



## MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2023

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**Meeting opened: 07.00pm**

### **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 Cllrs Gudgeon (Chair), Middleton, Drwiega, Omar, W/Cllrs Keough, 5 members of the public [MoP] and the Clerk.
- 1.2. Apologies received from the Lord Mayor and W/Cllr Jandu.

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

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

2.1.1. Mop - Ongoing issue with Motor bikes gaining access to the Village via Rugby Club Road, ripping it up by the farm and excessive speeding down Borough Hill Lane also riding dangerously and speeding. Mop explains speeding and going above limit still ongoing in the Village, also parking on sidewalks thereby restricting mobility despite several complains by the residents and Keresley Parish Council.

**ACTION:** Chair suggests getting a speed watch. W/Cllr Keough to assist the council with getting a speed watch down in the village area and Clerk to put in a request with the community Police.

W/Cllr Keough arrived at 7.04pm

2.1.2. \*\*Mop Discuss attempted break in on Tamworth Road. Further discussed road marking into Apple down gate as the residents of the estate do not treat it as a stop junction when exiting the estate. Mop suggests clearer road marking and a stop or give way sign be put at the entrance of estate to serve as caution to residents.

**ACTION:** Cllr Omar to follow up with contact at highways to have a sign up at the entrance/exit of the estate

2.1.3. Mop discusses flytipping on Holyfast lane, resident explains it has been bad this past week. measures to stop it from happening was suggested such as installing a camera, apps, blocking off Holy fast lane and several preventive measure was suggested. Mop Further raised concern on welfare put in place for increased dwelling residents as a result of new development.

**ACTION** W/cllr Keough suggests getting a petition signed by affected residents and he will follow up as a W/cllr. MoP also advised to follow up with Allsley Parish Council and contact Taiwo Owatemi Mp on welfare of residents.

2.1.4. Mop – Health Services, Schools, infrastructures correspondence request yet to be received /communicated despite some schools been at capacity and little or no expansion happening, Mop suggests sending a letter of no confidence to the planning committee. Cllr Gudgeon mentions she has done that and proceeds to read out the email she sent.

**“At the last Keresley Parish Council meeting residents and Councillors raised concerns about the City Council Planning Committee.**

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**They had attended the Planning Committee Meeting in October and were concerned with the knowledge of the Councillors who make up the committee. Of the ten Councillors who make up the planning committee, Severn members wards have no geographical link to Keresley. Therefore, have little to no knowledge of Keresley, and respect for the impact the planned housing developments are having, and will continue to have on the residents. Repeatedly Parish and Ward Councillors, and residents raised objections and speak at committee meetings. They are ignored, as it seems are the ONS figures of population projections too when continually agreeing to large housing developments in Keresley.**

**Keresley Parish Council, and the residents of Keresley Parish therefore have no confidence in the planning committee, it's Councillors and the Planning officers.**

**Keresley Parish Council invite the Chair or members of the Planning Committee, Planning Officer(s) and yourself to a meeting with residents to answer their questions. Our next two meetings in the new year are:**

**Tuesday 9th January 2024**

**Tuesday 13th February 2024**

**7pm at Keresley Community Library, Bennetts Road. Keresley. “**

2.1.5. **Mop** discuss two trees on Tamworth Road and getting In touch with tree officer, but no correspondence has been picked yet. Mop further discusses the badger sets. Discussion Follows

**ACTION:** W/Cllr Keough to follow at the Planning Meeting kindly reinforce “the no confidence in the meeting” by the Parish Council.

**ACTION:** Cllr Omar to follow up on traffic light and footpath on Watery lane and within the Kpc

### **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 of 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

- 4.1. **IT WAS RESOLVED** The minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>TH</sup> November 2023 were approved [**Proposed: Cllr Drwiega / Seconded: Cllr Middleton**]
- 4.2. Matters arising ALL Actions were Carried out. Further Discussed the make up of the planning committee and make up of it and geographic representation
- 4.3. Council Discusses the Positive effect green spaces have on mental health and how it signifies improvement in general well being.

### **5. Ward Councillors – Update**

- 5.1. W/Cllr Keough updates the council on litter picking within the ward, W/Cllr Keough also discussed poor bus services within Keresley and raised concerns on how young people conduct themselves on the buses and to raise this at the upcoming planning meeting at the Council.

### **6. Review, Discussion and Reflection – moved to budget and precept meeting to hold on December 16 2023**

### **7. Planning Matters**

- 7.1. Cllr Drwiega updated the meeting on his correspondence on Thompson farm, physical meeting he had with the developers and their building Plan regarding building/structures and plans for roads in

conjunction with City Council and planning committee. Cllr Drwiega also informs the meeting developers will be speaking at the planning meeting on existing structures, plots of land near by the road, pathway, and operations. And relayed their interest on wanting to work with the Parish Council and not against.

7.2. **ACTION** Cllr Drwiega to attend upcoming planning meeting and Cllr Gudgeon to send a written statement as Chair on behalf of Keresley Parish Council to upcoming planning meeting.

## 8. **Events**

8.1. Tree Planting Ceremony was a Huge Success. Food left from the tree planting ceremony was taken to Salvation Army Light House Centre by Cllr Omar which was greatly appreciated.

## 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 Middleton / Seconded: Cllr Drwiega]**

## 10. **Parish Council Administration**

10.1. Recruitment – Vacancies for 3 more Councillors still open

10.2. Training – Council agreed on proposed date (21,22,28 and 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2024) for code of conduct training at the Council house.

10.3. Council to agree on a date to have the City Council representative attend a meeting and answer questions regarding planning.

11. **Correspondence & Communication** - Cllr Drwiega received an invite for a meeting from secretary Keresley Rugby Club on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

## 12. **Councillor's items for future agenda**

### 13. **Date of Next Meeting**

Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January at 19:00, Keresley Community Library, Bennetts Road, Coventry, CV7 8HX (response received from the city council will determine nature of the meeting)

**Meeting Closed: 08.15pm**

**Minutes Approved:**

Signature: Tracy Gudgeon (Chair)

Date: 09/01/2024