



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8 MARCH AT 7pm AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MILL STREET, KIRKHAM

Present: - Councillors E Silverwood (In chair), J. Cameron, E Oades, S Jones, C Hopkinson and D Buckley.

Minutes

- 2022/03/1** **To accept apologies for absence**
None
- 2022/03/2** **To receive any declarations of interest in an Agenda item. Members are reminded that in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act, 1972, and the Council's Standing Orders, any direct or pecuniary or other interest should be declared.**
Cllr Oades: All planning matters & request for discount from Rhiannon Jones
Cllr Hopkinson: Planning application 22/098
- 2022/03/3** **To accept as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 8th February 2022**
Accepted
- 2022/03/4** **To accept any recommendations made by the Staffing Committee**
No committee currently
- 2022/03/5** **To accept any recommendations made by the Communications Committee**
No committee currently
- 2022/03/6** **To accept any recommendations made by the LPAOS Committee**
- i) To discuss the Catchpoint invoice for WSHP**
 Discussed and agreed
- ii) Redevelopment of the park Southlands/The Close**
 Cllr Buckley recommended meeting Suzanne Cox to discuss design of new park. Grants of £20k plus £11k available. Agreed
- 2022/03/7** **To discuss**
- (i) Mayor's Announcements**
- Trees – Southlands
- Advised that FBC run the arbour contract for KTC
 - Advised that no arbour team at FBC until 01/04/22
 - Advised that it is necessary to have more than one arborist to complete works
 - Advised that some trees are KTC's to maintain, however some are under LCC



- Advised that the list of questions provided by residents at the full council meeting of 08/02/22 will be provided to FBC

Foodbank

- Grant agreed as £500
- Facilities Administrator to action

Land to the rear of Poulton Street – Mill Street car park

A letter, with enclosures, had been sent to the Town Council by solicitors acting for the Fylde borough Council, the owner of land adjoining the Mill Street car park and fronting to Poulton Street. The documents related to a proposed easement over Mill Street (unadopted), and right to repair and maintain the retaining wall. The Borough Council had agreed to pay the Town Council's costs and a firm of solicitors had been approached to act for the Town Council.

2022/03/8 Finances

Cllr Oades expressed concern about financial position of council
Facilities Administrator to arrange dates for financial meeting

- (i) Finances To agree payment of invoices**
Agreed excepting Invoice 73280698 £35k Haz Contribution
- (ii) To set up standing order to Churchill Group for keyholding**
Agreed

2022/03/9 Planning Applications

22/0145 44 Dowbridge, Kirkham

The Council, being satisfied that the pre-commencement condition 4 (archaeology) had been complied with, recommended that the application to discharge be approved.

- 22/0097 10 Station Road, Kirkham, PR4 2AS
- 22/0098 36 Poulton Steet, Kirkham, PR4 2AH
- 22/0100 30 Poulton Street, Kirkham, PR4 2AB
- 22/0101 4 Church Street, Kirkham, PR4 2SE
- 22/0102 4-6 Freckleton Street, Kirkham, PR4 2SP
- 22/0103 2A Church Street, Kirkham, PR4 2SE
- 22/0120 1-3 Preston Street, Kirkham, PR4 2YA
- 22/0149 4 Church Street, Kirkham, PR4 2SE

The Council recommends that permission/consent (as the case requires) be granted in these cases, for the reasons now discussed and agreed and that the local planning authority be informed accordingly.



- 2022/03/10** **Facilities Administrator to liaise with Barrie Smith over planning application procedure**
To discuss Cuadrilla plugging wells at Preston New Road
Cllr Oades had received numerous emails expressing concern about fracking, but informed council that the wells will be plugged next week at Preston New Road
- 2022/03/11** **To discuss “Small Items of Work” list**
Council agreed Facilities Administrator email Partnership Development Team to seek time extension to consider request
- 2022/03/12** **To confirm booking of Lostock Hall band for Sunday 13th November 2022**
Agreed. Facilities Administrator to action.
- 2022/03/13** **To discuss Queen’s Jubilee celebrations**
- Cllr Silverwood collected 4 boxes of bunting - paid for by a grant – to be used on Community Centre and other KTC properties
 - Cllr Oades proposed commemorative planting of crown & orb
 - Cllr Silverwood proposed purchasing commemorative flag to fly. Cllr Silverwood to investigate costs.
 - Cllr Oades proposed putting an advert in the K&W Advertiser to give grant money to groups organising street parties:

£100 limit per application
£500 total grant available
Agreed
Action: Facilities Administrator
- 2022/03/14** **To discuss S106 Funding**
When considering group planning developments, thought should be given to S106 funding towards sports facilities
- 2022/03/15** **To discuss Local Member Grants**
Cllr Jones stated that LCC have introduced Local Member Grants and he has £500 to be used by the end of March 2022. Local groups to fill in form to apply. Further grants available after 01/04/22.
- 2022/03/16** **To discuss Kirkham Baths**
Cllr Oades said it is hoped the baths will be re-opened by the summer. The insurers may not cover the full cost of the rebuild therefore KTC may have an approach for further funding to the £3k already paid annually to the YMCA
- 2022/03/17** **To discuss buildings insurance**
The Council considered a letter dated 2nd February 2022 received from Zurich Municipal, the Council’s buildings insurance provider in respect of the Community



Centre and the William Segar Hodgson playing field sports pavilion. The letter stressed the risk of under-insurance and its serious consequences. The Condition of Average in the policy was highlighted and an example in support was given so that those responsible for insuring buildings had a clear understanding of the reinstatement costs that may be required should a building suffer damage.

Cllr Hopkinson proposed using chartered independent insurance broker with adequate indemnity insurance in place to check valuation and provide review of insurance provision. Cllr Jones seconded proposal.
Agreed

2022/03/18 To discuss building repairs adjacent to MUGA

Cllr Silverwood to contact prison service who may be able to paint the building

2022/03/19 To discuss repair to bench adjacent to memorial lamp

Cllr Oades has asked Gail Isbister of FBC to inspect all benches in Kirkham. Marie Percival suggested LCC's responsibility, however KTC believe FBC responsible for benches. Cllr Oades to continue discussions with Gail Isbister.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Silverwood requested that Highways be added to future agendas.

Action: Facilities Administrator

Time and Date for Next Meeting Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 7pm

Signed

Megan Vipond
Facilities Administrator