



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

Meeting opened: 19:00

### 1. Welcome & Apologies

- a. Attended in person by Cllr Gudgeon (Chair), Cllr Dille, Cllr Middleton and Cllr Proctor, W/Cllrs Birdi, Jandu and Keough, two members of the public and the Acting Clerk.
- b. Apologies received from Cllr Fisher due to ill health

### 1a. Vote to reduce the meeting to an hour – EMERGENCY MEASURE

Due to upsurge in COVID-19 cases and following advice from WALC, the Chairman proposed the agenda be amended to reduce the length of this meeting to 1 hour, by reducing the Democratic half-hour to 20 minutes and postponing the following items to the January meeting:

9. NALC awards scheme
11. Keresley Parish Council Website
12. Planning Matters
13. Correspondence & Communication for information only
14. Councillor's items for future agenda

Proposed: Cllr Gudgeon / Seconded: Cllr Proctor

### 2. Democratic Half-Hour/Public Question Time/Invited Guest Speakers:

A member of the public in attendance commented that a number of items they had questions about were covered in the November 2021 Minutes, but also asked about the following:

- Cedar tree TPO – Cllr Keough is looking into this.
- Thompson Road/Bennetts Road Public Consultation 450 houses – 10 days ago stmt planning mtg S.106
- Follow-up about the latest on Thompsons Farm development, because there was mention of S106 payments being finalised. What does this mean in terms of development progress?  
**ACTION 1:** Cllr Dille to inquire with CCC
- Traffic monitoring undertaken in July for 9 days. Surveys carried out during lockdown. All roads of concern. **ACTION 2:** Cllr Proctor is in discussion with Highways.

### 3. Ward Councillors

- **W/Cllr Keough**  
Looking into the question about the Cedar tree TPO. When asked by the member of the public whether a petition would help, he said yes.
- **W/Cllr Jandu**  
Garden waste (brown-lidded bins) collection has been paused until February 2022. CCC has been notified by Unite that bin lorry drivers will strike from 21-24 December followed by further action in January. [UPDATE 17/12/2021: CCC has been notified by Unite that their strike involving bin lorry drivers has been postponed until the week starting 4 January 2022]
- **W/Cllr Birdi**  
Potholes in Sandpits Lane have been remedied.  
Overgrown vegetation has been cleared, including that affecting lampposts.  
Lighting replacement  
Dropped kerbs

#### 4. Declarations of Interest

- a. To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.  
None declared.
- b. To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature (Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the room for the relevant items).  
None declared.

#### 5. Finance – Payments for agreement

- a. The Acting Clerk circulated a Financial report prior to the meeting and the following payments were agreed (Proposed: Cllr Proctor / Seconded: Cllr Gudgeon)
  - i. Payments to BestHost for (a) standard web-hosting package and (b) SSL and spam filter
  - ii. Refund of expenses to former Clerk
  - iii. Subscription to Parish Online
  - iv. Subscription to CPRE
  - v. Payment to Acting Clerk for hours worked and mileage

The Chairman thanked the Acting Clerk for the work carried out to present the PC Finances.

#### 6. Council Membership

- a. Notice Under Local Government Act, 1972 (Section 87(2)) - Vacancy for A Councillor  
KPC currently hold two vacancies; one via co-option and a new vacancy due to resignation of Cllr Passmore which will put out to Post. We would encourage local residents to put themselves forward.

#### 7. Minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021

##### Matters still arising:

- a. Democratic ½ Hour Actions:
  - i. ACTION: Keresley Parish Council to invite Nigel Smith, Planning Officer in Coventry City Council and Marrons Planning/Richmond Estates to attend a standalone public meeting. Ward Councillors to also be invited and strongly encouraged to attend.
  - ii. ACTION: Contact to be made with local Coventry North West MP citing these issues also i.e concern about extent of developments, lack of transparency, behaviour of the developers, air pollution.
  - iii. ACTION: Cllr Dille to ask Marrons to review their mailing list as we had members of the public who felt they are close enough in proximity and should have been sent a physical leaflet. An electronic version is available on their website.

**In Progress: Planning Committee (Cllr Proctor & Cllr Dille) to meet in January to discuss these actions and organising an event, inviting Nigel Smith & Developers to a meeting. ACTION 3: Cllr Dille to invite Taiwo Owatemi MP, Coventry North West, to attend.**

- b. Action 2b: Cllr Birdi to follow up to confirm whether sufficient period of monitoring has passed to identify whether there is opportunity to add new bins to this route. – **Outstanding and to be taken forward next month.**
- c. New Action: Cllr Dille to assess the state of Hedgerows on Bennetts Road and report to the City Council – **Action completed**
- d. ACTION 2g: Cllr Proctor query with Highways to confirm why the survey was conducted at this time and whether it will be repeated. – **Action completed.**
- e. ACTION 8f: Cllr Proctor to support coordination of a monthly litter picking group to assess appetite from local residents. – **In Progress. Litter picking group activity scheduled for last Sunday in January – ACTION 4: Cllr Proctor to Advertise**

ACTION 8f: Cllr Gudgeon to check the insurance to review conditions in light of such an event - Outstanding and to be taken forward next month. – **In progress**

f. ACTION 12e: Cllr Gudgeon to order the wreath from the British Legion and supplement with a donation. – **Complete. Wreaths laid at St Thomas (by Cllr Proctor) and the War Memorial Park (by Cllr Middleton)**

g. The minutes (Version 1.1) were approved. Proposed: Cllr Dille. Seconded: Cllr Proctor

**8. Fundraising for Judicial Review** – *Item moved to end of the meeting because Zoom call scheduled for 20:00*

~~**9. NALC awards scheme** - *Item postponed to January 2022*~~

**10. Flooding in the Local Area**

Watery Lane – heavy rain caused recent flooding. Developers have now installed a balancing pond, which should remedy this issue.

Cllr Middleton noted the new pumping station at Coundon.

~~**11. Keresley Parish Council Website** - *Item postponed to January 2022*~~

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**8. Fundraising for Judicial Review**

Merle Gering [MG] joined the meeting via Zoom. The Council is seeking further information to make a formal decision on a donation towards a Judicial Review of CCC granting planning.

MG has been instructed not to talk about the Judicial Review, but is concerned about the quantity of building in Keresley. Statistical data used, provided by Office for National Statistics [ONS] was not consistent with local data and ONS has not defended the data.

Bio-diversity of the area is threatened.

In the case of Eastern Green traffic assessment was misleading, based on old Chasm data which was incomplete, with no input for airport or HS2 Hub.

To initiate a Judicial Review for Fivefield Road, Watery Lane and Bennetts Road developments there is a window to issue proceedings of 6 weeks from the date of the decision notice.

Research needs to be carried out into soundness of traffic related information used when making the decision. MG has a professional who will look into the traffic reports and data and can fund an initial report at £250 per site.

MG asked the Council to consider supporting more thorough follow-up reports at £1,000 per site.

This is the one last chance.

A Q&A session followed:

- Cllr Dille: What is the name of the professional? Prof John Whitelegge
- Cllr Dille: Timings? Kings Hill brief will be available to share in the next couple of days
- Cllr Dille: Availability – what if Prof Whitelegge is not available? MG has other professionals that he can commission research from.
- Cllr Proctor: What is the ideal outcome? A halt or pause. There is history of success with such actions, when planning has been quashed, but this depends on the legal team and the Judge.
- Cllr Proctor: How are donations and fundraising organised? Eastern Green campaign was coordinated through CPRE and raised almost £30,000.
- Cllr Proctor: No fundraising has been carried out, what is MG's experience with fundraising? MG has a strong background in fundraising. It is a substantial amount to raise.
- Cllr Gudgeon: Can the Council pay the Professor directly rather than going through CPRE? Yes.

- Cllr Dille raised the link road 'defence'. The link road cannot be counted on. Highways England is not confident of completion and creating a link may cause an increase in through traffic with people using it as a route to the M6, creating a rat-run.

A member of the public present pointed out that the surveys used for Tamworth Road (Taylor Wimpey) Development in 2013 were based on the Jaguar site @ 150 vehicles/day, now Amazon there are 500 HGV movements/day.

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 19:00, Keresley Community Library, Bennetts Road, Coventry, CV7 8HX

Cllr Gudgeon gave her apologies in advance.

**Meeting Closed: 20:25**

**Minutes Approved:**

Signature:           Cllr Tracy Gudgeon (Chair)

Date:           08/02/2022