



# KETLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE

**MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Ketley Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 December 2023 at Ketley Community Centre at 7:00pm.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Eileen Callear (Chair)  
Cllr. Dave Elliott  
Cllr. Joy Francis  
Cllr. Nick Heath

Cllr. Amrik Jhawar  
Cllr. Sam Millward Thomas  
Cllr. Hilda Rhodes  
Cllr. Ranbir Sahota

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**CLERK:** Shelley Everton  
**DEPUTY CLERK:** Zara Purvis  
**PUBLIC:** 4 Members of the Public

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**C23/148 WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**C23/149 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr. Mandy Cartwright, Cllr. Gemma Offland and Cllr. Sukh Thiara. Apologies acknowledged and accepted.

**Cllr. Sam Millward Thomas entered the meeting at 7:01 PM**

**C23/150 PUBLIC SESSION**

Member of the public wanted to know if there had been any progress with the spring that has been causing water to pool on the pathway into Red Lees.

**The Clerk advised that Telford and Wrekin Council are aware, but she will contact the Right of Ways Team to see if they can provide us with any further assistance in rectifying the matter.**

Resident who lives opposite the site in which the new bungalows are being built would like to know when the work will likely be completed.

**The Clerk will email Telford and Wrekin Planning Committee to request an update on the proposed completion date.**

**C23/151 POLICE MATTERS**

Police representative PCSO Kristen Wills provided an update regarding the speeding issues on Mossey Green Way. There is now a Problem-Solving Plan in place including multiple different locations in Telford, including Ketley.

**Cllr. Joy Francis advised the representative that a concerned resident had sent photographs of a motorbike speeding through the woods directly behind his property.**

PCSO Kristen Wills has asked for Cllr. Joy Francis to forward on all information and images to get this investigated further.

**C23/152 SHROPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE**

No representative in attendance.  
Nothing to note from the Councillors.

**C23/153 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None noted



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### **C23/154 COUNCIL MINUTES**

To receive and agree the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 08 November 2023.

**Proposed Cllr. Amrik Jhawar**

**Seconded Cllr. Nick Heath**

**Cllr. Hilda Rhodes abstained due to not being in attendance**

**All other Councillors were in favour that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 08 November 2023 be adopted and that the Chairman sign these as a true record**

### **C23/155 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None noted

### **C23/156 COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Nothing to note.

Councillors would like to pass their thanks onto the Community Centre Manager for all his hard work when planning and putting on events and ensuring that the maximum revenue is being sought from hiring the centre out.

### **C23/157 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Cllr. Joy Francis provided a short summary from the Finance Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22 November 2023.

### **C23/158 FINANCE**

- (i) All Councillors noted the state of the Council's finances, no comments to add.
- (ii) All Councillors noted the bank reconciliations for October 2023, no comments to add.

### **C23/159 FINANCE PAYMENTS**

- (i) Councillors inspected and authorised orders for payment.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Amrik Jhawar**  
**Seconded by Cllr. Hilda Rhodes**  
**All in favour**
- (ii) Councillors inspected and authorised card payments.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Nick Heath**  
**Seconded by Cllr. Joy Francis**  
**All in favour**

### **C23/160 COMMUNITY CENTRE CAR PARK WALL**

The report collated by the structural engineer was looked over by all Councillors.

**Cllr. Eileen Callear proposed that the Clerk obtain three quotes for a full survey be completed as per the guidance given in the structural report received.**

**Proposal was seconded by Cllr. Hilda Rhodes**

**All Councillors in favour**

### **C23/161 PARISH BOUNDARY REVIEW**

Cllr. Eileen Callear disclosed an interest as she sits on the Boundary Committee at Telford and Wrekin Council. Cllr. Callear also explained that it is very important for the Councillors of Ketley to give their comments towards the boundary review as it could greatly affect the outcome as all comments will be heard.

Cllr. Sam Millward Thomas advised that he feels that Ketley should only be made up of one ward rather than two due to the smaller scale of the Parish.

All Councillors discussed the possibility of Overdale coming back to join Ketley as it once was. This is due to the dramatic size increase of Lawley, in which both Lawley and Overdale are currently looked after by the same Parish Council.



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Cllr. Sam Millward Thomas requested a working group be put together so that a meeting can take place in the first week of the new year to discuss the matter further and comments be collated to send before the deadline.

**Cllr. Eileen Callear, Cllr. Dave Elliott, Cllr. Joy Francis, Cllr. Nick Heath, Cllr. Sam Millward Thomas, Cllr. Hilda Rhodes, and Cllr. Ranbir Sahota all registered their interest in being in the working group.**

Cllr. Eileen Callear advised that within the working group, it should be discussed how many Councillors there should be if Ketley was to take on the responsibility of Overdale.

### **C23/162 MOSSEY GREEN WAY**

(i) A response was received from Telford and Wrekin Council stating that until the speeding issues have been rectified on Mossey Green Way, they will not look to construct a pedestrian crossing in this area.

(ii) Due to the reported Anti-Social Behaviour that has been taking place behind the Shell Garage, the ASB Team at Telford and Wrekin Council do have a camera that we can use, however a column is required for this to be set up. The Clerk advised that this column will cost £2,500.00 and is asking Borough Councillor Ranbir Sahota for half of this amount and for the Council to match the funding.

**Cllr. Ranbir Sahota approved this request.**

**Proposed by Cllr. Joy Francis**

**Seconded by Cllr. Hilda Rhodes**

**All in favour to match the funding from Borough Councillor Ranbir Sahota**

(iii) A comprehensive update was received earlier in the meeting from the Police representative present regarding the speeding issue.

The Clerk advised that the mobile camera has been used multiple times on Mossey Green Way, however, did not yield any results due to motorists being able to see the van clearly, therefore reducing their speed to within the limit.

Speed surveys will be taking place from the bridge over Mossey Green Way in the coming weeks.

### **C23/163 BUDGET**

Councillors reviewed and agreed the proposed budget for 2024/2025

**Proposed by Cllr. Hilda Rhodes**

**Seconded by Cllr. Amrik Jhawar**

**All in favour**

### **C23/164 GRANTS**

(i) Grant application submitted by Margaret Court Retirement Living Scheme was considered by all Councillors

**Proposed by Cllr. Hilda Rhodes**

**Seconded by Cllr. Joy Francis**

**All in favour to pay the requested grant amount of £408.00**

(ii) Grant application submitted by the Lighthouse Church was considered by all Councillors  
**Proposed by Cllr. Sam Millward Thomas that the Clerk to go back to the Lighthouse Church and confirm that an amount to the sum of £250.00 will be granted under the provision that they provide all pertinent documentation to be considered by Councillors**

**Seconded by Cllr. Nick Heath**

**All in favour**

### **C23/165 MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT WEDNESDAY 08 NOVEMBER 2023**

Cllr. Sam Millward Thomas gave all Councillors an overview of the visit from the children of Meadows Primary School.



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Cllr. Sam Millward Thomas will discuss with Meadows Head Teacher about some of the older students joining Council over the three days next week in which we are hosting Christmas Dinners for the over 65's community.

**A date will be held for Councillors to join the students at school in the New Year to follow up on their previous visit to us.**

### C23/166 CHRISTMAS DINNERS

The Clerk advised that Tuesday 19 December is now fully booked and reminded the Councillors which day they are due to attend.

### C23/167 INFORMATION ITEMS

(i) Councillor Ranbir Sahota has lots of ideas on how she will spend her Borough Councillor funding.

(ii) Cllr. Joy Francis advised that a resident has approached her with concerns that the Christmas lights always remain on.

**The Clerk has confirmed that this is something that we are looking into ahead of next Christmas**

Cllr. Amrik Jhawar queried how long Woodside Road at the Overdale junction will be closed for. And that the pathways surrounding this area are becoming a hazard and require cleaning.

**The Clerk confirmed that the works had been extended until December 15 with the view of a further extension being made in the coming days. The Clerk will ask the CAT Team to look at the footpaths and clear them.**

### C23/168 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr. Dave Elliot advised that Ketley Companions will be celebrating 70 years in June 2024 and wanted to know if he would need to apply for a grant in order to request that they could, on this occasion, have use of the Community Centre, at no cost to the organisation.

**Cllr. Eileen Callear advised Cllr. Dave Elliot that the organisation should submit a grant application, which would also allow them to apply for additional funding as well as use of the Community Centre at no cost. Cllr. Amrik Jhawar also suggested that the Borough Councillor could provide some funding.**

Cllr. Eileen Callear would like to see if the railway bridge could be painted to prevent it from being targeted as a graffiti spot.

Cllr. Sam Millward Thomas agreed that this would be good, tying in with some of the suggestions from the children at Meadows Primary School who would like to see more of Ketley's heritage in the local area, and this could easily be done through art.

### C23/169 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed by Councillors to the Clerk prior to next Full Council Meeting if they would like to add anything

### C23/170 PLANNED DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

<b>Finance Committee</b>	Wednesday 24 January 2024	1 PM
<b>Resources Committee</b>	Wednesday 10 January 2024	6:15 PM
<b>Full Council Meeting</b>	Wednesday 10 January 2024	7 PM

The Chair closed the public meeting at: 8:43 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.**