



# KIRKHAM

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### **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2020, AT 7.00.P.M., BY ZOOM TO TRANSACT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS**

**Present:-** Councillor E. Oades, Mayor, in the Chair, Councillors P. Brearley, D. Buckley, J. Cameron, P. Hodgson, C. Hopkinson, E. Silverwood.

**2020/10/1** The following apologies were received and accepted:- Councillors Mrs P. Brearley and S. Jones.

**2020/10/2** Declarations of Interest. Members were 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. Councillor Hodgson declared a personal interest in all Planning Matters and LPAOS items. Councillor Buckley declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 2020/10/16. Councillor P. Brearley declared a personal interest in Planning Application 20/0739. Councillor Oades declared an interest in all planning applications.

**2020/10/3** It was agreed to accept as a correct record the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

**2020/10/4** To determine recommendations made by the LPAOS Committee.

- (i) To ratify cleaning and repair of all gutters at Council buildings in the sum of 450.00. Agreed.
- (ii) To ratify installation of hot water and reinstall sink in the changing room at Wm. Segar Hodgson Changing Rooms in the sum of £450.00. Agreed.
- (iii) Replacement of broken window blinds at the Community Centre in the sum of £700.00.

**2020/10/5** The Council noted that there were no Minutes or actions from the Staffing Committee.

**2020/10/6** To determine recommendations made by the Communications Committee.

- (i) It was agreed to ratify the purchase of a new domain name for use with Council emails in the sum of £30.00.
- (ii) The Council discussed the quotations received for a new website design and it was agreed to ask Property World to provide examples of their website designs and discuss the Council's requirements.

**2020/10/7** To receive Reports (for information only).

- (i) Police Report.
  - (a) Council noted the Report and expressed disappointment at the content, it was agreed to write to Inspector Jones asking for more meaningful information in future.
  - (b) As a result of the volume of anti-social activity in the Town's Parks and Gardens during lock-down and the summer months, it was agreed that a capital bid be made to Fylde Borough Council in order that the CCTV system can be extended to cover the People's Park and Memorial Gardens.



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(ii) Mayor's Announcements.

- (a) Councillor Oades reported that signage is to be installed on Station Road, Preston Street and Ribby Road in the hope that speeding can be reduced. It was also noted that there could be some engineering on Station Road, but the Road Traffic Group at the County Council is yet to report.
- (b) Councillor Oades advised the Council that advice from the Government in relation to Remembrance Sunday is very fluid, she stated that as soon as it is possible to make definite arrangements Council will be advised.

**2020/10/8** Finances

- (i) To agree the accounts for September. Agreed.
- (ii) To agree payment of invoices. Agreed.

**2020/10/9** To ratify the decisions made on the following Planning applications.

**Application 20/0693** Willows Club, Bryning Fern Lane, Kirkham. Retrospective Application for erection of timber smoking shelter to front of Club. That this application be refused. Given the large volume of complaints from residents in relation to the operation of this Club the Town Council believe that to place this shelter at the rear of properties could well result in greater noise nuisance, it is felt that the siting should be revised and the shelter moved to an area which would not cause nuisance to residents in close proximity to the structure, the Council hope this can be achieved to allow residents a quality of life they are entitled to have. Agreed.

**Application 20/0618** 34 Poulton Street, Kirkham, amendment to the original application to extend the hours of opening from 11.00.a.m., - 11.00.p.m., to 11.00.a.m. to midnight on Sunday to Thursday and 11.00.a.m. to 02.00.a.m., on Fridays and Saturdays. That this amendment be refused on the grounds that these extended hours will be at odds with all other takeaways in the town, and could lead to noise nuisance in the town centre at an unacceptable hour. Agreed.

**2020/10/10** To consider the following planning application.

Planning Application 20/0711 42 Foxwood Drive, Kirkham, First Floor Rear Extension. No objection.

**2020/10/11** To consider Planning Application 20/0749 39 The Close, Kirkham, Single Storey Rear Extension. No objection.

**2020/10/12** To consider Planning Application 20/0739 73 Ribby Road, Kirkham, Single Storey Rear Extension. No objection.

**2020/10/13** Parking Enforcement in the town.

Council discussed the recent action taken by the Parking Services regarding parking on the pavements of the town and noted that whilst the Council has sympathy with areas of the town



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which do not have alternative parking arrangements, as the Town Council has no responsibility or remit for parking and highway enforcement there is little action which they can take.

**2020/10/14** Public Spaces Protection Order for Open Spaces of the town. To clarify areas to be covered, and the remit of the Orders. (see attached email).

It was agreed that Councillors would consider which, if any, areas of the town need to be covered by further PSPO's and discuss further at the next Council meeting.

**2020/10/15** Kirkham YMCA – Request for Annual Donation. (see attached email).

It was agreed to donate £3,000.00., to the YMCA to support swimming in the town.

**2020/10/16** Kirkham Bowling Green, email from Fylde Borough Council regarding lease. (see attached email).

It was agreed not to acquiesce with the proposal put forward by Fylde Borough Council and refer them to the Bowling Green Committee.

**2020/10/17** Active Lancashire- Kirkham Consultation Questionnaire.

It was agreed that as a result of the COVID pandemic the consultation should be put back until such time as a full consultation with the public can be completed.

**2020/10/18** Request for Memorial Bench.

The Council agreed that the policy in relation to benches should be adhered to and that the request for placement of the bench be explored.

**2020/10/19** Business Rates Refund on Kirkham Town Council Facilities.

Council agreed to apply to Fylde Borough Council for a refund of the Business Rates on its facilities in light of the COVID pandemic.

**2020/10/20** To agree a date to set the budget for the financial year 2021/22.

It was agreed that the Budget meeting be held on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, at 7.00.p.m.

Time and Date of the next meeting - 10th November, 2020.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Liz Oades'.

Liz Oades  
Town Mayor