to involve 2 residents from Main Street in this meeting. Further information to be obtained from additional resident of Bell Lane who reported issues with drains and sewage flowing into the stream.

## **Neighbourhood Plan.**

Ongoing. Clerk liaising with Gary Kirk to arrange a meeting with Cllr. Washington, Cllr. Wright, Cllr. Woolliscroft and several volunteers from Monks Kirby. This meeting to be scheduled for later March.

Location to be confirmed – Village Hall if available.

## **Police and Neighbourhood Watch.**

February Police report in circulation file.

Clerk chasing for update on assistance with Neighbourhood Watch group and also for further Mobile police visits for 2020. Date of March visit put on noticeboard and website (Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 11.45am – 12.45pm).

## **Street lighting.**

Cllr Washington produced a report for the upgrade of existing village lights to LED which outlines the technical and funding options. Council agreed to adopt recommendations in above report, proposed Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Partridge.

At the Monks Kirby Parish Council meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020, it was resolved to seek approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £8100 over the borrowing term of 5 years for funding of LED upgrade to streetlights. The annual loan repayments will come to around £1620. It is not intended to increase the parish council precept for the purpose of loan repayment.

**Action:** Clerk to put info from website on notice board. Chair to submit loan funding application to MHCLG.”

**Fishponds Community Park.**

Cllr. Partridge Inspected recently and reported no problems. The Council acknowledged their thanks to Tom Brill for the recent hedging carried out.

**Play Equipment.**

Cllr. Partridge confirmed that she had recently met with residents and with various companies for quotes.

Priorities for equipment – trampoline, swing, sight & sound activities, tunnel.

Three grants are being applied for through RBC, Veolia and Severn Trent.

Evidence of funding is needed in the grant applications – residents continuing to raise funds.

The Council agreed to provide bridging funding for match funding proportion – no more than £2,850 maximum.

Proposed Cllr. Washington, seconded Cllr. Payne.

**Working Party – Winter Clear-Up.**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

Notice to be put in Round the Revel.

**Traffic Calming.**

**Communication with school.**

Cllr. Washington met with Head Teacher.

School confirmed they had put this topic in their newsletter at the beginning of January and will do so again in a forthcoming newsletter.

Cllr. Washington discussed the possibility of using a speed camera, borrowed from Wolvey. If this is done during school time the school 'council' could get involved meaning Pupils could take an active role.

Cllr. Washington suggested using 20mph hand-held signs.

Cllr. Payne confirmed that she had visited areas where the speed is displayed on wheelie bins.

**Action:** Cllr. Payne research bin stickers and how to get. Chair to collaborate with Revel School to set-up local speed awareness group.

**Communication with governors.**

Action: Cllr. Partridge put note in Round the Revel on discussions and actions.

**Trees.**

The Tree Survey is part of the Council's Risk Register and is carried out every two years.

**Action:** Cllr. Payne, Cllr. Wright and Cllr. Woolliscroft to meet as previously discussed to progress.

Some trees along Millers Lane may require Western Power to deal with as the trees are among power lines.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Carter Jonas - Sandy Lane – cut through – all the way up-to the junction with Brockhurst Lane re overhanging trees.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Carter Jonas – where allotments used to be on the Hayes – tidy up.

**Items for Round the Revel.**

Safe & Well check.

Back & Forth service.

Thank you to volunteers for litter pick – April issue.

Working Party – Fishponds.

Activity on Fishponds.

Traffic calming activities as above.

LED Lighting

**Parish Information** (for information exchange only).

Cllr. Partridge found that some of the Parish Council's policy documents require updating. This is on the Council's March agenda to be reviewed.

TP Excavation Services – available for local work using digger services – contact details put in circulation file.

Cllr. Dalby raised a concern over fly-tipping in the lay-by between Magna Park & Pailton. This had been reported and cleared but Plaster Board was left behind. Further rubbish had then been dumped on top.

**Action:** Clerk to report this to RBC (by telephone – main switchboard number).

**Meeting closed 9.00pm**