

Annual Parish Meeting Kilsby 2022

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at 7.30 pm
Kilsby Room, Kilsby Village Hall, Kilsby

Under the Chairmanship of CHAIRMAN of the KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL Howard Gibbs

Present: Chairman – Councillor Howard Gibbs, Councillor Ian Massey, Councillor Ian Weston, Councillor Caroline Haycock and 7 Members of the parish.

Clerk –Emma Gibson

WN Councillor – Rosie Humphreys

1. Welcome from the Chair of the meeting (Councillor H Gibbs) The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all participants to the meeting.

2. Apologies: Apologies were received from Will Bridges and Clive Thompson.

3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 21 May 2021.

4. Report from Chairman of Kilsby Parish Council. Report attached.

A report was read by Councillor Gibbs outlining Kilsby Parish Council achievements for the year ending 31 March 22. This to be displayed on the website and a version included in KK.

5. Report from District and County Councillors

District Councillor Rosie Humphreys gave her report as a WNC Councillor. Report attached. This is also to be displayed on the website. Question from the public to Cllr Humphreys regarding renewal of brown bin subscription and difficulties with this. Cllr Humphreys to raise with WNC.

6. Report from Women's Institute

Report read by Karen Gilmurray, Report Attached. This is also to be displayed on the website.

7. Report received from the Youth Club

Report attached. This is also to be displayed on the website.

8. Report received from the Kilsby Kronicle

Report attached. This is also to be displayed on the website.

Public session:

Parishioner wished to thank the PC for the installation of lighting on the A361. Asked with the PC may consider implementing a business plan in future. The Chair of the PC advised a budget is always completed as per the Council statutory responsibilities but a business plan could be of benefit in the future and also a village survey may be conducted in the future to help identify key priorities for the village for the PC to work towards.

No further questions

Meeting Closed 8.00pm

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Tuesday 3rd May 2022.

Good evening and Welcome to the Kilsby Annual Meeting 2021-22.

1. Increase in Precept and reasons for the decision.
2. As you will all know by now that Northamptonshire has been removed as a County Council and replaced with two smaller authorities and as from the 1st April 2021 Daventry D C was been replaced with West Northants Council. I feel the transition has overall gone well and seems to be working well for us as residents and hopefully things will continue to be positive going forward.
3. The Parish Council returned to face-to-face monthly meetings in April 21 I am sure a number of the councillors welcomed the return to some form of normality. However difficult at times we found the situation to be, it did not stop the P C continuing to get on with things to improve our village, as you will have no doubt noticed as you walk around the area.
4. Our Parish Clerk Clare, who had been on maternity leave, decided not to return to us after her Maternity leave ended. Whilst we must thank Catherine Camp for stepping into the breach during Clare's absence, Catherine was unable to continue in the role and it became necessary to find a New Parish Clerk. I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Emma Gibson, a very experienced clerk, as our new Clerk and R F O. I am sure you will all wish her the very best in her new role and look forward to a long and beneficial time with us.
5. It has been a pleasure to see all nine of the History Boards have finally been Installed around the village, I'm sure you will agree they are a great source of information to us and visitors to the Village. Indeed, these together with The Yarn Bombing to commemorate 100 years of the W I, meant that we had a large number of visitors to the village last summer with many great comments on how our village looked.
6. I am sure we have all admired the Urban Meadow wildflower show on Moulton Green and look forward to seeing this year show. Councillor Thompson has done a great job getting this up and running with many favourable comments coming from visitors and residents of the village. If anyone has any ideas on other suitable locations, please contact either Emma or Councillor Thompson.
7. The P C were pleased to make a grant available to The Fete Committee, what a great success it was with sizable donations to local charities. It's good that the organisers are arranging one for this year on the same weekend, we wish them every success and look forward to having another great day.
8. Councillors Thompson and Massey have been working hard to review our Neighbourhood Development Plan, they are pleased the process is now coming to an end and will soon be published. We must thank them and all who have assisted in this mammoth undertaking for their hard work.

9. The P C undertook a lighting review around our village, It was found to be necessary to increase the lighting at the start of chapel street and a new lamp has been installed and is working opposite the chapel. Several residents had shown concern about the lack of light on the A361 and it was agreed three new lamps needed to be installed. I am sure anyone walking down the A361 has noticed the increase in lighting and hopefully it feels a little safer.

10. In March Councillor Weston undertook the organising of the Speed watch programme. It was extremely cold at times, but our volunteers kept going and I am sure there are several drivers that have received letters from Northamptonshire Police telling them that they had been monitored speeding and they should refrain from this in future. Thanks to Councillor Weston and all his volunteer's for their efforts.

11. The Council, in an effort to try and reduce speeding through our village, decided it would be ideal to increase the amounts of Speed Activation Signs and as such we have purchased, soon to installed, a new bigger more informative VAS for the A361 to replace the current Slow Down sign and are going to install the same size of sign on Main Road and hope this helps to reduce speeding. We have had several meetings with Northamptonshire Highways to discuss the situation and are hopeful something more can be done.

12. The initial pathway in Butts Lane has finally been completed and we hope anyone using it finds a benefit for the installation. The Council hope that we will be able to extend the path a further way up the hill and will keep everyone informed as we move forward.

13. Councillor Weston has planted bulbs on Devon Ox Green as we purchased a batch to increase the foliage around our village. We will be able to see the results next spring and thank Councillor Weston and his helpers for their hard work. We have also planted three cherry trees on Devon Ox to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee and again Councillor Weston undertook the planting. We intend to plant an Acer Tree in the near future.

14. The Council have taken over the management of The Recreation Ground to help with the administration as well as the management. Councillor Mike Margetts is still the Chairman of the Committee, and any worries please contact him direct or alternatively our Clerk Emma.

15. Ongoing is the WNC Spatial Strategic Plan options 3a,3b, and 3c. We are liaising with the other local PC's and will keep you all informed as matters develop.

Howard Gibbs. Chairman Kilsby P C

Report for Kilsby Annual Parish Meeting 2nd May 2022

The first 12 months of our unitary WNC and being elected as one of your ward councillors seems to have flown by! It has been a pleasure to get to know some of your residents, organisations and Parish Council during the last year. Certainly it has been an eventful one for everyone getting familiarised with a new council, councillors and the world slowly opening up for us all post pandemic.

Kilsby residents have been proactive in contacting me about a number of issues, with the problems of the A5 layby and the prospect of the expanding the shooting days at the Barby Sporting Club featuring most highly. As regards the A5 layby I have been told that National Highways is now designing the bins that will eventually be installed at the layby, the need for bins being of course what the local action group has been vigorously campaigning for. Although there has been a lot of understandable frustration with the speed (or lack of it) of progress from National Highways, West Northants Council did accept their offer to design the bins as it has saved our Council a considerable sum in design fees and costs for approval.

I received a total of 45 emails, all but a handful of Kilsby and Barby residents objecting the Barby Sporting Club planning application which is not now going to committee next week, contrary to what some residents have been led to believe. Similar to the application for 44 dwellings off Barby Rd, the Richborough development it seems that there is additional work for the case officer and the applicants to do before the applications can come the Area Planning Committee, which both Cllr Chantler and I are members of.

The village is also facing the threat of an expansion of DIRFT from the potential sites including in the Spatial Options Consultation. Having heard that Kilsby Action Group had invited the Leader of the Council to visit the site next to Kilsby I suggested that a similar invitation was issued to visit the site east of the M1 and a site meeting took place there also. It is encouraging to see that the parish councils of villages affected are getting together and I naturally I wish to offer whatever support that I can to persuade WNC to remove these potential sites from the next stage of the Plan.

Beyond Kilsby I have enjoyed making good working relationships with the other villages in the ward and have attended the majority of the monthly PC meetings in all 7 village, providing a report prior to each meeting. It has been a pleasure to learn more about all the organisations (which in many ways are the life blood of our communities) and to offer some a financial contribution from the £2,500 Councillor covid support fund allocated to each ward councillor during the last financial year. One such organisation received funding to provide free breakfasts to some children attending Kilsby Primary School

One issue that I have been pursuing which I hope will benefit many of our villages is broadening the Household Support Fund Scheme to enable residents who rely on oil for heating and hot water to receive funds towards their fuel costs. The 2022 Scheme is going live next month and I have been assured that residents who meet the criteria, whether on mains gas or off grid will receive funds towards their heating costs.

This week I am looking forward to being part of the working group set up to ensure that West Northants Council delivers on its sustainability goals. These are ambitious plans and I shall be reporting on their progress in my monthly PC reports.

Finally, if you think that it would be useful to offer a councillor surgery every 2 to 3 months then I would be pleased to arrange this.

Cllr Rosie Humphreys

Kilsby Youth Club –

An update from Kilsby Youth Club committee and the CYPN Northamptonshire CYPN are the organisation that Kilsby Youth club committee contract in to run youth club services on our behalf. This has many benefits which include providing trained, DBS checked leaders to run the sessions, easily covering for sickness and easily accessing activities. The CYPN have also been able to provide additional sessions for our young people at no cost to the Parish Council that have been funded by grants they can access. Kilsby youth club currently takes £1.50 as subs – at times young people do not bring this but we do not wish to turn anyone away. All sub money goes to paying our rent to the village hall, we are going to investigate having different ways to pay, maybe coming away from cash or a monthly/termly payment. We will be discussing this at our next meeting. The Youth club committee meets termly to check finances and that the CYPN are meeting our needs. It consists of 3 members – 2 parents and a Parish Counsellor and would welcome anyone that wanted to get involved and join us!

An overview of the activities of the Youth club : We have around 30 young people currently signed up to youth club (attended since we reopened after lockdown), with around 15-20 arriving at every session. December 2021 The young people decided they wanted to work together to raise money to buy themselves some new sports equipment, so they got to work planning, writing and putting together their own end of year show. Parents were invited to the show and purchased tickets and on the night, they were able to buy items the young people had made. With their money we purchased some dodgeballs, basketball, cricket balls and some other sports bits. January – May we looked at what we wanted to achieve this year and wrote down their hopes and dreams. The young people expressed an interest in doing more baking/cooking and sports, so we brought in a 3rd member of staff to join us on a regular basis, so we could have two in the hall and one in the kitchen. We've made pasta, jam tarts, cheese twists and lots of other bits.

We also had an organisation called Super Star Sport come in and do some sports games with them, the young people loved these sessions and we will be having them in again. On a usual night we have a sports activity out, a chill out area, cooking activity, a table with board games and something educational – relevant to current topics or an awareness day/month on and a craft table, one member of staff supervises the kitchen activity, one member of staff supervises the sports activity and the third member floats between the others.

Our aim is to provide a safe space young people can come and hang out with their peers, make new friends and have the opportunities to expand their knowledge. Since Covid rules have been relaxed we plan to open a small tuck shop, something we will be discussing with the committee soon. Kilsby Youth club are open to becoming involved in the community - taking part in events, fetes, litter picking etc. they will be running a stall at Kilsby School May Fair on the 15th, please go along and see them!

Some young people have expressed an interest in helping at the shop during school holidays, we would be happy to help sort this out, maybe three YP and one staff member working alongside a shop volunteer. If you have any other ways the young people could help around the community, please contact Sarah the CYPN Kilsby leader at - sarah@cypn.org.uk

