



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2022

Meeting opened: 19:10

1. Welcome & Apologies

The Chair informed all present that the meeting was being recorded for minuting purposes only and the recording will be destroyed once the minutes are approved.

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

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

Public Question Time – This time is reserved for pre submitted questions from the Public in advance of the meeting.

- Question directed to W/Cllr Keough (absent). Residents sent letters and emails to Robert Pennington, Tree Protection Officer to ask that a tree on Bellway development site be retained. W/Cllr Keough asked to arrange to have it heard in Cabinet. Never heard anything. Now advised that the (quote from email) Best specimen tree in area and should be retained. W/Cllr Birdi advised that a formal petition would be the best way forward, which can be arranged by W/Cllr Keogh.
- Raised concerns about trees and hedges because Bellway site planning to take down 396 trees (singly and in groups). Also 2,249m of hedgerow (1.5 miles). Figures from the tree report. Planning Cttee to investigate.
Cllr Dille asked for the information from the member of public
- Lights on Tamworth Road – have these been turned down? Observation that they appear to have got dimmer.

ACTION 1: Cllr Dille to investigate

3. Ward Councillors – Update

W/Cllr Jandu

- Council tax increase is 2.9% has been voted-in by CCC.
- Bin strike ongoing. Meeting last Friday with ACAS, but no update received
Cllr Fisher asked when the strike will end, is it going on into April. Should be end of March, or requires a fresh ballot. Drop-off point in this area was arranged – two of the six sites have been dropped since fortnightly green bin only collection. Cllr Proctor asked, if the bin strike will be extended, will the Council continue with the current model of fortnightly collections of green bins only. W/Cllrs cannot confirm. Press coverage has been fastest source of information.
ACTION 2: Cllr Proctor to contact Council Member for Waste & Collection for a direct update in a couple of weeks.
- Community speed watch by the old hall – recorded 12 offenders. Officers will follow up with a warning letter.
- W/Cllr Birdi has been selected to be next Deputy Lord Mayor of Coventry in May and will be Lord Mayor next year. All present joined in congratulating him.

W/Cllr Birdi

- Potholes reported to CCC. Sourcing a machine to repair these, which will speed up response and repair
- Hedge cutting is being addressed
- Petition arranged for Birmingham Road (outside of Keresley Parish) potholes, which has received good press coverage and response. This will hopefully prompt greater investment in the roads.
- Taylor Wimpey have been parking heavy vehicles on the footpaths, which has caused damage and blocked gullies. Complaint being followed up. Requires vigilance.
- Average speed cameras on Tamworth Road. Are to be placed up to Hollyfast Lane. May prompt review of speed limits due to 40mph / 30mph variation.

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. **Minutes of 8th February 2022**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 February 2022 were approved (Proposed: Cllr Proctor / Seconded: Cllr Fisher)

Matters arising

All Actions done or in-hand except for Action 4: Cllr Gudgeon to contact the owners of the Keresley Parish Page to ask for clarification in their page description. Carried forward.

6. **Finance**

a. **To approve the Financial Report**

The Financial Report was approved (Proposed: Cllr Proctor / Seconded: Cllr Dille)

b. **Approval of payments**

CPRE Direct Debit form was signed by Cllr Fisher.

Payments were approved as per the Financial Report (Proposed: Cllr Dille / Seconded: Cllr Proctor).

7. **Council Membership**

Clerk has sent out 1 application pack, but not received a response. Closing date was 28/02/2022 – happy to still accept any application. Currently 2 vacancies. Will include in the newsletter

8. **Planning Matters**

Planning Cttee considering Annual Parish Assembly – Cllr Dille has approached various developers across Keresley SUE. Meeting to be held between 1 March – 1 June. Cllr Proctor clarified the difference between Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting. Annual Parish Council Meeting should be held in May. Responses received, so may develop into more than one event. Would like to have as many developers as possible together in one place, give them a chance to give a 10-minute update on their development and the stage they are at, then open forum panel discussion. Cllr Dille has approached the MP to take part as well. Promotion of the event.

ACTION 3: Planning Cttee to arrange venue and confirm date

Cllr Dille met with site manager of Jubilee Green off Watery Lane on 13/02/2022. Discussed mud on road – wheel washers in place, but observed a lorry washing wheels then reversing further into the site and getting muddy again. New site manager has ideas, etc. Improvements coming. Most of the groundwork is now done. From 01/04/2022 access will be via the temporary road, which should also cut down muddy road. Once finished with the temporary road will be taken up and Bellway's responsibility to re-wild. Development expected to be another 12-18 months (Aug-2023).

Cllr Proctor confirmed that, following their meeting a rota system is now in place for monitoring the CCC Planning Portal twice-weekly and keeping on top of new applications.

9. Local Issues

a. Jubilee Wood

12/02/2022 Action Day supported by CCC Park Rangers, W/Cllrs, Taiwo Owatemi MP, Scouts. Opportunity to build relationship with our MP, who has also used the event for publicity. Big impact on entrance and orchard areas. Another event on 12/03/2022 10:00-14:00. Scouts and Beavers made birdboxes which the park rangers will hang.

Cllr Dille would like to keep an ongoing maintenance. Land should be transferred to the CCC Parks Section. Once this has been done there should be more regular maintenance.

b. Flooding In the local area

Blocked gullies at Taylor Wimpey covered by W/Cllr Birdi.

No other concerns about flooding.

c. The Keresley Link Road

No further updates. Cllr Dille should be getting a presentation to share from Richard Thomas, Highways & Drainage Development Manager, and John Seddon, Head of Transport & Innovation, CCC. Hoping to get them to come along to the Assembly.

Member of public raised: Planning applications for Taylor Wimpey, Bellway and Thompsons Park Road, each one has only taken into account the traffic on those 3 developments, not the wider area of traffic. Traffic assessment for the area only takes into account 1,850 houses, whereas the whole area is affected by more development. Only taken account of 1/3 of traffic that will impact the Link Road.

Cllr Proctor asked what the implication of this is. Traffic has not been assessed properly for the application, bringing into question the accuracy of the application. Cllr Dille stated that during meeting with CCC, it was stated that the Link Road is not a bypass, but that is not to say that it won't be used as one.

d. Judicial Review

Nothing to report.

Cllr Proctor proposed removing Flooding and Judicial Review from the agenda. Agreed.

ACTION 4: Clerk to remove these items from the agenda

10. Events

a. Date TBC: Annual Parish Assembly

See item 8

b. 02-05/06/2022: HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Dates noted.

11. Parish Council Administration

a. Keresley Parish Council Website

Cllr Proctor has been reviewing the old website and planning the new website. Now have access to edit new site and will work on this in Saturday, then sharing with other Councillors for review. Feedback at April meeting and hopefully new site launched by May meeting.

Backup Strategy

Clerk circulated a Backup Strategy document to Councillors to outline approach for backup. Asked for agreement in principle to go ahead. Recommended proposal £168.98. A discussion followed. (Proposed: Cllr Proctor / Seconded: Cllr Dille). Agreed

ACTION 5: Clerk to purchase hardware and investigate future of purchase cloud backup

b. NALC awards scheme

Cllr Proctor using criteria of NALC award scheme to inform design of new website, so once the website is live, the Award Scheme could be applied for. Update at May Meeting.

c. Archiving of Parish Council Records

Cllr Dille has been in touch with Coventry Archives. Clerk to review archives and consider what is appropriate for lodging at the Archives.

12. Correspondence & Communication

Nothing of note

Clerk will forward email from CCC about Brownhill Green Conservation Area consultation to Planning Cttee

13. Councillor's items for future agenda

- Cllr Dille has seen information on CCC Facebook page about Transport Strategy Draft Document. Wrote in and has received a response. Invited him to attend a future PC meeting or the Assembly. Cannot make it in April.
- Litter-picking group launched in January and met at end of January and February and first session was a strong turn-out and February circa 10 people over 1 hour. Each time picked minimum of 14 bags of rubbish. Next Litter-picking event, according to usual date (last Sunday in the month) would fall on Mothering Sunday, have moved it to Saturday, 02/04/2022 at 11:00am, meeting by the brook (green parkland by the Texaco) and covering streets along Bennetts Road South. Different day and time will inform future dates/times.

ACTION 6: Clerk to add litter-picking under Local Issues section on future agenda

- W/Cllr Birdi raised issue of support for Ukrainians. Asked for support for Ukrainian residents and to keep the Ukrainian people in our thoughts. Suggested Chair might write to the Chair of the Ukrainian Association to demonstrate the Council's support. Refugees likely to come to UK to join family here. As Coventry is City of Peace & Reconciliation.

ACTION 7: Chair to write to Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain in Coventry

ACTION 8: Clerk to add Ukrainian crisis on future Agenda

ACTION 9: Research charities and/or initiative based around supporting Ukraine

14. Date of Next Meeting

Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, 12 April 2022 at 19:00, Keresley Community Library, Bennetts Road, Coventry, CV7 8HX

Meeting Closed: 20:15

Minutes Approved:

Signature: Cllr Laura Fisher (Vice-Chair)

Date: 26/04/2022