



KETLEY PARISH COUNCIL

TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Ketley Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th October 2023 at Ketley Community Centre at 7:00pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor Eileen Callear (Chairman)	Councillor Amrik Jhawar
Councillor Mandy Cartwright	Councillor Sam Millward Thomas
Councillor Joy Francis	Councillor Hilda Rhodes
Councillor Nick Heath	

In Attendance

Clerk: Shelley Everton
Deputy Clerk: Zara Purvis

Public: 1 member of the public

C23/099 WELCOME
The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C23/100 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies received from Cllr. D Elliott, Cllr. G Offland, Cllr. R Sahota and Cllr. S Thiara.
Apologies accepted.

C32/101 PUBLIC SESSION
Member of the public in attendance advises that he has bought 10 solar panel lights to have installed to the side of his property due to dim lighting concerns. He has asked for permission to put up three lights in each of the alleyways around his home, as well as money towards the galvanized poles in which the lights need to be attached to.
Councillors advised the resident that we as a Council are unable to provide permission for the installation of the lights as the land is owned by the Wrekin Housing Trust Housing Association. However, as a Council, we are in full support of the resident moving forward with this. Funding for the lights is something that can be investigated, the matter will be added to the agenda of the next Finance Committee Meeting.
Cllr. A Jhawar advised that the Council will be required to link up with Legal to ascertain that should we provide funding for the lights, that does not make us responsible for the maintenance of the lights.
Member of the public has reported that the hedges behind his property have not been trimmed back, which is leaving residents unable to walk around the area safely.
The Clerk is to link in with the CAT Team and request they look at the area affected and report back.

Member of the public would like for the drains by the roundabout to be looked at and potentially have a sucker brought to the site to clear any blocked drains to prevent flooding moving into the wetter months.

The Clerk to ask the CAT Team to keep an eye on the drainage and water levels to decide if a sucker is warranted.

Member of the public in attendance has noticed that the earth mound within the confines of the old tip has grown.

The Clerk is to report this to the relevant agencies.

C23/102 POLICE MATTERS

The Clerk advised all Councillors that the police are due to attend the next Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 08 November 2023.

Cllr. S Millward-Thomas asked for an update regarding the break in at Sainsbury's. The Clerk advised that the two perpetrators were apprehended the same day.

Cllr. E Callear advised that she had received an email from a Millenium Village resident who had had their door wrongfully damaged by the police in their investigation into the Sainsbury's break in. Cllr. E Callear will follow up with the resident and obtain further details from them.

C23/103 SHROPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE

Cllr. E Callear requested that confirmation be sought from Shropshire Fire and Rescue by the Clerk that the usual safety information regarding bonfire night and fireworks etc. be made readily available to Parish residents.

C23/104 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

Cllr. A Jhavar disclosed an interest in Planning as he is on the Planning Committee at Telford and Wrekin Council.

Cllr. S Millward-Thomas disclosed that he is a resident of the Millenium Village and that himself and Cllr. J Francis sit on the board of residents.

C23/105 COUNCIL MINUTES

To receive and agree the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13 September 2023.

Proposed Cllr. A Jhavar

Seconded Cllr. N Heath.

All other Councillors were in favor that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 September 2023 be adopted and that the Chairman sign these as a true record.

C23/106 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (i) Councillors considered planning application TWC/2023/0710 regarding the land adjacent 51 Holyhead Road, Ketley, Telford, Shropshire. A variation of condition 14 of planning application TWC/2022/0319 (2no. supported living bungalows) to allow increase in footprint to accommodate M4(3) requirements, units relocated, handed and changes to bin store arrangements and change of brick detailing to window heads. After consideration it was agreed that no comments be offered. A site visit is to be arranged available for all Councillors to be in attendance.
- (ii) Councillors considered planning application TWC/2023/0718 regarding the land adjacent/rear of, 51 Holyhead Road, Ketley, Telford, Shropshire. A variation of condition 13 (deposited plans) of planning application TWC/2021/0877 (Erection of 9no. one bedroom Supported Living bungalows and staff room together with access drive, sewers and associated external works) to allow amendments to previously approved plans including minor increase in footprint size to accommodate M4(3) requirements, minor changes to bin store arrangements and change of

brick detailing to window heads, installation of PV Panels, service link to Red Lees omitted and change of fencing specification. After consideration it was agreed that no comments be offered. A site visit is to be arranged available for all Councillors to be in attendance.

- (iii) None to review as no planning applications were submitted post publication of the agenda.

C23/107 COMMUNITY CENTRE

Councillors noted the Community Centre Report.

Cllr. E Callear raised a question about what is being done about the water pooling on the flat roof. The Clerk advised that the Community Centre Manager is keeping a close eye on the situation and will be obtaining quotes to best understand the cost of fixing the issue.

No further questions raised.

C23/108 FINANCE COMMITTEE

- (i) Minutes are to be provided in the next meeting due to no meeting being held in August.

- (ii) Cllr. H Rhodes advised there was nothing to note from the last meeting due to it being a short agenda.

C23/109 FINANCE

- (i) All Councillors noted the state of the Council's finances, no comments to add.

- (ii) All Councillors noted the bank reconciliations for August 2023, no comments to add.

C23/110 FINANCE PAYMENTS

- (i) Councillors inspected and authorised orders for payment.

Proposed by Cllr. S Millward-Thomas

Seconded by Cllr. H Rhodes

All Councillors in favor.

- (ii) No card payments to inspect and authorise.

C23/111 GRIT BINS

The Council's grit bin service is to remain the same as previous years.

Proposed by Cllr. M Cartwright

Seconded by Cllr. H Rhodes

All Councillors in favor.

C23/112 CAT ACTION PLAN

Still awaiting an update on how many fines have been issued to motorists outside the primary school for the last 12 months between July 2022 and July 2023.

C23/113

PLASTIC FREE

The Clerk is to arrange a meeting for the Councillors to attend with the Plastic Free team to discuss further. Deferred until the meeting has taken place.

C23/114

MILLENIUM VILLAGE ROADS

Cllr. E Callear has received an email from a Millenium Village resident who is unhappy with the state of the roads.

Cllr. S Millward Thomas and Cllr. J Francis have a meeting with the Regional Director of Taylor Wimpey next week where Homes England and Sanctuary Housing will also be in attendance.

The Clerk is to write a letter to Taylor Wimpey on behalf of the Council requesting action be taken to rectify the issues with the roads as a matter of urgency.

Proposed by Cllr. S Millward Thomas

Seconded by Cllr. J Francis

All Councillors in favor.

C23/115

INFORMATION ITEMS

(i)

Borough Cllr. R Sahota not in attendance.

(ii)

Cllr. H Rhodes requested an update on the clock. The Clerk confirmed that the clock is working but that we are still working out how often the clock requires to be wound up. This will take a matter of months.

C23/116

PARISH MATTERS

Cllr. E Callear advised that friends of Hurley Brook have been keeping an eye on Ketley Brook due to reports of fly tipping and disposal of raw sewerage.

The Clerk is to link in with Environmental Health at Telford and Wrekin Council to explore the reports of contamination.

Cllr. M Cartwright advised that the trees and bushes on the corner of Holyhead Road at the four-way traffic lights are overgrown to the point that the pathway is obstructed. The trees are now overhanging the pathway and the road.

The Clerk will speak to the NEO's regarding this issue and if the trees are on private property, an enforcement notice is to be issued.

Cllr. S Millward Thomas proposed getting a group of students from Meadows Primary School together to join the Councillors at a meeting to discuss what they would like to see happen in the Parish. Cllr. N Heath and Cllr. M Cartwright are looking into setting up a 'Youth Council'.

Cllr. S Millward Thomas to speak to the headteacher at Meadows Primary School to arrange for a group of students to attend a Council meeting.

Cllr. S Millward Thomas advised of issues of anti-social behaviour and speeding along Mossey Green Way.

The Clerk will contact Oakengates Parish Council to propose a joint bid for CCTV on Mossey Green Way due to the split boundary of the Councils. The Clerk will also investigate the probability of getting a speed camera.

Cllr. M Cartwright raised concerns with speeding on Orchard Close. Cars are driving down the road at excessive speed rendering children who are walking to school and home from school unable to cross the road.

Cllr. M Cartwright to keep an eye on the situation and report on whether the issue persists.

Cllr. E Callear was concerned with cars parking on Station Road in front of the houses of Pauline Close. She will look to see if an enforcement

notice can be issued to these vehicle owners to deter them from parking in a way which obstructs normal traffic flow on the road.

C23/117 REVIEW OF PHONE SERVICE

The Clerk has requested that this item be deferred until next month once the third and final quote has been obtained.

Proposed by Cllr. E Callear
Seconded by Cllr. A Jhawar
All Councillors in favor.

C23/118 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Plastic Free to be discussed following the meeting with Councillors.
Review of phone service to be decided on following receipt of the third quote.

C23/119 PLANNED DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Finance Committee	Wednesday 25 th October 2023	1 PM
Resources Committee	Wednesday 08 th November 2023	6:15 PM
Full Council Meeting	Wednesday 08 th November 2023	7 PM

The Chairman closed the public meeting at: 8:37 PM

Notification of Private Session under Schedule 12a, Local Government Act 1972, the following items are likely to disclose exempt information in relation to establishment and contractual matters and that pursuant to provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.