



**Minutes of the meeting of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
General Purposes Committee, held
on Monday 14th September 2020 held virtually via PowWowNow at 7.45pm.**

Members Present: Cllr David Garritt (Chair), Cllr Pat Frankish, Cllr Geoff Cossey, Cllr Fox and Cllr Jack Startin.

Also present: Town Clerk: Neil Taylor-Matson and Assistant Clerk: Sarah Gillingham (part)

This meeting was held virtually in line with the temporary powers enabled by Section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020, enacted 25th March 2020. Members of the public were provided with details of how to join the meeting via the published Agenda and online.

Public Participation: No matters were raised.

MINUTES

- GP 2009/01 Apologies
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cooper (holiday).
- GP 2009/02 Declaration of Interests / Dispensations
a. No declarations of interest received.
b. No dispensations were relevant to the meeting.
- GP 2009/03 Minutes of the Previous Meeting
a. The Committee considered the Minutes of the GP Committee Meeting held on 9th March 2020.
RESOLUTION: That the Minutes be signed as a true and accurate record.
b. The Committee received an update from the Clerk regarding outstanding tasks and actions noting three outstanding actions from previous meetings.
- GP 2009/04 Public Transport
The Committee noted the removal of the 94 bus service by Hornsby's and the introduction of the Just Go service by North Lincolnshire Council. Just Go is an on demand service similar to Call Connect, however is restricted to the boundaries of North Lincolnshire and so the limitations such as travelling to the surgery at Scotter were highlighted as problematic with this new provision.
The Committee noted that the introduction of a local voluntary car service would be beneficial for the town and should be considered.
The Clerk noted complaints received regarding the parking of the Hornsby's school coach service outside the Cemetery at Grove Street throughout the day during the week. Hornsby's were looking into this to prevent the difficulties caused turning left from Moat House Road into Grove Street and for those trying to park up to visit the Cemetery.
- GP 2009/05 Play area development plan
The Committee considered the development of the play area and decided actions required.
The Committee agreed that the membership of the working group would remain Cllr Fox, Cllr Garritt and Cllr Cooper with a view to a site meeting to take discussions and ideas forward with a hope to holding this prior to the next Full Council meeting for an update to be provided.
ACTION: Cllr Garritt
The Assistant Clerk asked to become part of this working group which was welcomed.
Cllr Startin requested that focus should be on British equipment following the experiences of obtaining replacement parts for the current equipment who are not based in the UK.
- GP 2009/06 Grove Street Cemetery
The Committee discussed developing guidance for grave diggers and memorial masons working within Grove Street Cemetery. The Clerk noted pressures on time preventing the progression of this.
RESOLUTION: That Cllr Startin researches this piece of work and brings back information to the next meeting.
ACTION: Cllr Startin

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GP2009/07

Policy/Procedure

The Committee considered the Grass cutting and Parish Path Partnership devolution from NLC. The Clerk updated the Committee on the amendments to the mapping for both the highway verges and the Parish Path Partnership with additional funding agreed by NLC for the maintenance of the additional areas identified.

Both contractors in place for the separate areas of work are keen to continue for the next two years of the agreement. There remains a long list of actions sitting with NLC for maintenance along the Parish Paths network due to the increase in use of the paths during lockdown and the unavailability of officers to conduct the works.

GP 2009/08

Planning

The Committee considered the following planning applications:

- i. APPEAL - Number: PA/2019/1609
Description: Outline planning permission to erect up to 12 dwellings with all matters reserved for subsequent approval.
Site Address: land south west of 7a Grayingham Road, Kirton in Lindsey, DN21 4EL
RESOLUTION: That the Clerk submits an objection to this appeal, reiterating the original objections, noting the affordable homes site was approved as an exception site and providing evidence of the towns contribution to the five year housing supply for North Lincolnshire and emphasising that Kirton in Lindsey should not be expected to fulfil the entire demand for this requirement across North Lincolnshire. ACTION: Town Clerk
- ii. The Clerk noted the response to queries provided by North Lincolnshire Council regarding public consultation period for PA/2020/1081 (Notice of intention to undertake pruning of a tree, situated within the Kirton in Lindsey Conservation Area at 15 March Street, Kirton in Lindsey, DN21 4PL). Due to a combination of a backlog of work (partly due to lack of staff during COVID restrictions) at the admin section of planning and also periods of leave and work backlog with the Environment Officer the application timing period of six weeks had elapsed such that there was insufficient time left to allow for public consultation.
- iii. Number: PA/2020/1047
Description: Application to undertake a crown reduction on a copper beech, identified as T1 in and subject to Tree Preservation (Garden, HSBC Bank, George Street, Kirton in Lindsey) Order 2001
Site Address: 4 George Street, Kirton in Lindsey, DN21 4NA
RESOLUTION: That the Clerk submits comment that this application is considered reasonable. ACTION: Town Clerk
- iv. Number: PA/2020/1217
Description: Application to fell 3 Ash and 5 Sycamore, all within A1 and protected by Tree Preservation (Kirton in Lindsey) Order 1972
Site Address: Beechcroft Drive, Kirton in Lindsey
The Clerk noted that documents which were a requirement of the conditions of the original planning approval decision for the Beechcroft development were requested on 01/09/2020 and no reply was received from North Lincolnshire Council. These documents related to conditions 20, 21, 22 and 23 and were: 1. the Biodiversity Management Plan; 2. reports submitted by the applicant setting out evidence that the biodiversity management plan had been implemented; 3. the tree protection plan and arboricultural method statement provided by the applicant and approved in writing by North Lincolnshire Council; 4. the written consent provided by North Lincolnshire Council to the applicant detailing any extended period beyond the first twelve months the development commenced for which the scheme of landscaping and tree planning shown on applicants drawing was required to be carried out in its entirety and 5. any written consent provided by North Lincolnshire Council of any variation for the replacement of any trees, shrubs or bushes removed, dying, being severely damaged or becoming seriously diseased.
The Committee noted disappointment with the lack of any response from NLC.
RESOLUTION: That the Clerk submits strong objection to this planning application; that Kirton in Lindsey Town Council feel strongly that the conditions on which the Beechcroft development were approved in 2017 should be enforced and that the reason of "nuisance"

Signed:

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given for the felling of the five sycamore trees is wholly unjustifiable. The 'Ongoing and increasing inconvenience to adjacent residents', 'apprehension' and 'unacceptable level of inconvenience' are caused by the building of these new residential houses in close proximity to the existing protected trees as highlighted throughout the originally planning process. Therefore the conditions previously agreed to and mandated within the planning approval decision notice of 04/04/2017 require to be enforced. In the context of the climate crisis the world faces, felling these five trees for the 'nuisance' reasons provided cannot be viewed as in anyway acceptable.

That the three identified ash trees are now identified has having symptoms associated with ash dieback following the Arboricultural Report leads to acceptance of the proposed felling of these three trees, however due to the location of the site and the tree protection orders in place these trees must be replaced with suitable alternatives, as directed by the LPA Tree Officer.

ACTION: Town Clerk

v. Number: PA/2020/1327

Description: Notice of intention to fell an ash and buddleja and prune four other trees, all within Kirton in Lindsey's Conservation Area

Site Address: 33 Torksey Street, Kirton in Lindsey, DN21 4PW

RESOLUTION: That the Clerk submits comment that this application is considered reasonable, but that due to the location of the site within the conservation area that a condition is placed on the applicant to replace the felled tree with a more suitable tree of a different variety if needed.

ACTION: Town Clerk

GP 2009/09 Agenda for next and future meetings

The Committee made note of any items for the agenda for the next or future meetings.

RESOLUTION: No items requested at this time.

GP 2009/10 Date of next Meeting and Agenda Deadline

The Committee confirmed the date and time of the next General Purposes Committee meeting as 12th October 2020 at 7:15pm, with Agenda items requested prior to Friday 2nd October.

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.

<u>Present:</u>	Cllr David Garritt
	Cllr Geoff Cossey
	Cllr Pat Frankish
	Cllr Hazel Fox
	Cllr Jack Startin
<u>Apologies:</u>	Cllr Kathy Cooper