

North Kyme Parish Council

Minutes

Date: Wednesday 12 th July 2017	Venue: North Kyme Village Hall	Time: 7.30 p.m.
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Present: Cllr G Pout (Chairman) Cllr T Handley (Vice -Chair) Cllr G Panton Cllr G Everard Cllr P Sanderson Cllr J Dring
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In attendance: K Handley (Clerk)
District Councillor Ogden
District Councillor Matthan

Parishioners: 4

28/07/17 Apologies None

29/07/17 Chairman's Opening address:

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. He reported that the SID was back in the village and the renovation of the Plough was well under way.

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The notes were accepted as a true and accurate record and proposed by Cllr G Everard and seconded by Cllr T Handley

31/07/17 Declarations of Interest

None

32/07/17 Play area

The Chairman proposed that item 8 on the agenda be moved to item 5 as members of the public were present and this item had already been raised in the public forum. All Councillors were in favour.

The Chairman informed the Council that he had spoken to Parents' and Toddlers regarding the location of the play area on the playing field and informed them that the Parish Council had concerns regarding the location. The location that had been discussed with the Parents' and Toddlers group would site the play area on the grass area to the back of the village hall, which had direct access via a path.

There was disagreement amongst the Councillors as to where the best site would be. Cllr Yeomans stated that he believed the most suitable area would be the original location due to safety considerations and this was seconded by Cllr Handley. The Chairman and Cllr Panton believed that the best site would be at the front of the village hall, just below the veranda area. Cllr P Sanderson also agreed with this site.

Cllr Handley stated that he believed the original site suggestion would be better as it was more visible and offered more protection from vandalism.

District Councillor Matthan picked up on one issue raised regarding the complaints/implied threats from one member of the village and asked if this would stop the building of the play area. The Chairman responded that no, it wouldn't but life would be made difficult for the Parish Council.

Cllr Handley asked if any complaints had been made in writing to which the clerk replied no. At this point in the discussion the Chairman asked if members of the public could be allowed to speak again. Six Councillors were in favour and one against suspending the meeting to allow public participation. Meeting suspended at 8.05 p.m.

There was a clear feeling from the members of public present that the site of the play area had been decided, as site visits had been carried out by three companies. There was also a strong feeling that the reasons given for changing the location was more to do with one person's threats than any other credible reason. Cllr Dring asked why the consultations had been allowed to go so far, when it was clear that the original location was not going to be used. The Chairman reconvened the meeting at 8.15 p.m. Cllr T Handley proposed that the play area be located on the original site. This was seconded by Cllr Dring.

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Cllr Panton asked that the proposal be amended to say that the play area should be in the area below the veranda by the goal posts. This was seconded by Cllr G Pout.

The Chairman asked for a vote for the first proposal; Cllr Handley, Cllr Dring and Cllr Yeoman voted in favour.

The Chairman asked for a vote for the second proposal; Cllr Pout, Cllr Panton and Cllr Sanderson voted in favour.

Cllr G Everard abstained.

Cllr Pout, as Chairman, had the casting vote which meant that the second proposal was carried.

Cllr T Handley offered his resignation to the Chairman as he felt that the views of the parishioners were not being listened to and too much emphasis was being placed on one person's comments to selected members of the Parish Council. Cllr Handley left the meeting.

33/07/17 Feedback on action points

- **War Memorial-** the Chairman reported that he had looked at the Memorial and he believed he can repair the lettering by purchasing a paint -pen and redoing the lettering. Cllr Yeomans offered to assist. **Chairman to action**
- **Speeding-** the clerk contacted highways who referred the matter to Lincolnshire Road safety partnership. LCC Barry Young discussed the role of highways and who the best contact point would be.
- **Post box-**clerk reported that Royal Mail had a sub-contractor who were responsible for the maintenance of post boxes and these were done every five years. The time scale for our post box was that it would be re-painted but it may well take up to 12 weeks.
- **Flower boxes-** Ann Colclough has emptied and refilled the boxes due to an ant infestation. Cllr Dring passed invoice to clerk for £46.46.

34/07/17 Planning application

None received

35/07/17 Financial report

Cheques presented

<u>Cheque no</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
000422	PlayDays	£7224.00
000423	Compost	
000424	Repair to bench	
000425	Weed killer	£13.98

The clerk had already circulated a financial statement, a copy of which is attached to the minutes.

36/07/17 Feedback form Cluster meeting Tuesday 4th July.

The Chairman reported back on the main issues discussed;

- Local Plan-briefing given by LCC representative
- Future of Cluster meetings
- Neighbourhood planning-Kathryn Locke summed up progress and issues.
- Cluster meetings as a vehicle for training Parish Councillors

37/07/17 Clerk's correspondence

- Open Space Strategy (NKDC)
- Community Lincs Routine Playground Inspection Training October 17th, 2017 Billingham cost £84

38/07/17 Items from the Public Forum

- Cllr Yeomans proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to Cllr Handley
- Cllr Sanderson had received a letter from a parishioner complaining about the overgrown footpath from Ferry Lane to the Old Chapel.
- Church Lane had flooded after the heavy rain. The Chairman commented that it was an ongoing issue and it had been fixed in the past. However, the drainage system was

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not designed to cope with extreme amounts of rain. Cllr Barry Young commented that Highways had to prioritise risk to property.

- Cllr Yeomans had located a company that may be able to provide some cover for the Stone Cross. Cllr Sanderson volunteered to help measure the Cross.
- Cllr Panton passed the clerk change of address forms for the Nationwide account.
- Cllr Everard pointed out that the Playing field noticeboard was in a bad state of repair (agenda item for the next meeting)
- Cllr Dring pointed out that the 40 mph speed signs for Mill Lane had been obscured by the road work signs.
- District Councillor Matthan re-iterated that the Open Space policy was important. Clerk to complete the survey.
- LCC Barry Young informed the Council that the main consideration for LCC was finance. Money needs to be saved for the next 2/3 years.

39/07/17 Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

40/07/17 Close of meeting

The meeting was closed at 9.17 p.m.

Public Forum

Four members of the public were present. The main focus of the discussion was the play area which the Parish Council were installing on the playing field.

There had been various rumours spread that the Council did not have the required funds, the location was in doubt and the objections of one member of the village had been allowed to influence the location against the wishes of those who had been consulted initially. There were also concerns that the equipment which had been chosen was not going to be installed.

The Chairman responded and said a) the Council did have the funds and b) the location had never been set in stone, he was always against the initial site.

Cllr Everard went through a list of equipment which has been agreed, after consultation, with the Parent and Toddlers group.

Cllr Handley spoke to the forum and explained that funding had been obtained and any short-fall will be covered by using some of the parish council precept.

The biggest area of disagreement was the location of the play area. The Chairman explained that he felt, as did another Councillor, that the best site would be on the playing field, near to the goal posts, a little way up from the beacon. There were various objections to this; the safety of the site, no access via a path, too near the overflow car-park and too near the beacon. The representatives also felt that too much emphasis was being placed on one person's objections to the detriment of others in the village.

The feelings amongst the parishioners was that previous meetings had gauged the feelings of those involved and the site had been agreed. Cllr Dring also commented that meetings with companies had always given the original site as where the play area would be.

Clarity was also sought as to when the play area would be started. A deposit has been paid, so work could begin as soon as the location issue was resolved.