

## MONKS KIRBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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**Meeting started 7.30pm.**

**Present.**

Cllr. Washington (Chair), Cllr. Woolliscroft, Cllr. Wright, Cllr. Payne, Alexa Higgins (Clerk), RB Cllr. Gillias, Cllr. Dalby.

**Apologies**

Cllr. Partridge, WCC Cllr. Warwick

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

nil

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

**Bells.**

**Cllr. Garcia**

Anonymous complaint letters had been received by Rugby Borough Council from a Monks Kirby resident regarding the bells of the Catholic Church.

Cllr. Garcia confirmed that Rugby Borough Council will not pursue anonymous complaints.

Cllr. Garcia and Father Matthew had spoken and the Church voluntarily cut down the times the bells were played as well as the volume and confirmed that the bells would not be played during school holidays.

Rugby Borough Council's Environmental Health department had written to the Church to confirm that they were unable to carry out further investigation without the complainant's details. To investigate further they would need to log all details and access the complainant's property.

**Representatives from the Catholic Church.**

Tracey Darke and Father Matthew Pittam in attendance. Representatives from the Catholic Church confirmed they openly welcome anybody wishing speaking to them and would always want to be central to village life.

**Monks Kirby Parish Council**

Monks Kirby Parish Council acknowledged that the representatives from the Church have voluntarily turned down the volume and nature of the bell system.

No further action is required from Monks Kirby Parish Council.

The council acknowledged that in order to investigate matters further any complaints must not be anonymous.

**WC Cllr Adrian Warwick.**

N/A – Apologies as above.

**RB Cllr. Tony Gillias.****South West Rugby Supplementary Planning Document is open for consultation.**

Information available to view includes a layout of the site and details of the infrastructure requirements. This site contains 2m sq. feet of warehousing. Consultation runs from 1st to 29th October.

Cllr. Gillias confirmed that there is concern that traffic coming north will be pushed through local villages. This traffic would consist of Heavy Goods Vehicles and also workers cars.

**Planning White Paper.**

Cllr. Gillias confirmed Rugby Borough Council have two scrutiny panels. These panels will allocate roles to working parties to agree a way forward.

There will be four strands – Health & Community, Climate Change, Economy and the structure of the Borough.

Cllr. Woolliscroft asked Cllr. Gillias for further news on planning applications – Montilo Lane and the Service Station A5 Cross-In-Hand.

Cllr. Gillias confirmed he has no further news currently.

**Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

Proposed Cllr. Woolliscroft, seconded Cllr. Payne.

**Matters Arising from the approval of Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

White Paper – Unitary Authorities – Clerk to send link to Councillors	Completed
NS&I – Close Account	Bank now recognise Clerk as contact. Clerk to instigate closing process and move funds to Unity Trust account (savings)
R20/0691 – 2 Brockurst La.	Approved
R20/0438 – Solar Farm, Harborough Magna. Clerk to re-send original response to RBC	Completed 23/09/2020
Application for filling station Magna Park – Clerk to forward MKPC’s response to Chair	19/01465/FUL ? Sent 13/10/2020
R20/0585 Newnham Lodge Farm – MKPC Supports this application	13/10/2020 Clerk confirmed to RBC
Government Planning Consultation. Cllr. Wright to edit response and send to Cllrs. Clerk to send final response and put on website.	Complete. 29/09/2020 Complete. CC’d Mark Pawsey, RBC Cllr. Gillias, WCC Cllr. Warwick, WALC, CPRE,
Fishponds – Clerk to confirm funds have been paid	Confirmed – financial report emailed to councillors 15/10/2020
Wicksteed inspection.	Wicksteed have confirmed order. Awaiting date.
Street Lighting. Clerk to inform power company of change to LED lights	Ongoing
Ash Dieback. Clerk to put info on website	Complete
Small wooden posts – Brockhurst Lane – Rotting. Clerk report to WCC	14/10/2020 emailed and sent photos to C Thompson of WCC

**Update on Planning Application R20/0438 (Solar Farm.**

Cllr. Wright checked with Rugby Borough Council they had received the Council's response. The contact confirmed they were not contactable when the response from Monks Kirby Parish Council was submitted.

Rugby Borough Council confirmed they had received the Council's original response and that this would go forward.

**Action:** Planning Consultation – Monks Kirby Parish Council's response – Clerk send to local parish councils – ask Cllr. Gillias for assistance with forwarding.

**Correspondence.****NALC Magazine.**

Received by the Clerk and available to read.

**Planning Application R20/0805. Construction of Underground Cables Associated with Streetfields Solar Farm.**

**Action:** Deadline for feedback is before the next meeting of Monks Kirby Parish Council so Clerk to reply that the Council has no objection.

**Finance.****Payments for approval.**

Proposed Cllr. Payne, seconded Cllr. Woolliscroft.

Payee	Invoice No.	Item	Amount
Bear Woodcraft	MKPC004	Work on Fishponds	£143.50
e.on	H18FEF5DAE	Electricity supply 01/07/2020 – 30/09/2020	£611.39
e.on	100331	Street lighting maintenance for quarter ending 30 September 2020	£108.16

**Receipts.**

Payer	Invoice No.	Item	Amount
Warwickshire Police Community Fund		Donation for Fishponds Play Park Project	£7,500.00

Council noted financial report for October, produced by Clerk.

**Banking.**

**Unity Trust**

Authorisation process is now that payments are submitted by the Clerk and authorised by two separate Councillors.

**NS&I**

NS&I have confirmed they have the Clerk's details as the point of contact.

**Action:** Clerk to start the process of closing this account down and moving funds to the savings account in Unity Trust Bank.

**Nat West**

Closing statement received and Clerk shared closing balance as in this month's financial report.

**Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service.**

Survey – Draft Risk Management Plan  
Council agreed no further action to be taken.

**Neighbourhood Plan & Grant.**

Council confirmed they are awaiting grant funds of £10,000.00.

**Action:** Clerk to ringfence this sum for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Next steps - consultant to organise a Zoom meeting within the next few weeks with some members of Monks Kirby Parish Council and other interested parties within the village.

**Action:** Cllr. Washington to liaise with residents.

**Planning.**

**R20/0656 – Ashton Lodge Hotel – Continuation of use of a temporary marquee.**

Monks Kirby Parish Council discussed and support this application but have a concern over noise levels.

**Action:** Cllr. Payne to liaise with the Clerk – noting that the Council approve but with constraints made about the possible noise levels.

**Action:** Clerk to feedback to Rugby Borough Council.

**Government Planning Consultation.**

Covered in matters arising.

Rugby Borough Council have agreed to include our response in their response.

**Hedges.**

Council discussed concern over the corner of Sandy Lane from Brockhurst lane – just before the cut through.

**Action:** Cllr. Dalby to approach the owner when the maize in the field is being harvested and ask him to cut the hedges back at that time.

Council discussed the verges on Sandy Lane and that they are becoming churned up by agricultural vehicles.

Council agreed no immediate action required, but to monitor this site moving forwards.

## **Fishponds.**

### **Inspection.**

Wicksteed have acknowledged the Council's order for an inspection. The Council is currently awaiting a date.

### **Wicksteed Quote AB/131020/B – Play Equipment.**

Cllr. Partridge had received the above reduced quote from Wicksteed.

Council agreed to accept this quote.

Proposed Cllr. Payne, seconded Cllr. Dalby.

This work will start approx. March 2021.

### **Hedge**

The hedge needs to be cut before Winter. Council discussed and authorised previous contractor – cost will be similar to previous cost.

Proposed Cllr. Wright, seconded Cllr. Payne.

## **Historical Records.**

Ongoing. Open day halted due to Coronavirus.

## **Street Lighting.**

### **Electricity Supply.**

Cllr. Woolliscroft confirmed he had been in contact with a company who had expressed interest in looking at the supply for Monks Kirby.

Council discussed and agreed to have this looked into to see if savings can be made.

**Action:** Clerk to forward certificates for lamps that have been converted to LED to eon, together with further information from Cllr. Woolliscroft.

**Action:** Clerk to also ask eon how the upgrading of the lights will affect the maintenance contract as this price should change.

### **Update on Street Lights Converted.**

Cllr. Woolliscroft confirmed that 23 out of 27 street lights had been upgraded to LED.

Monks Kirby Parish Council's original grant for this project was £8,100. There remains a figure of £2,350 left.

Cost to complete the four remaining street lights is £3,800 - £1,450 short.

Council confirmed that in this year's budget they had itemised £500 for repairs to street lights and had also budgeted £1,000 over next 4 years.

Council agreed to pay final figure of £1,450.

Proposed Cllr. Washington, seconded Cllr. Wright.

**Action:** Cllr. Woolliscroft to instruct the contractors to complete this work and also to ask how the maintenance should be dealt with over next 3-4 years.

Council noted that the invoice for the Street Light project will be due for payment before the grant is received. Council discussed and agreed to use funds already in the Unity Trust bank account as short term funding.

Proposed Cllr. Washington, seconded Cllr. Woolliscroft.

## **Trees.**

Willow – Bell Lane.

**Action:** Clerk to speak to gardeners of empty property. How is this managed? Could they cut tree back?

**Items for Round the Revel.**

Street lights – 23 of 27 Street Lights have been converted to LED. The remaining four will be completed shortly.

Funding for fishponds.

Grant for neighbourhood plan and ask that if anybody is interested in getting involved please get in touch with the Clerk.

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

Meeting closed 8.37pm.