

# DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING of KILSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council meeting held on TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2022 at 7.30pm  
in Kilsby Village Hall, Rugby Road, Kilsby.

PRESENT: Councillors H Gibbs (Chairman), W Bridges, B Gent, C Haycock, O Houlton, M Margetts, C Thompson.

APOLOGIES: I Massey, I Weston and R Nicholls

CLERK: Emma Gibson

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<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
1.1	To receive apologies for absence. Apologies received from Cllr Massey (holiday) and Cllr Nicholls (holiday) and I Weston (illness). Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve. Apologies also received from WNC Cllr R Humphreys.
<b>2</b>	<b>PUBLIC OPEN FORUM SESSION <i>limited to 20 mins (Extended at the discretion of the Chairman).</i></b>
2.1	<p>Public Open Forum Session. Representatives from Voltalia regarding the proposed Crick Solar Farm. Voltalia have an integrated model where they develop, build, own and then run sites. The agriculture operation will continue alongside the solar farm. They state that the solar farm will contribute to the local and national emission targets, and the local area will be served first with any energy produced. The company aim to provide more biodiversity and have minimal impact on the area. It will be a temporary development of 35 years after that time the farm will be removed and the land will remain green land throughout the lease. KPC questions were discussed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why can't large buildings such as the buildings in DIRFT be used for solar panels? Voltalia is not a roof top company, it can be for a variety of reasons, companies do not want them, and proximity to the grid Rooftops alone would not be enough to meet emissions targets.</li> <li>2. The panels may increase flood risk to the area: This will be dealt with in planning reports, there are gaps in the panels that allow water to drip through rather than run off. Grass continues to grow under the panels.</li> <li>3. Are Voltalia aware of the right of way? Yes they will be protected even when there is construction traffic. The aim is for the work to bring improvements to the footpath e.g. replacing stiles with kissing gates.</li> <li>4. Why only for 35 years? The equipment degrades over time and capacity reduces so it would need replacing by then. Technology should also improve meaning less space is used to generate the same amounts of energy.</li> <li>5. Construction traffic concerns raised, for example the road has recently been resurfaced: Construction should take between 6-8 months. HGV will average 4 a day route planning will be approved by Highways and any damage restored. Maintenance of the site is low once the farm is up and running. Traffic will be managed one in one out, and other measure such as avoiding school run times put in place. Voltalia are keen to hear from the community on issues such as this.</li> <li>6. Is the size of the site set? There are some constraints as they do not want to use arable land and want to keep some space between boundaries. Space needed may change if technology means the size of the panels changes by the time it is built.</li> <li>7. Can you do battery storage?: No this site is not compatible with that.</li> </ol> <p>KPC thanked Voltalia for attending. No other members of the public were in attendance wishing to speak.</p>
2.2	Council received written report from West Northamptonshire Councillor. Council noted the report.
<b>3</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS of INTEREST on the Agenda</b>
Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the Agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest. You must withdraw from the room when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter.	
3.1	Declarations of any Disclosable Pecuniary or Other Interests: Item 10.2 Cllrs Thompson, Margetts and Gent declared an interest as shareholders in the village shop.
3.2	Dispensations – To consider written requests for dispensation of DPI: None.

<b>4</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>					
4.1	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the minutes of Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2022. Noted that item 2:1 should state to bring forward item 12.1 not 13.1.					
<b>5</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING (For information only).</b>					
5.1	The Clerk's report was noted.					
5.2	Any other matters arising from the Minutes not otherwise on the Agenda. Parking outside of the school. The matter has been discussed with Highways but there is not a lot that they can do to enforce inconsiderate parking. Council agreed to approach the new tenant of The George to see if their car park maybe utilised for school traffic parking during school runs. Cllr Thompson to make the approach in the first instance.					CT
<b>6</b>	<b>POLICE MATTERS</b>					
6.1	To receive a report from the Police Liaison Representative (PLR) – Up-date received. PCSO attended the village with the Beat Bus on 16 <sup>th</sup> June and reports that quote a few people attended. Reminder that PLR role is a link to the local police it is not a mechanism for reporting crime. This is a unique scheme the first in the country. The second PLR conference took place on 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2022.					
<b>7</b>	<b>PLANNING</b> (click on the hyperlinks to view the planning application documents).					
7.1	<b>New Applications</b> – None.					
7.2	<b>Applications Approved by West Northants Council -Daventry Area Planning Department-</b> None.					
<b>8</b>	<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW</b>					
8.1	To up-date received. The Review Neighbourhood Development Plan has been made. It passed with no additional changes than those proposed by the examiner. Copies are available in the shop and church porch and the Clerk will be receiving hard copies shortly which will be kept in the village so they are available. It will be in place for seven years. The Chair thanked Cllrs Thompson, Margetts and Massey on behalf of the PC and the village for their hard-work on the review. Cllr Thompson also thanked Jane Parry at WNC and Louise Kirkup for their support.					
<b>9</b>	<b>ACCOUNTS</b>					
9.1	Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the Bank Reconciliation to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2022.					
9.2	To <b>APPROVED</b> the payments as follows:					
	<b>To Whom Paid</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Details of Payment</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Ex VAT</b>
	Clerk salary	BT	June 2022	844.79		
	Homeworking allowance	BT	June 2022	26.00		
	NEST	BT	Pension contributions June 2022	78.16		
	DCK Accounting Solutions	BT	Payroll June 2022	36.00	6.00	30.00
	HMRC	BT	PAYE June	281.05		
	NCALC	BT	Annual subscription	874.80	59.00	815.80
	SSE	DD	Street lighting May	257.77	12.25	245.52
	Clerk	BT	June mileage	12.60		
	Community Heartbeat	BT	Defibrillator safety kit	16.80	2.80	14.00
	Vision ICT	BT	Website and email	477.60	79.60	398.00
	E.On	BT	Xmas tree electricity	24.48	1.17	23.31
	Spratton PC	BT	Office phone share June	16.51		
	Gallagher	BT	Council insurance	630.17		
	SSE	DD	Street lighting June	179.73	8.55	171.18
9.3	<b>Income:</b>		Newsletter ads: £8.75, £8.75, £8.75, £35.00 and £35.00			
			Groundwork UK: £1,470.00			
			Bank Service Charge: £18.00			
			Memorial fee: £75.00			
<b>10</b>	<b>COMMUNITY</b>					
10.1	<b>Future Projects for KPC:</b> Council discussed future projects for the Council and possible funding for these projects. For example s106 money and local grants that are available such as wind turbine and Biffa. Suggestions for projects are to install multigenerational equipment in the REC and a village orchard. Council <b>RESOLVED</b> to set up a s106 working group in September to make sure as much of the money available is accessed. Clerk to contact WNC to establish the time limit on s106 money and					WB EG

	criteria for each available pot of money. Clerk to write a list of funding available to the village e.g. BIFFA grants and wind turbine grants.	
10.2	<b>Village shop:</b> Cllrs received an up-date regarding the village shop. Council considered the working groups proposals and after much deliberation <b>RESOLVED</b> to consider at the next meeting when more Cllrs should be in attendance. Council agree it is an important asset to the village that should be maintained. Clerk to seek clarification on the debenture in place and what limitations this may or may not have on what the Council can do with the loan.	<b>EG</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>HIGHWAYS</b>	
11.1	Up-date received from meeting with WNC Highways. Work identified by the PC has been undertaken. Highways have agreed to resurface Ofield Lane.	
<b>12</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b>	
12.1	Correspondence from resident: An application for a Goods Vehicle Operators Licence to keep an extra 20 goods vehicles at DIRFT, Brassey Way. Concerns have been raised that some of these vehicles are likely to use the A361 through the village. The resident requests that the Council considers contacting the Traffic Commissioner asking for a condition, or a reminder to the applicant of the designated route for HGVs travelling south from DIRFT, (A5 southbound). Council considered and <b>RESOLVED</b> that this was not for them to comment on.	
12.2	Letter from resident about parking near school. Resident writes asking if a field can be purchased as parking for the school. Council not aware of any field available for sale local to the school. As discussed earlier the Council will be approaching the new tenant of The George to see if their car park could be used during school drop offs and pick-ups to relieve some of the pressure around the school.	
<b>17</b>	<b>ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA</b>	
	S106 Working party. Village shop.	

The Chairman thanked the Council for their hard work over the year.

Meeting closed at 21.15

NB: Minutes cannot be construed as the official record until approved and signed at the next meeting.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30pm in Kilsby Village Hall.**

Signed..... Date .....22