

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 10 MAY 2022 AT KERESLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Meeting opened: 7:37pm

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 Cllrs Gudgeon, Dille, Fisher and Middleton, W/Cllrs Birdi, Jandu and Keough, 5 members of the public and the Clerk
- b. Apologies received from Cllr Proctor [health]

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.

- Midland Heart development, Bennetts Road. Broken laws – no dust policy, numerous complaints about noise, lorries blocking footpaths, the state of the roads, instead of security fence, going to put up post and rail fencing – causing concerns about vandalism and bikes on field – noise complaints, starting times. A discussion followed.

Suggest recording out-of-hours work being carried out on site. Green/playground does not appear to be being built as agreed.

Cllr Dille referred to the previous scheduled ordinary PC meeting on 12/04/2022, when it was cancelled at short notice MD attended to inform members of the public and met with a number of residents and had an impromptu walk-around on the Bennetts Road site. Has since been trying to get contact information for the site owners, developers, etc.

Action 1: Cllr Gudgeon to visit the site, take photos, discuss concerns and follow up with Site Manager. Request improvement in communication with neighbouring residents.

Action 2: Resident waiting to hear from Midland Heart about new fence. TG asked them to forward information to the Clerk. PC to follow-up.

Action 3: W/Cllr Keough to forward name of site manager [Resident passed information to Cllr Gudgeon when leaving].

- Remaining 9 applications – will these be responded to? Can the PC publicise its responses earlier?

The Planning Committee has been working hard to respond to all applications. The Councillors work full time and are volunteers. The PC has secured extensions. The PC can publish its objections/correspondence, but its role is not to 'coach' the public in their responses. The new website will have general advice on reasons and legitimate material considerations that people can use when objecting, because it is important that reasons for objections are within the National Planning Policy Framework.

- Provision of healthcare infrastructure concerns – medical practices are already overwhelmed before additional 9,000 people moving to the area. This has been raised by PC with developers, advised that it is the responsibility of the local Clinical Commissioning Group [CCG] to allocate resources. Advised to contact CCG.
- Cedar tree – asked W/Cllr Keough whether he has heard anything further about the tree. W/Cllr Keough raised recent publicity about HRH The Prince of Wales as Patron of The

Queen's Green Canopy, dedicating 70 ancient woodlands and 70 ancient trees to HM The Queen. Could this help with a campaign to save the cedar tree? Resident advised that there is no TPO – Tree Protection Officer has said that the tree has to come down because of building constraints and cedar blight, but cedar blight was found in imported trees in 2013 – this tree is A1 quality and they are not pulling down the other 2 cedar trees in the vicinity that are B3 quality. Woodland also of concern.

Action 4: Chair to pass contact information to a person that has contacted the PC, having run a successful campaign to save a similar tree in south of England.

Action 5: W/Cllr Keough to ask PA to explore contacting Clarence House and establishing a link to the Jubilee events.

- 3 members of the public left the meeting -

3. Ward Councillors – Update

- **W/Cllr Jandu –**

Bin Strike: Brown bin collections are being affected by picketing at depot.

W/Cllr Birdi was re-elected and congratulations were offered. Also to be Deputy Lord Mayor on 19/05/2022.

- **W/Cllr Keough –**

Has received correspondence from a former Councillor about the PC. Has suggested that they join the Council to effect change.

- **W/Cllr Birdi –**

Tamworth Road gullies are blocked and water is running onto nearby new housing and pooling at lowest point. Being raised with relevant department.

There are a lot of potholes.

Road cleaning/wheel-washing not being carried out – causing blockages to gullies.

Raise with Highways.

Chair asked whether the bin strike was any closer to resolution. Temporary solution is in place.

4. Declarations of Interest

- a. To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

None

- 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

5. Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 26 April 2022

IT WAS RESOLVED The minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2022 were approved
[Proposed: Cllr Fisher / Seconded: Cllr Gudgeon]

Matters arising

- Action 1 – Done
- Action 2 – carried forward (because Cllr Proctor is absent)

After the Extraordinary PC Meeting on 26 April 2022, there was a brief informal meeting with Taiwo Owatemi MP via Zoom. The Chair gave a brief summary of matters discussed:

- Cedar tree - ideas for campaigning to save the tree
- The Community meeting with developers, to which she was invited
- Link Road - Concern about the scheme in its entirety, especially the dumbbell island on Tamworth Road and its construction and the scheme's ending at Bennetts Road – no plans to extend as far as Winding House Lane, causing traffic to be pushed onto Bennetts Road, which cannot cope. Asked to stop the scheme until proper consultation can be carried out
- Bin Strike

6. **Finance**

a. **To approve the Financial Report**

The Financial Report (circulated to all Councillors in advance) was noted

b. **Approval of payments**

IT WAS RESOLVED Payments were approved as per the Financial Report [**Proposed: Cllr Fisher / Seconded: Cllr Gudgeon**] and the Financial Report was signed.

CPRE Direct Debit to take first payment in May. Currently set up at minimum donation, which can be reviewed in the future

c. **Annual Audit 2021/22**

The AGAR Certificate of Exemption was signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer to declare that the Council's turnover in 2021/22 did not exceed £25,000

7. **Council Membership**

There are two vacancies on the Parish Council

8. **Planning Matters**

a. **New, current and decided planning matters**

Nothing further to report from item 2

Cllr Dille has been in touch with Transport Strategy at CCC – offering to come to Community meeting. Objective to improve community engagement, so have asked them to put on an event to communicate information

b. **Issues with CCC planning website and consultation advice**

Cllr Dille asking planning department to ensure all applications and documents on the portal are working properly. This takes time to resolve as it has to be referred to CCC IT.

Resident mentioned Penny Park Lane application for 444 houses has not appeared on the press releases or weekly list. Cllr Dille – this is an old application and the PC has responded. Only heard about it through Keresley PC Facebook Page because a resident has received a letter – following up with CCC Planning Dept, which says there is an amendment, but was not able to pinpoint where the changes are.

- 2 Members of the public left the meeting -

9. **Local Issues**

a. **Litter-Picking**

Three litter-picks so far. Next pick is to be back at Jubilee Wood in the run-up to the Jubilee weekend

b. **Jubilee Wood**

Chair asked whether there is a plan to do anything else with the Rangers. Cllr Dille: Rangers would like to do something on a weekday, but Cllrs cannot help, due to work commitments. The Chair offered to help during the summer holidays

c. **The Keresley Link Road**

See Item 5

d. **The Ukrainian Refugee Crisis**

Action 6: Chair to write to Ukrainian Association

10. **Events**

a. **2022: HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Any events happening locally on Jubilee weekend – Cllr Dille; does anyone want to host an event in Jubilee Wood?**

Too late because events are already organised.

Chair suggested tree-planting to commemorate – explore funding opportunities.

Plaque to be refitted.

b. **25/06/2022: Community Meeting with Developers**

Hare and Hounds letting the PC use the back room. Similar meeting with CCC about the link road to follow, see Item 8a

11. Parish Council Administration

a. Keresley Parish Council Website

Carry forward to next meeting when Cllr Proctor is in attendance

b. NALC awards scheme

Reliant on the new website

c. Archiving of Parish Council Records

Clerk has Council archives and is working through them to organise minutes and other records that are required to be retained, before offering to the City Archives

12. Correspondence & Communication

Chair has given CPRE correspondence to the Clerk. Please change address to c/o Keresley Community Library as formal address of the Council

13. Councillor's items for future agenda

Cllr Fisher requested Recruitment to be added to the future agenda. Newsletter and publicity to be used.

The Clerk has asked WALC to keep Keresley Clerk as a vacancy in its listings.

Newsletter template prepared. Possible to circulate the precept article separately.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, 14 June 2022 at 19:00, Keresley Community Library, Bennetts Road, Coventry, CV7 8HX.

Meeting Closed: 8:50pm

Minutes Approved:

Signature: Cllr Gudgeon (Chair)

Date: 14/06/2022