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| **Minutes of the Meeting of Frisby Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 5th November 2024 at 7.30 pm in Frisby Methodist Church** | **Action By** |
| **Page 355**  **Nb all minutes are deemed as draft until formally approved and signed**  **Present:** Chairman: Councillor J Ball,  Councillors: S Reason, A Warwick, R. Culbert and N Farrow  **In Attendance:**  S Norledge – Clerk  Borough Councillor Browne  **Members of the Public:**  3 members of the public    **1301/24:**  **Apologies for Absence:**  Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Orton. Councillor Reason offered apologies for a pre-planned late arrival.  **1302/24:**  **Declarations of Interest:**  No declarations of interest were made.  **1303/24:**  **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th October 2024:**  The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 15th October 2024 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.  **1304/24:**  **Public Participation:**   * A member of the public queried if Network Rail were aware of the incident that took place on the level crossing on 10.11.23. They wondered if the signalman had reported it. It was felt that this was essential that they were aware of this in considering their comments on the planning application for Water Lane. * It was noted that a resident who lived near to the railway crossing had noticed that the traffic had increased through Water Lane over the last few years. There had also been an increase in the volume of trains coming over the crossing. * It was noted that there had been a recent incident with a dog getting onto the train line.   **1305/23:**  **Reports of the Borough and County Councillors:**  Borough Councillor Browne commented that he had very little to report as MBC had not had a proper full Council meeting for some time. The Scrutiny Panel had not met since July. The only meetings taking place were meetings of the Planning Committee.  **Page 356**  **1306/24:**  **Planning applications:**  **Progress on 24/00459/FUL replacement of existing mobile home with storage and lodge style dwelling**  There was nothing new to report on this application.  **Progress on 24/00133/FUL land adj to Mill Lane, amendment to ground floor doors, first floor and roof windows and cladding for 19/00606/FUL**  Councillor Ball had requested a meeting with the planning officer to discuss what progress was being made. However, a new planning application had been submitted that sought to vary condition 3(materials) and changes to elevation, bridge and cladding of 19/00606/FUL and 20/0144/DIS. This had only just been received so the Clerk will request an extension for comments until after the next meeting on 7th January 2025.  It was also agreed that Councillor Ball would request a meeting with the planning officer for himself and Councillor Farrow to go and discuss the application.  **Progress on 23/00530/OUT development of up to 16 plots for self build, land off Water Lane**  Councillor Ball had requested a meeting with the planning officer and to request that the PC had an opportunity to meet with Network Rail to discuss the village’s concerns over the proximity of the crossing to the development. However, the PC was very disappointed to receive a reply letting them know that as NR are satisfied their original concerns re the site access have been addressed, there was no reason to raise this as an ongoing matter for consideration with them as consultee for the application.  This was extremely disappointing. Councillor Warwick commented that he was feeling very demoralised by how the village was being treated by MBC Planning Department. He intended to resign as all the PC’s hard work in commenting on applications was just being ignored.  Councillor Ball also spoke of his frustrations with the way in which the PC was being sidelined. At a meeting of the Rural Area Liaison Forum in August he had expressed his frustrations and Pip Allnett the leader of MBC had said he would get back in touch but had not done so. It was felt by the PC that the Planning Department was not fit for purpose and Councillor Ball was to write to Edd d Coverly and request a meeting for the PC to voice its concerns.  It was also agreed that Councillor Ball would contact the Chairs of all Melton Borough Parish Councils to see if they were interested in meeting to discuss their concerns with the operation of the Planning Department.  Thanks were given to Councillor Warwick in the event of him deciding to resign, for all his extremely hard work over the past years.  **To consider 24/00466/FUL demolition of storage units and erection of holiday lodges on Washstones Lane.**  No further information was available.  **Page 357**  **1307/24:**  **Progress on the installation of village gateways:**  The gates had now been delivered by Glasdon and were being stored at Councillor Balls house. LCC had been told they had been delivered and were hoping to arrange installation within the next 3 months.  LCC would arrange a transfer to the PC of the remaining £1,700 from the Members Highway fund to go towards the cost of the gates and their installation.  **1308/24:**  **Progress on installation of footpath from Bowbridge site to the A607:**  Councillor Browne reported that the likely hood of this taking place would be reduced by the financial difficulties that were being experienced by the developer.  **1309/24:**  **To consider the risk assessment for the burial ground:**  Councillor Farrow would undertake the risk assessment in November.    **1310/24:**  **To consider the implementation of a Community Speed Watch scheme:**  Councillor Reason and Councillor Ball were to visit the various sites to decide exactly where would be the best place for the scheme to operate from. This needed feeding back to LCC.  **1311/24:**  **To consider the construction of new concrete plinths in the Burial Ground:**  A visit to Syston Cemetery to see their new plinths would be arranged when Councillor Warwick and Reason were available.  **1312/24:**  **To begin consideration of the precept request for 25/26:**  The clerk would forward an estimate of expenditure to the end of the financial year and Councillors would think about possible new projects.  **1313/24:**  **To consider the change to the Unity Trust Bank mandate:**  This would be delayed until the new years to see what the position was with Councillor positions.  **1314/24:**  **Report from the Tree Warden/Heritage Warden:**  The Tree Warden noted that the site on Great Lane were the tree had fallen into the road appeared to be for sale by LCC.  The planting of the new bulbs had begun that day and new dates were being sorted for the various volunteers who had come forward.    **1315/24:**  **Report from Flood Wardens:**  Flood warden updates were continuing to be received and were shared with the village.  **Page 358**  **1316/24:**  **Communications with the village including the use of PC website calendar for community events:**  The Clerk had updated the calendar from the Methodist Church and the pub but it would obviously only be as useful as the information that was provided by groups.  **1317/24:**  **Training attended or forthcoming:**  There was nothing new to report.  **1318/24:**  **Maintenance issues:**   * A resident had enquired if it was possible to have a zebra crossing on Main Street as it was difficult to cross during school time. It was felt that this would be very unlikely to be considered but the Clerk would write to LCC to make the request. * Councillor Farrow reported that the drain on Great Lane had finally been cleared on Sunday morning.   **1320/24:**  **Accounts:**  The following payments were approved; -   * S Norledge, wages and expense £ 637.03 * Glasdon – village gates £ 4497.72 * D Overfield – mowing £ 114.00 * David Lees – burial ground mowing £ 590.00   The bank reconciliation to 31st October 2024 was approved. The bank balance was £24,380.79  **It was agreed to move the date of the January meeting to Tuesday 7th January**  **Date of next meeting – Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 7.30 in the Methodist Church**  Signed…………………………………………………………………………………Dated……… | **SN**  **JB/NF**  **JB**  **JB**  **NF**  **SR/JB**  **SR/AW**  **ALL**  **SN** |
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