

# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 09 JANUARY 2024

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Meeting opened: 07.03pm

## 1. Welcome & Apologies

- 1.1. Attended in person by Cllrs Gudgeon (Chair), Drwiega, Middleton. W/Cllrs Keough, Jandu, 2 Members of the public [MoP] and the Clerk
- 1.2. Apologies received from the Lord Mayor and Cllr Omar [Approved Reason: Health]
- 1.3. Cllr Gudgeon read out the Appreciation/ Goodwill message from the Lord Mayor to the Parish Council.

## 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 – Resident spoke on TPO Tree Protection Orders and Seven Trent. Mop explains there has use to be several correspondence on TPO but hasn't received a response recently further requested W/Cllr Keough to kindly assist with a follow up. Resident also discussed Seven Tren Planning application for Keresley especially with increase in development and population which will also have effect on the sewage system, questioning it adequacy and effectiveness with the recent developments. Discussion Follows
  - 2.1.2. Education – Resident discuss building new Schools, the effect new developments in the area has on existing Schools by putting them at capacity also with urgent staffing issues for the Schools. Discussion follows.
  - 2.1.3. MoP Traffic/ Roads – Discussion on Floodings, Roads and Drainages and Maintenance regarding Keresley. Mop complains about Heavy Traffic within the area during the previous Month. Resident also gave an update on discussion held at previous planning meeting on the relief road. **ACTION** Cllr Gudgeon to reach out to contact at relief road and get updated information.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023

- 4.1. **IT WAS RESOLVED** The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 were approved [**Proposed: Cllr Middleton / Seconded: Cllr Gudgeon**]
- 4.2. Matters arising
- 4.3. Action 1.0 -**Done**
- 4.4. Action 2.0 -**Done**
- 4.5. Action 3.0 – **Done**
- 4.6. Action 4.0 Carried forward for Cllr Omar ( Speed Sign at Appledown Gate)

Chair informed the meeting on response received from the City Council in regard to the Lack of confidence by the Planning Committee and a meeting is been arranged to be hosted by KPC with CCC for the residents to ask questions and details of the meeting will be publicised .

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## 5. Ward Councillors – Update

5.1. W/Cllr Keough updated the Council on New Drainage on Sandpits Lane, and some flooding in the area and arrangement made by the City Council to fix drainages in the Parish Council and new services coming up to Keresley Area.

**ACTION.** Clerk to put road maintenance and work link on website

W/Cllr Jandu – gives an update on Borders and Boundary review on updates and proposals available on the website. Discussion Follow

6. Item 6: Carried Forward to March meeting (Reviews and Discussion)

## 7. Planning Matters

7.1. New, current, and decided planning matters – Cllr Drwiega on the Planning meeting that held on 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023, he informed the meeting that the application was Passed and 7 out of 11 present Councillors Voted in support however there was no objections by the remaining 4 Councillors. Cllr Drwiega further mentions the objection and Lack of Confidence in the planning Committee sent by Cllr Gudgeon (Chair) wasn't acknowledged at the meeting, Cllr Drwiega mentioned he objected via the video app he joined on. **ACTION** – Chair to include it in her further discussions with Adrian West.

## 8. Finance

8.1. To approve the Financial Report

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

8.2. Approval of payments

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

Budget and Precept meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> of Dec 2023. KPC Councillors met and set the precept and tax base with an 18% reduction in precept for people in Keresley Parish Council and precept for Band D property will be £23.55 this year huge reductions from the previous year which was £28.70, which was also reduced by 25% from the previous year (2022-2023).

The Councillors voted unanimously agreed with 18% reduction set in the precept for Year 2024/2025. Clerk to send Approved Budget & Precept to the City Council.

## 9. Parish Council Administration

9.1. Recruitment – Vacancies available for qualified Councillors interested in joining the Council.

9.2. Training

10. Correspondence & Communication - The Chair responded to allegations made in a voicemail message by a Resident **"Defibrillator - we have only discussed the possibility of an AED NO location has been decided, many have been mentioned, even the petrol station. We have contributed financially to the defibrillator being reinstated at St Thomas Church. Responses to the developments in Keresley - objections have been submitted for all major developments and objections made at Planning Committee Meetings. The Chair has submitted a motion of no confidence in the planning committee, it's membership (cllrs who sit on the committee) and their knowledge of Keresley. The Planning Director and Chair of the Planning Committee have been invited to a KPC meeting in the new year to answer questions from residents. The press are contacted regularly, but they either don't reply, or are not interested. This is a problem with Coventry Telegraph being produced out of the city which we have no control of. We are making noises in the right places in a legitimate and legally correct way.**

11. Cllr Drwiega updated the meeting on his correspondence with Keresley Rugby Club and encouragement they kindly request of Keresley Parish Council. It was agreed by the meeting and W/Cllrs to lend moral support as a Community to the Keresley Rugby Club.

**ACTION** Clerk to write a letter on behalf of Kpc and send to Keresley Rugby Club.

**ACTION** Clerk to send out Vacancies for post of Councillor.

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

**13. Date of Next Meeting**

Next Parish Council Meeting – To be Communicated.

**Meeting Closed: 08.37pm**

**Minutes Approved:**

Signature:           *CLLR DRWIEGA*          

Date:           13-02-2024