



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2022 AT KERESLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Meeting opened: 19:05

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.

- 1.2. Attended in person by Cllr Gudgeon (Chair), Dille, Middleton, W/Cllr Keough, 1 member of the public and the Acting Clerk
- 1.3. Apologies received from Cllr Fisher [Approved reason: health], Cllr Proctor [Approved reason: work], W/Cllrs Birdi and Jandu

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.

Member of the public asked for update on various issues raised at last meeting.

- Badger setts – Chair is still waiting for a response from Natural England. Will chase them up. CCC has ‘washed its hands of it’ and passed over to Natural England. Artificial badger sett is built in wrong location and not being used.
- Listing of trees and hedges to be removed – Cllr Dille contacted Planning Officer – haven’t heard back. Also asked contact at Marrons Planning, “*regarding reserved matters applications following outline planning permission, 20190022 do you have an exact and up to date list of the trees proposed to be removed?*”. Reply, “*I will come back to you on the tree information in the reserved matters.*” Hope to hear quite soon.
- Trees felled in ancient woodland – No progress. When the member of public told the Ecology Officer that these trees were part of the ancient woodland she ‘blanched’ - believes they did not realise.
- Cedar tree – Cllr Dille forwarded for Gary Stevens attention, “*You may be aware there is a petition against the proposed removal of one of the trees... A request from the local residents to preserve the Lebanese cedar tree 7025 planning application outline 20190022, 44 signatures presented by Councillor S Keough.*” Waiting for response. Also sent to planning dept CCC.

There are a lot of bits and pieces the PC is not getting a response to. Chair suggested compiling a list of questions to be sent to Planning Officer and possibly invite to join a meeting to answer them.

ACTION 1: PC Planning Committee to compile list of questions to send to Planning Officer

3. Declarations of Interest

- 3.1. To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature - None
- 3.2. 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

4. Minutes

IT WAS RESOLVED The minutes of the meeting held on 11 October 2022 were approved
[Proposed: Cllr Dille / Seconded: Cllr Gudgeon]

Matters arising

- ACTION 1: Still waiting for information (see Item 2)
ACTION 2: Done (see item 2)
ACTION 3: Done – update from Allesley Clerk in October minutes. Chair asked whether this was published in Allesley PC minutes. Clerk to check [UPDATE:
Discussion not minuted]
ACTION 4: Carry forward
ACTION 5: Done (see item 7.3)
ACTION 6: Done (see item 8.1)
ACTION 7: Done (see item 8.2)
ACTION 8: Done (see item 10.1)
ACTION 9: Done (see item 10.2)
ACTION 10: Done
ACTION 11: Carry forward (agenda for Budget Planning Day not yet published)

5. **Ward Councillors' Update**

Cllr Keough

- Petition presented to Council House on behalf of Michelle Ormond re HGV cutting through, mainly from Amazon. Invited to cabinet meeting – SK gave case on her behalf. Response: Unfortunately, is a designated route, which cannot be changed until alternative route established up to M6. When that is complete this can change. Cannot put restriction or curfew on traffic. Rattling manhole covers – has chased up to get repairs. Will contact Amazon. Speeding – small percentage caught speeding – seem faster due to size of vehicles. Also issue with cutting through Waste Lane where there are children, school and play area. There is a 7.5t limit – had this monitored. Signs being ignored and drivers stopped. MD Observed that the 'alternative route' is the link road, which the PC has been informed by CCC that this is not designed for heavy traffic – local road for local traffic. CCC giving mixed feedback. Taiwo has met with Amazon, who can control their own drivers, but suppliers' drivers cannot be controlled. Agreement from Amazon that their vehicles would avoid Tamworth Road, etc., but failed Parish Councillors have reported drivers not behaving. Amazon also offered access to driver data. Planning agreement said must use A45 and M6. MD asked W/Cllr Keough to get clarification on link road. Asked for minutes of the committee meeting.

ACTION 2: W/Cllr Keough to forward meeting minutes when available

- Buses – Driver shortage. Meeting with transport. Suggested a pay rise to help retain drivers. Was informed that negotiations are under way – confidential union matter. There have been improvements. Drivers need to be trained for their route.

TG – New houses (former colliery club site Dosco Road, Neil Layton Drive, etc) are not having bins delivered – refuse is being piled up on the side of the road. Please chase up bin deliveries.

6. **Local Issues**

6.1. Litter Picking

Litter-pick – no date set and Cllr Proctor not present. Carry forward

6.2. Jubilee Wood

Cardinal Newman students met with Coventry Park Rangers at Jubilee Wood. Good progress. Successful event. Thanks to Cardinal Newman Students and Park Rangers.

ACTION 3: Chair to write letter of thanks to the School

6.3. Local School/College engagement

School interaction – (see item 6.2)

6.4. Queen's Green Canopy initiative

No progress to report

7. Planning Matters

7.1. New, current and decided planning matters

- Cedar Tree Petition

Cllr Dille wrote to Planning Officer, *"Would the appropriate stakeholders like to conduct a site visit to view the tree and hear from the locals about why it means so much to them and its historical significance? We would be happy to join if we can."* – No response

- Richborough Estates

Cllr Dille wrote to contact at Marrons Planning and asked about 2 planning applications that have come back for public consultation 0712 and 0713 (Richborough Estates), what were the changes? No.1 inclusion of relocation play areas and sustainable travel hub on the parameter plans and minor amendments to access drawings and parameter plans to reflect pedestrian/cycle infrastructure and routes, widths and alignments of paths.

- Bloor Homes/Lioncourt

09/11/2022 3-8pm at Hare and Hounds – Public consultation held by Bloor Homes and Lioncourt Homes for 500 homes on Thompsons Farm. Consultation at suggestion of KPC as better/easier way of communicating with residents, than attending PC meeting. Chair did not receive flyer at Keresley Village – will attend and let them know.

- Mud on road Bennetts Road

Reported to CCC and Taylor Wimpey [TW]. TW, *"I have subsequently contacted our production team to ensure that we are taking the correct steps to prevent mud on the existing highway network. I understand we are currently running a road sweeper for duration of the working day and that our groundworker has also no implemented a daily inspection and photographic record/diary, which can be provided should any future complaints be made. The wheel-wash will be implemented once the first section of the highway is constructed to allow sufficient and safe access for all vehicles."* Residents' accounts differ. TG – they had a stop notice about this in the past. Road sweeper only active at the end of the day. First section of road in situ, but no wheelwash. Drains are getting blocked, causing flooding.

ACTION 4: Cllr Dille to photograph and respond to TW

- Email from Pegasus group about wanting to build 40 houses on corner of Fivefield Road/Tamworth Road. Would like to address PC and residents at a PC meeting. Cllr Dille suggested similar event to the Bloor/Lioncourt consultation, but in Observation that previous application made was turned down. On border and also affects Corley. Concern that Parish Council contacted but with no response could be published. MD proposed a remote meeting via Zoom – wider audience.

ACTION 4: MD to suggest a remote stand-alone meeting and propose date

- Bridleway

Response from CCC about Thompsons Lane re bridleway – *"The route is not currently recorded as public right of way. In light of this the Council will not take any action."* Clerk spoke to friend contact at The Ramblers to find out whether Coventry CC has a definitive map available for inspection. Response, *"CCC was excluded from the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 (to create and maintain a definitive map and statement*

7.2. Issues with CCC planning website and consultation advice

7.3. Any other planning-related matters

- Keresley Link Road

Chair contacted CCC Highways. Reply, *"We had the land surveyors out on the site this week – the area around Watery Lane the woodland, embankment and adjoining fields. This is to provide the team with additional information for the designs we are looking at for Watery Lane and retaining the road access arrangements. This*

information should be back with my team within the week and we will continue to develop. Without getting too technical, the requirement headroom of clearance is 5.8m. This is proving to be difficult to accommodate without impacting on surrounding area, requiring such steep embankments would require excessive land intake. It is still achievable, but we need to explore a little more. Should you or anyone else receive any notifications of people working on the land, this is what they are doing.” Looking at options to keep Watery Lane open due to public pressure at meeting.

Correspondence received from a resident at Appledown Gate, “We had searched conducted in May 2021 and these stated there would be no trunk roads or roundabouts within 200m of our plot. The link road will be 10m from our front door and the roundabout within 15m, so as you can imagine we are horrified.” Cllr Dille responded.

8. Events

8.1. 13/11/2022: Remembrance Sunday

Cllrs Dille & Proctor attending at memorial park. Chair attending St Thomas Church. Chair to give Cllr Dille the wreath after meeting.

8.2. 04/12/2022: 2023/24 Budget/Forward Planning Day [TBC]

Response from CCC Lead Accountant, “The tax base figures will be available by mid-December (~ 9th), based on the position at the end of November. The tax base figures will be included within a report which gets ratified at a meeting of Cabinet on the 10 January 2023. We ask that Parish Council’s submit their precept requests by 31 January. The number of properties within Keresley parish area continues to rise, in line with the trends that I described at the meeting at the end of September, so I am still anticipating a tax base of ~370 for 2023/24.”

Confirmation falls after Budget planning meeting on 04/12/2022 – considered changing date of Budget Planning Day – decided to work on budget, based on 370 and if final confirmation is vastly different, there will be time to make adjustments.

9. Finance

9.1. To approve the Financial Report

IT WAS RESOLVED The Financial Report (circulated to all Councillors in advance) was approved [**Proposed: Cllr Gudgeon / Seconded: Cllr Dille**]

9.2. Approval of payments

IT WAS RESOLVED Payments were approved as per the Financial Report [**Proposed: Cllr Gudgeon / Seconded: Cllr Dille**]

9.3. 2023/24 Budget

Budget-planning day – date TBC (See item 8.2)

ACTION 5: Clerk to prepare Budget Day Agenda

10. Parish Council Administration

10.1. Recruitment

- 2x Parish Councillor vacancies
Clerk emailed potential clerks – 1 thinking again in January, pension question, date of regular meetings, one would like to speak to someone – passed to Chair and Vice Chair. Given answers and waiting for completed applications.

ACTION 6: Chair or Vice Chair to contact potential applicants

- Parish Clerk vacancy
Cllr Dille sent Clerk a request to send an email to 1x potential councillor – no reply to-date.

Go out and promote – newsletter out before Christmas. Planning to put out a circular. Printing on 04/12/2022. Consider approaching residents in new housing.

10.2. Parish Council Communications

Keresley Parish Council Website

Cllr Dille asked about progress with access and training for all Cllrs as per original intention of

the new website and to assist Cllr Proctor.

ACTION 7: Refer to Cllr Proctor

Business Cards

Clerk gave ballpark pricing for 250 cards £14.73-£18.39 + delivery (InstantPrint), VistaPrint more cagey, but standard from £15.80.

ACTION 8: Chair to ask for quote from a work source

ACTION 9: To be considered at Budget planning meeting

10.3. NALC awards scheme

No progress, remove from future agenda

10.4. Archiving of Parish Council Records

Cllr Dille is waiting to hear back from archivist – there has been a change of staff
As this is now in-hand this item can be removed from future agenda

11. Correspondence & Communication

- Rugby Club text received requesting sponsorship for tour. Club is outside the parish boundary. KPC does not have Community Grant Fund established. Distribution of public money. Agreed no. Propose support through collaboration by promoting sport in the area, etc.
- Clerks & Councillors Direct sent to Clerk's home – Clerk to request sent to Library.
- Cllr Middleton noted that Taiwo Owatemi 18/11/2022 coming to Jubilee Crescent with Cllr Clifford and Rachel Lancaster involved at St Francis Church. 2-4pm

12. Councillor's items for future agenda

Councillors are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

None

13. Date of Next Meeting

Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, 13 December 2022 at 19:00, Keresley Community Library, Bennetts Road, Coventry, CV7 8HX

14. To consider the exclusion of the public and press in the public interest for consideration of the following items:

- 14.1.** Personnel issues – None
14.2. Legal issues – None

Meeting Closed: 20:32

Minutes Approved:

Signature: Tracy Gudgeon (Chair)

Date: 13/12/2022