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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 10 JANUARY 2023, 7.00 PM AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, MILL STREET, KIRKHAM

Elaine Silverwood	Chair
James Cameron	Councillor (Cllr.)
Elizabeth Oades	Cllr.
Chris Hopkinson	Cllr.
Damian Buckley	Cllr.
Elizabeth Squires (Minutes)	Town Clerk

23/01/01 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr. Jones

23/01/02 **Declarations of Interest**

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 applications and fiscal relating to Kirkham Juniors Football Club.

Cllr. Buckley declared an interest in planning application 22/0872.

23/01/03 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To accept as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Kirkham Town Council held on 8 November 2022.

Minutes were accepted as a true record.

23/01/04 Matters Arising

All matters arising from 8 November 2022 meeting were noted. Matters arising from 10 January 2023 meeting:

- (i) New Homes Bonus (on February 2023 agenda).
- (ii) Ginnel – Fylde Council have provided additional information relating to the access status of the ginnel.
- (iii) Permanent re-siting of conifer and benches – Conifer re-sited, benches and other furniture to be discussed (on agenda February 2023).
- (iv) Gritting concerns resolved, invoice has been paid.
- (v) Planning, plans re-submitted and agreed.

23/01/05 Mayors Announcements

- (i) Siting of Portacabins

A decision about the siting of the portacabins for Eric Wright has been made, these to be sited on Eagles Court near the wall adjoining the Memorial Park.

- (ii) Kirkham Futures Colour Scheme for Heritage Work

The Councillors have chosen a green paint which is similar to Brunswick Green. Fylde Council have been notified of this decision.

- (iii) Road Safety

Not discussed. This is the responsibility of the Lancashire County Council.

- (iv) Warm Spaces

Warm Spaces is up and running.

- (v) Room Costs

Room costs were discussed. A decision to increase room hire has not been reached.

- (vi) 2023/24 Precept

Initial workings completed. The Town Clerk and Cllr. Buckley to meet to discuss finer detail prior to the meeting scheduled for 21 February 2023.

23/01/06 Leisure Parks and Open Spaces

- (i) New Homes Bonus – The Close Park

Cllr. Buckley has been in discussion with a company, previously used by the Town Council, to evaluate potential projects at The Close Park. This to be added to the agenda for February.

ACTION: The Town Clerk add this as an agenda item for February 2023.

- (ii) The Ginnel

The Town Council would like to make the ginnel a Public Right of Way.

ACTION: The Town Clerk to obtain further information from Fylde Council.

- (iii) Re-siting of Market Square conifer and benches.

A discussion about the potential areas for the permanent re-siting the conifer and benches ensued. Further information is required before a decision can be reached.

ACTION: The Town Clerk to liaise with Fylde Council Grounds Maintenance about the permanent re-siting of the conifer and benches.

(iv) Wyre Avenue

Parking issues relating to highways are the responsibility of Lancashire County Council.

(v) Gritting

The Councillors require more information about the agreement the Town Council has with the gritting contractor.

ACTION: The Town Clerk to liaise with the gritting contractor.

23/01/07 Planning

Planning details were added to the Kirkham Town Council meeting agenda. These continue to be forwarded to the Councillors as they arrive.

Applications

Objections were raised to applications 22/0949 and 22/0950 relating to the Former Girls Charity, these plans to be amended and re-submitted for approval. Note that detail relating to these plans was discussed at the pre-meet.

ACTION: The Town Clerk to inform Planning at Fylde Council of the Council's agreement to applications with the exception of 22/0949 and 22/0950 and request that these be re-submitted pending amendments agreed.

Decisions

Decisions were noted.

23/01/08 Finances

(i) Payment of Invoices

The Council approved payment of all invoices noted at Appendix A with the exception of Catchpoint and Ken Linford. Further information is required before the two exceptions are paid.

(ii) Bank Balances as at 5 January 2023

The Councillors noted the bank balances as at 5 January 2023.

23/01/09 Bookings

(i) General Update

The Town Clerk informed the Town Council of the occupancy in respect of room hire. Additional bookings are being taken for William Segar Hodgson.

23/01/10

Policing Matters

(i) Report from the Police

The Police report for December 2022 was noted.

23/01/11

Time and Date for Next Meetings

Tuesday 14 February 2023 at 7.00 pm and also 21 February 2023 at 6.00 pm (to discuss the 2023/24 Precept)

Signed:

Date:



15 Feb 2023

**Elizabeth Squires
Town Clerk**