

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KINWARTON PARISH COUNCIL
ALCESTER ACADEMY, MONDAY 2nd March 2020**

Present:

Cllr M Moore MM (Chair)
Cllr K Rees KR (Vice Chair)
Cllr J Kinnersley JK
Cllr M O'Rourke MOR
Cllr N Loomes NL
Cllr J Vining JV
Cllr M Giddings MG
Cllr C Armstrong CA

Cllr G Foreman GF (Alcester Town Councillor and District Councillor)

Mrs. Z Illés-Cody (clerk)
Mr. P Rudge (member of the public)

County and District Councillors report

Cllr M Cargill (notes provided to ZIC in his absence)

WCC Budget 18th Feb

- MTFs published very soon. Total budget approx.460m. Over 60% of the entire budget goes on Adult Social Care and Education (ASC).
- 170m + savings have been made through austerity over the past few years, in spite of this WCC has continued to invest in infrastructure projects throughout the County.
- We have been advised by Government to have a 2% ASC increase and we are raising council tax by 1.9% this year.
- Government has stated that the ASC increase (which creates 7m/yr) is recurring. There may be a green paper later this year to try & address the long term issue of ASC.
- Council tax increase is equivalent to 57/yr making a Band D property 1448/yr. This increase balances the books and allows the budget to be signed off. The transformation programme and rightsizing has helped make this possible
- There is to be a 20m investment fund (actually multiple funds up to 20m) over 5 years. (This is over & above other funds). Any bids must go through a categories assessment (business case/deliverability). All bids must be compliant with the long term council plan.
- We have seen a 3m budget underspend which means certain monies are not available for general use. The budgets have been reviewed to prevent or reduce underspends in the future.
- Flood prevention. This has been an exceptional year for flooding, however the gully cleaning has been very good (at least in this area) There is provision to buy another gully cleaner this year.
- Flood hotspots: WCC to put 1m over 2yrs funding period to try and find local solutions. This money is for the solutions not studies into the problem.
- Build our own homes. WCC are entering the housing market. They currently have land reserves that may be suitable. This is intended to provide the housing we need where we want it but also to produce a sustainable revenue stream. Modular construction, sustainable and low energy costs are all being considered.

- Commercial strategy. There will be a focus on Invest to save, again needing a business case etc. The intention is to make money from our services that are not obligatory.

Cllr G Foreman

- Croft Lane planning application 19/00923/FUL for the Gas Powered Station has not yet gone to committee. It has likely been delayed until April, but awaiting final confirmation of committee date.
- Green bin charge will go ahead despite proposals to delay. When residents have signed up and paid, a sticker will be provided for the bin which will have the address on it. Charge will be per bin.
- Budget has been agreed at full council.
- Greig Hall reopened 02/03/20 and there will be an open day later this month. ATC in discussions regarding lease from SDC. Getting volunteers for helping with the refurbishment.

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 3rd February 2020.

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

The Chair invited approval of the minutes detailed above. Proposed MOR, seconded JV.

2. Apologies

Cllr M Cargill MC (Alcester Town Councillor, District Councillor and County Councillor)

3. Disclosure of interests

None

4. Matters arising from the minutes

a) Marla Tubes security fencing.

No updates.

b) Parish Action Plans.

Repair of footpath to Coughton Fields Lane. Richard Barnard not able to provide any details. ZIC has contacted Alan Caldwell Jones at WCC to enquire about progress with repairs.

c) Additional waste bin Wakefield Way near new 'Spar' shop.

No updates.

d) Planning Application 19/00923/FUL Gas Powered Station

Updates and monitoring - GF/MC. See above in District Councillors Report.

e) St Mary's Park

Fallen tree - Mr Careless not yet responded. ZIC to write to WCC to raise issue.

HAGS maintenance programme. Operational inspections Feb, Aug and Nov, annual inspection in May. Latest report provided to councillors. Recommendations: tree trimming around gates, repair to the large gate hinge and removal of mole hills.

Dog bin. ZIC to request quote for removal of current 2 dog bins. Confirmation of location of new dog bin, to the right of the narrow park entrance beside the hedge.

JM Roberts quotation for grass upkeep. £200 per cut, £50 per spray. Quotation accepted.

Tree pollarding quotations

-RD Tree surgeons £1650 willows and £180 silver birch

-Roots to Shoots £1500 willows and £300 silver birch

-Robinson Tree Surgery £3000 willows and £160 silver birch

ZIC to accept Roots to Shoots quotation to do tree pollarding. Work to commence when the ground in the park is dry enough. Proposed KR, seconded JV.

f) Limebridge quotation for grass upkeep for rest of KPC grass

Areas covered are St Mary's rd, Throckmorton rd, Winchcombe road, Alne Bank road, Kinwarton Farm Road, Captains Hill.

Quote is £215/cut of grass and £90 for maintenance of hedging on Kinwarton Farm Road. ZIC to accept quotation.

ZIC to get further quotation for hedge trimming/strimming/maintenance of verge from the Kinwarton boundary up to Kinwarton House on left hand side (when ascending hill) of Captain's Hill.

Concern raised over hidden Kinwarton Sign and suggestion that in addition to cutting back foliage, a planter with flowers be provided to demarcate boundary. Councillors to consider space in area for planter and upkeep.

g) Neighbourhood Plan

Updates from GF following submission to inspector.

Recommendation agreed and modified and will proceed to referendum.

h) KPC Noticeboards and benches

Agreed that an aluminium framed board (or other which will not be damaged easily), with half open and half lockable would be suitable to replace the main Parish board. "Kinwarton Parish Council" to be the header. MG to send through names of notice board companies to ZIC

ZIC to arrange quotations.

Cost of repairs quotation John Clarke is £200 for St Mary's Park board and Alne Bank bench repainting. Quote accepted.

Pricing for replacement Seymour road noticeboard to be acquired.

Re-siting of main notice board: Installation method statement to be provided by potential contactor.

i) Newsletter

Councillors happy with final draft. ZIC to get 500 copies at PSW. Copies to be shared for delivery.

j) Captain's Hill verge fencing

- Quotations for knee rail fencing from Morris Fencing. £3,398.36 or £2,285, depending upon thickness of posts and distance between posts.
- Suggestion that planting trees may be another, cheaper and more attractive option to prevent cars parking on grass. Concern raised that trees would have to be of a significant size at planting to prevent them from being crushed, and that trees would not prevent 'two wheel' parking on the grass as they couldn't be planted close enough to the edge of the grass. MM to discuss trees and cost with Limebridge.
- ZIC to gain further fencing quotations and to email Sarah Mellors, Head teacher at Alcester Academy, to enquire about sharing cost of tree planting and getting children to plant trees. Request that concerns about running engines be mentioned in school newsletter.
- ZIC to send further email to police regarding parking on pavements with little space left for pushchairs/wheelchairs and engines running for 20+ minutes outside houses.
- ZIC to contact Alan Caldwell regarding quotation/possibility of concrete webbing for top corner of Captain's Hill service road which is regularly churned up by cars driving over the grass.

k) Community speed checks/ signage on Kinwarton Farm Road.

No further updates. Awaiting Cllr Cargill to provide further information on training schedule.

l) Signatories

MM, KR and ZIC to be new signatories, 2 required for authorisation. ZIC to contact HSBC regarding change.

5. Financial Matters

a) Accounts for payment

Zoe	£317.10
Lighting maintenance (WCC)	£159.80
1 & 1 Internet	£10.39
Proposed KR, Seconded CA	

6. Correspondence

a) Martyn Davey – Mowing at Great Alne and Kinwarton Memorial Hall. Letter of thanks read out to councillors, conveying thanks for 8 cuts of grass.

b) Letter of thanks read out to councillors, from Cllr JK on behalf of St Mary’s Church, conveying thanks for donation of £500.

b) Email from MOP regarding grass area adjacent to 22 Throckmorton Road, which is being used by builders during a building project. MOP concerned that grass cannot be used as builders are occupying it, and that it will be damaged after the project has been completed. Councillors wish the MOP to be informed that the land is not KPC land, and belongs to Wimpey developers. No action will be taken at this time.

AOB

a) The Pastures Residents Association requests:

-to be formally recognised by KPC and the association added to the KPC web page under contacts. Councillors agreed that ZIC should add PRA to website contacts and that PRA is recognised by a representative being welcomed on to KPC.

-KPC assume responsibility for emptying the bins/dog bins on the Pastures POS. Discussion around land ownership of the Pastures’ public open space (owned by Betts, previously Redrow) and KPC legal standing regarding emptying dog bins on private land. PRA suggests that KPC would like to offer an equal service across the Parish.

ZIC to consult SDC regarding responsibility for dog bins and legal standing regarding emptying bins on Betts land?

b) Footway Lighting maintenance and structural testing quotation for maintenance 2020/2021

Acceptance of quotation of £1.97 per LED.

ZIC to query lighting issue in Wain Close and reason for delay in repair.

c) Alauna Avenue Planning Proposal.

3 storey housing proposal overlooking and blocking light into houses in Seymour Road. Entrance to site is so narrow, width of a driveway, and will potentially cause difficulties to adjacent houses.

Objection has been lodged on behalf of the council.

d) Seymour road and Wain Close road patching works

Poor workmanship on repairs. Cllr KR lodged complaint to WCC and workmen returned but work insufficient. Large pothole opened up on Captains Hill too. No inspection of work appears to have been provided.

e) Lighting in Wain Close

MOP raised concern over 2 electricity columns in Wain Close which have not been working for 3 weeks. Cllrs unclear why they have not been fixed as they are under contract for maintenance. ZIC to raise lighting issue with Footway Lighting (WCC) and request repair.

Time and Date of next meeting

Thursday 19th March at 7:30pm

Signed.....

Date

