

KNEESALL, KERSALL & OMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

6 FEBRUARY 2024

Present: R Taylor (chair), C Cutts, Mrs L Fidler, District Councillor Mrs S Michael,
R Greenland (Clerk)

Apologies: T Kirk, Mrs S Smith, County Councillor B Laughton

Public Participation: None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 7 November 2023 – Approve & Sign **R Taylor**

Matters Arising from the Minutes:

1. **Footpaths** – The vegetation on the footpath leaving the village to the top of hill past the 50mph signs has been cleared by Via.
2. **School drop off & pick up parking** – The chairman has spoken with the school regarding the haphazard and random parking which is causing problems to residents on Ossington Road.

Declaration of Interest: R Taylor

Great North Road Solar Panels: A joint meeting had been held by a number of Parish Councils (12) within the area affected by the GNRSP proposals and a long response to the proposals had been submitted by 6 December 2023. A leaflet drop had been completed in the Village regarding the proposal from which there was a 10% response all of which were **negative**. Scoping Reports called for but Parish Councils have little, if any, experience with this type of report. However, a Scoping report has been submitted by our Parish Council. **District Councillor Mrs S Michael** – went through the proposed Agenda for the local Parish Councils joint meeting to be held in South Muskham on 7 February. The proposals include a number of possibilities regarding the proposals by GNRSP and include the following: - Determining whether public are for or against the actions of the combined Parish Councils, Seeking to raise possible funding should there be a majority against the proposals being put forward by GNRSP, considering the formation of community action groups, consider the creation of social media pages, actions that could be taken by the combined groups

The Clerk & chairman will be attending the next joint meeting on 7 February, 2024.

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District Councillor Michael also advised that with changes at NSDC following the election last May there has been executive changes leading to a number of changes in policy together with a certain amount of confusion as changes take effect. One of the changes is that the glass recycling appears to have been shelved. She also advised that Council House rents are to go up as well as town Council Tax.

Correspondence: A number of e-mails have been received regarding the GNRSP proposals from the combined Parish Councils Action Group which have been circulated. Also, from Robert Jenrick MP & Information re interviews by “The Daily Mail” with local residents who may be affected by the GNRSP project. Information about the solar panel project has also been passed via WhatsApp groups.

NSDC – Communications regarding possible flood aid.

**Out – Planning Inspectorate – Opinion Re Great North Road Solar Park Project
Via East Midlands – Potholes, Eakring Road, A616 Footpath**

Finance: Precept 2024/25 to be the same as last year £3018.00
Newark & Sherwood DC (Grass Cutting) £564.00
Clerk’s Fee (1 Oct 2023 – 31 March 2024) £250.00
Printer Paper £3.50 Boules Pitch (Sand) £24.00
Newark & Sherwood DC (May 2023 Election Expenses) £162.37

Flooding: Apparently Parish Councils should have officers appointed as Flood Wardens and possibly snow wardens! A Flood warden is to be considered at a later date and Cllr Fidler has agreed to be a Snow Warden.

Following the recent storms 7 properties in Ompton were flooded to varying depths causing properties to be evacuated and an open meeting regarding the hamlet flooding is to be held on Monday 12 February. It will be attended by officials from Nottinghamshire CC and possibly Newark & Sherwood DC.

Village – Anti Social Behaviour: There is to be a 3-month CCTV trial and there are 2 court cases pending following public assaults.

Other Matters:

Cllr Cutts – Club Triumph Round Britain Reliability Run 6 October 2023. Total sponsorship for the tour amounted to approximately £77000 of which Cllr Cutt’s raised approximately £1700.00.

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Chairman's Comments:

1. Safer Neighbourhood Meeting – Relatively quiet period other than some rural speeding and wire being burnt to extract copper wire.
2. Defibrillators – The defibrillator currently onsite at Kneesall School has been replaced by one sited within the school building. It was suggested that the defibrillator be re-sited at the Bill Hemsley Community Centre/St Bartholomew's Church Porch. Cllr Cutts will approach the necessary authorities to see if this is possible. It was also suggested, as an alternative, if the church site cannot be used that it be re-sited on the Hay Barn site.

Actions From Meeting:

1. Cllr Cutts to investigate re-siting the defibrillator
2. Cllr Taylor to purchase expired defibrillator items – battery, pads & gloves
3. The Clerk, R Greenland, to arrange purchase and installation of defibrillator at Ompton.

Date of Next Meeting: 30 April 2024 + Annual Parish Meeting + Annual Parish Council Meeting

Meeting Closed

9.10pm