



MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER, 2023

Meeting opened: 07.07PM

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), Omar, Drwiega, Middleton, 2 members of the public [MoP] and the Clerk.
- 1.2. Apologies received from Lord Mayor, W/Cllr Jandu and W/Cllr Keough.

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. Planning meeting- MoP discussed on the planning meetings held with the city council, Penny Park lane, initial agreements for development plans to have new schools built, more leisure facilities and infrastructures for the community. Mop mentions schools and facilities are over capacity and been overused. Planning consultation meeting also received reports about Severn Trent not having adequate facilities to cope with recent new developments in the community.
 - 2.1.2. Environment- MoP spoke on severe overload and surge in coventry and weather pollution due to new houses and development, and a consultation hasn't been planned. Discussion Follows
 - 2.1.3. Flood- Heavy flood on tamworth road all the way to the supermarket as a result of heavy rain on Monday 13th Nov 2023, as a result of ineffective or damaged drainage system leading to severe flooding in most part of the area. Chair also mentioned excessive water coming from Taylor wimpey site into bennette road on to the farm causing more flood in that area
 - 2.1.4. Link Road – MoP spoke on how fundamental the link road is, mentions the initial proposed finish date and how a detailed update on the link road is yet to be provided, resident also raised concern on fundamental documents and information conflicting with regard to the link road. Further speaks on more traffic on the roads and heavy vehicular use as a result of rapid growing community

ACTION Chair kindly request the clerk to contact relevant department at the city council to have drainages cleared / serviced. And MOP to send a copy of complaint to W/Cllrs.

ACTION Chair to contact Adrian West and raise concerns as a parish council about conduct within planning meeting and raise confidence in chair of the planning committee to run a coherent meeting, chair to further question make up of the planning committee and enquire the demographic of the meeting if it has representatives from the north of the city and if the present representatives at the meeting are impacted by planning going on in the city.

Council further discussed the cllrs on the planning committee hasn't visited the keresley area in recent times or visited in the last 4 weeks, which had led the council to question decisions, an informed decision cant be given on an application with no site visit.

Cllr Middleton suggested having a Cllr in the committee from the bablake ward for better

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representation, Chair mentions could be Keresley, Holbrook, Radford or anywhere in the north of the city, Discussion Follows

Developers - Mop also raises concerns about developers not implementing local plan and building policies provided, because the new developments are visibly smaller compared to the minimum requirement in the Local Building plan.

Edges - Mop also raised concerns about the edges on Bennette Road North making accessibility difficult for residents and potential hazard for residents with mobility scooter and baby prams. Making mobility very restricted and difficult

2.1.5. Representation-MoP suggests canvassing councillors to approach the cabinet before consultations get to approval stage to lay objections, resident discusses more on the council lacking representation and Keresley not spoken for and represented enough, Mop suggested splitting wards to make Keresley better represented.

ACTION Clerk and Clerk to put in suggestions with the boundary review committee .

ACTION Clerk to contact W/Cllr Keough and get an update about parking on footpath in the village

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 10th OCTOBER 2023.

- 4.1. **IT WAS RESOLVED** The minutes of the meeting held on 12th October were approved
[Proposed: Cllr Drwiega / Seconded: Cllr Omar]
- 4.2. Action 2.1 Carried Forward (Chair to Contact Adrian West)

5. Ward Councillors – Update

- 5.1. W/Cllrs – No Ward Cllr was present, however Cllr Jandu sent an email "**Sorry Unable to attend due to health reasons, was taken ill and hospitalised but now back home recovering. Please accept my apology. Please note : I spoke at the City Councils Planning Committee on 2nd November 2023 opposing the planning application for 388 houses penny park lane/Bennetts Road, Sadly it was approved despite our strong opposition "**

6. Local Issues

- 6.1. **Tree Planting Action Day** – Action day to hold at Keresley Jubilee wood on 29th Nov 2023 at 10-12pm. Expected to be in attendance are Park Service Rangers, Volunteers and Students from Cardinal Newman college.
Cllr Omar has also extended invite to students at President Kennedy school.
- 6.2. Tree Planting Ceremony to hold on 2nd December 2023 2pm at Keresley Jubilee Wood and light refreshment to follow at The Hare and Hound. Cllr Omar to follow up with venue and finalise arrangements with the venue. Residents and Members of the press to be invited. Council will arrange a meeting to create a guest list and send out invitations.

7. Planning Matters

- 7.1. New, current, and decided planning matters – Cllr Drwiega updates the meeting on letter he received from construction company. Discussion follows.
- 7.2. Cllr Drwiega updates the council on his contact with Emma Spandley Discussion Follows.
- 7.3. More Destruction ongoing by the fence at the substation, mentions a fox den on the driveway of the substation.

7.4. Cllr Omar to also follow up with City Council on the Pathway Hazard on benette road, as it is causing obstruction for residents and pedestrians.

8. Events

8.1. Tree Planting Ceremony – 2nd December 2023. Time: 2pm

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 Drwiega / Seconded: Cllr Middleton**]

Proposed date was agreed on to Plan Budget and set the Precept for year 2024/2025 by the Councillors, Chair reminded the Council on Kpc aim which is trimming the precept as low as it can be done For the benefit of the resident within the parish council,as it was done in previous year. Chair reiterates the main aim of the meeting council is to bring the precept down.

Approval of payments – Cllr Omar presented the council with invoice from St Thomas Church towards donations for the AED/ defibrator.

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

10. Parish Council Administration

10.1. Recruitment – Flyers and posters to be made to announce vacancies for Cllr position and more publicity.

10.2. Training – Clerk to Contact Adrian West for Training for Parish Councillors in the new year.

11. Correspondence & Communication

12. **Councillor's items for future agenda** Council to meet 16th December 2023, 3pm at the Keresley Community Library to plan the Budget & Precept for year 2024/2025.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday, 9th January 2024 at 19:00, Keresley Community Library, Bennetts Road, Coventry, CV7 8HX

Meeting Closed: 08*15pm

Minutes Approved:

Signature: Tracy Gudgeon (Chair)

Date: 12/12/2023