



MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 13 DECEMBER 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.

- 1.1. Attended in person by Cllr Gudgeon (Chair), Dille, Middleton, 2 members of the public and the Acting Clerk
- 1.2. Apologies received from Cllr Fisher [Approved reason: work] and Cllr Proctor [Approved reason: work]

2. Democratic Half-Hour/Public Question Time:

- Badger Setts –No substantive response received from Natural England by member of public [MoP]. Note holes have been filled in and 1m saplings planted.
- MoP drew PC's attention to a closed Cabinet Meeting at CCC with agenda item, "*SDP for Ecology & Building Designs*". One of the surveys clearly states that the whole of the development boundary and adjacent land, where direct or indirect impact on adjacent habitats are anticipated should be surveyed. None of the sites in Keresley have been surveyed. On the Bellway site there was a recommendation in the ecologist's report to survey the woods. The developers replied saying that it was private land and they could not gain access, but when Simon Mules and Robert Pennington gained access to the woods to survey it they invited the developer's ecologist, who declined their invitation and said it was unnecessary. This also applies to the new Fivefield site and other Fivefield development that borders onto Bunsens Wood, etc.

ACTION 1: KPC Planning Committee to review and consider including this in its responses

- Fivefield Road - MoP observed large amount of missing information; no consultations with schools, NHS, Woodland Trust, fire, police, etc. Meeting with developer mentioned 20m buffer, but planning document states 15m.

No S106 payments listed.

ACTION 2: Cllr Dille to ask CCC Planning for information about S106

- School on Bennetts Road – Has the PC heard anything? Response: Waiting to receive confirmation from Keresley Grange Primary Academy Trust that they will run the school. Similar situation to doctor's surgery, which requires CCG – agrees in principal but requires staff to resource it.

ACTION 3: Chair to ask KGPA Trustees for update

- Any progress with bus service in Tamworth Road? Response: Question for Ward Councillors. Considering new houses near the Horse & Jockey – it is too far for children to walk to primary school.

ACTION 4: Ask Cllr Keough to look into this

- Taylor Wimpey Development – MoP observed house prices are being reduced.
- Have the new roads been adopted? Response: Not known. If not adopted by CCC a management surcharge will probably be levied on new home-owners.
- Cedar Tree – W/Cllr Keough not present to give update.

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 8 November 2022 were approved (**Proposed: Cllr Dille / Seconded: Cllr Middleton**)

- Action 1: Ongoing – see item 7.1
- Action 2: W/Cllr Keough not present – carry forward
- Action 3: Carry Forward
- Action 4i: Mud on Tamworth Road – Cllr Dille asked for an update from MoPs – Carry forward – Cllr Dille will observe situation when delivering newsletters
- Action 4ii: Done
- Action 5: Done – see item 9.3
- Action 6: Done – see item 10.1
- Action 7: Ongoing
- Action 8: Reviewed at budget-planning meeting and idea of business cards rejected
- Action 9: Done

5. Ward Councillors' Update

None present

6. Local Issues

- 6.1. Litter-picking – Event scheduled for 05/02/2023 – Location TBC
- 6.2. Jubilee Wood – Session on Saturday 21/01/2023
- 6.3. Local School/College engagement – Chair to write to Cardinal Newman according to Nov-2022 Action 3 and will include information about the session at Jubilee Wood.

ACTION 5: Chair to write to Cardinal Newman

- 6.4. Queen's Green Canopy initiative – Discussed at budget-planning day and budgeted for 2x trees to be planted (1 for Platinum Jubilee and HM Queen Elizabeth II memorial and 1 for King Charles III and the Coronation) in 2023/24 planting season. Sourcing tree supplier. Will also consider sending an invitation to Buckingham Palace for the planting.

7. Planning Matters

- 7.1. New, current and decided planning matters
- Sent email to Emma Spandley, Planning Officer for Keresley SUE, CCC, and received the following response:

One update we have is that we are migrating to a new computer system so there may be teething problems with access to documents on the website.

Update on Applications

Bellway site – OUT/2019/0022

Amended drawings have been submitted for the following applications, however until the new computer system is live on the website, the reconsultation letters will not be sent out. This is to allow a full and transparent consultation process.

RMM/2022/0633 – This application is interlinked with RMM/2022/0636. The red line has been changed to separate the two sites differently, this is due to the Keresley Link Road construction. This means the number of houses each site is proposing has changed. 0633 has changed from 284no. units to 236no units [-48]

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I attach the covering letter, red line plan and the proposed site plan. These are public documents and will be formally consulted on once the computer system is ready.

OUT/2022/0712 – Waiting for final comments off the archaeologist and the final contribution request relating to highway mitigation works from WCC. National Highways have issued a no objection subject to a contribution request for the M6 J3 works. Once the final comments are in the application will be heard by Planning Committee sometime in the new year. Notification of the committee meeting will be sent in the usual way.

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All other applications relating to the SUE are still under assessment

7.2. Any other planning-related matters

- Keresley Link Road

KPC has received a cc email to John Seddon, Head of Highways, CCC, referring to his attendance at a Community Centre Forum on Thursday, 10 November, where he provided the latest updates on the Keresley Link Road project. KPC was not aware of the Forum in advance, but notes the following, *“I applaud the proposed bridge over Watery Lane retaining pedestrian and vehicular access, albeit the latter may be a single-track road. It demonstrates that you have taken on board residents’ opinions.”*

It therefore appears that this suggestion from the Hare and Hounds meeting in July has gone through.

ACTION 6: Chair to request an update from CCC Highways contact

- Street Lighting on Tamworth Road – In response to MoP’s question from a previous meeting, Cllr Dille read the following extract from email from Street Lighting PFI Contract Officer, CCC, *“It is a little disappointing to hear the raising of illuminance levels on the Tamworth Road columns has not had the desired impact; it is appreciated they are only 60 Watt lanterns atop 6-meter columns whereas the lighting columns immediately south (between Keresley Road and Long Lane) are 10-metre columns topped with 150-Watt lanterns; this could make the 6-meter columns appear relatively dimmer as result. However, I can advise that the Tamworth Road lighting columns are actually under review as part of the Keresley Sustainable Urban Extension and its proposed new junctions, so I am exploring a longer term solution.”*
- Amazon Lorries – The following response has been received from Taiwo Owatemi MP: *“I have now heard back from Amazon regarding the lorry you reported on Tamworth Road. They have said,*
“I understand this vehicle was seen on Tamworth Road by Councillor Dille. We’ve looked back at the date and time and can confirm the vehicle was on the road at that time when the recommended route to and from our receive centre was affected with roadworks, forcing the majority of traffic (not just Amazon-related) to find alternative routes. In normal circumstances we would, of course, raise this with the haulage contractor; however, given the circumstances the driver would have faced that day (and the fact that the driver was legally entitled to be on that route) it makes it very difficult for us to challenge. Rest assured, though, we continue to advise our contractors on the recommended route.
“I’d also urge any member of the council or general public to email [bxh4-enquiries@amazon.com](mailto:bhx4-enquiries@amazon.com) with any similar concerns, noting date, time and vehicle registration. The relevant team on site will then be able to address the matter directly.”
- Bellway Trees – Cllr Dille approached Marrons directly to request information about trees and received a ‘Baseline Tree Survey’ via a link, due to the size of the file, but when Cllr Dille went to open the survey report the link had expired. Has requested an updated link.

8. Events

8.1. 13/11/2022: Remembrance Sunday

Cllrs Dille & Proctor attended service at Memorial Park and the Chair attended at St Thomas’ Church.

8.2. 04/12/2022: Budget Planning Meeting

Budget planning meeting was successful and the DRAFT Budget for 2023-24 prepared, see item 9.3

- 2 members of the public left the meeting -

9. Finance

9.1. **IT WAS RESOLVED** The Financial Report to 14/12/2022 was approved
(Proposed: Cllr Gudgeon / Seconded: Cllr Dille)

9.2. **IT WAS RESOLVED** To payments listed in Financial Report were approved
(Proposed: Cllr Gudgeon / Seconded: Cllr Dille)

9.3. Budget 2023-24

The DRAFT Budget 2023-24 was considered. An update from Lead Accountant, CCC, (received after 4:00pm before the meeting and circulated to all Councillors) was considered. This email did not include final confirmation of the tax base, but did include detail of the proposed grant, which was higher than expected.

It was decided to amend the DRAFT Budget 2023-24 to take this into account and reduce the precept request to reflect the higher grant, for approval at the meeting in January.

Can confirm that the Band D equivalent should be reduced by £6+ following re-drafting.

ACTION 7: Clerk to redraft the Budget 2023-24 for resolution in January

10. Parish Council Administration

10.1. Recruitment

4x Clerk inquiries – Acting Clerk has confirmed that they are still interested, but no application form(s) received.

Cllr Fisher in contact with 2 potential Councillors.

To be followed-up in New Year

10.2. Parish Council Communications

Nothing to report.

11. Correspondence & Communication

- A comment was received on Facebook asking, “*Why are we paying extra for a parish? So that everyone knows we pay extra council tax for this. You are doing nothing to stop the council and builders ruining our parish. All about money.*” The Chair responded on behalf of KPC as follows:

“The precept for the parish council is a very small percentage of the overall council tax (see the website for details https://www.keresley-pc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/KPC_2022-23-Amended-Budget-DRAFT.pdf)

“KPC only has one paid post (the Clerk) who currently works 10 hours. All the Councillors give their time voluntarily.

“The Keresley SUE was agreed many years ago (prior to the current Cllrs being in post). The role of the Parish Councillors is to provide information to residents, provide opportunities to have their input with developers. KPC endeavours to respond to planning applications. We are involved in environmental projects and case work supporting residents in the area with a variety of issues, as far as we can. We are only a small council, and currently have two vacancies, if anyone is interested in helping.

“Please come along to the next meeting on Tuesday 13th December, 7pm.”

- Nothing of note that has not been covered.

12. Councillor’s items for future agenda

- The Chair requested a discussion/vote on CPRE request for a donation towards Judicial Review

13. Date of Next Meeting

Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, 10 January 2023 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: 20:03

Minutes Approved:

Signature: Tracy Gudgeon (Chair) Date: 10/01/2023