



KETLEY PARISH COUNCIL

TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Ketley Parish Council held on Wednesday 08 November 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
Cllr. Sukh Thiara

IN ATTENDANCE:

CLERK: Shelley Everton
DEPUTY CLERK: Zara Purvis
PUBLIC: 0 Members of the Public

The Chair opened the meeting at:

7:03 PM

C23/174 WELCOME

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C23/175 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr. Mandy Cartwright.
Apologies acknowledged and accepted.

C23/176 PUBLIC SESSION

Nothing raised.

C23/177 POLICE MATTERS

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

C23/178 SHROPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE

No representative in attendance.
Cllr. Amrik Jhawar advised that this item can be removed from future agendas due to the Fire and Rescue Service not having the capacity to send a representative. All Councillors agreed and there was nothing further to note.

C23/179 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Cllr. Dave Elliott disclosed an interest in St Mary's Church.

C23/180 COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Proposed by Cllr. Hilda Rhodes

Seconded by Cllr. Nick Heath

All Councillors in favour that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 December 2023 be adopted and that the Chairman sign these as a true record

C23/181 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None received.



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C23/182 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.

C23/183 FINANCE – PAYMENTS

- (i) Councillors inspected and authorised orders for payment.
Cllr. Dave Elliott has requested that the Clerk issue a reminder to all vendors that we use to provide us with an itemised breakdown of services delivered.

Proposed by Cllr. Sam Millward Thomas

Seconded by Cllr. Nick Heath

All in favour

- (ii) Councillors inspected and authorised card payments.

Proposed by Cllr. Sukh Thiara

Seconded by Cllr. Sam Millward Thomas

All in favour

C23/184 RESOURCES COMMITTEE

- (i) To note the minutes from the Resources Committee meeting held on Wednesday 08 November 2023

Proposed by Cllr. Sam Millward Thomas

Seconded by Cllr. Nick Heath

All in favour

- (ii) Cllr. Amrik Jhawar, as acting chair, gave a short summary of the topics discussed in the Resources Committee Meeting from earlier this evening.

C23/185 GARDEN OF REST

Cllr. Callear would like for the Clerk to compare the costs of a Full Kerb Set Memorial set charged by neighbouring Councils in order for Ketley Parish Council to adopt new costings based on that. Once this has gone through Council again, the Garden of Rest Policy will require amendments to reflect this decision.

Proposed by Cllr. Eileen Callear

Seconded by Cllr. Sukh Thiara

All in favour

Cllr. Dave Elliott left the meeting at 07:20 PM

C23/186 GRANTS

- (i) Grant application submitted by St Mary's Church was considered by all Councillors.

The Clerk is to look into this further and bring to the next Finance Committee meeting to discuss further.

Proposed by Cllr. Hilda Rhodes

Seconded by Cllr. Amrik Jhawar

All in favour to defer

Cllr. Dave Elliott returned to the meeting at 07:27 PM

- (ii) Grant application submitted by Lighthouse Church to be denied on this occasion due to missing information requested not being provided within the extended timeframe.

Proposed by Cllr. Joy Francis

Seconded by Cllr. Dave Elliott

All in favour to deny the grant



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C23/187 SOLAR PANELS

All Councillors discussed that they would like to move forward with Quote A, however it was proposed that a meeting is arranged with this company in order for Councillors to have the opportunity to ask their questions and once answered, come to a definitive decision.

Proposed by Cllr. Hilda Rhodes

Seconded by Cllr. Joy Francis

All in favour

C23/188 COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM PROPOSAL

The Councillors had some questions regarding the flexibility of the 5-year fixed contract. The Clerk is to arrange a meeting so that the Councillors can ask their questions.

Proposed by Cllr. Sam Millward Thomas

Seconded by Cllr. Sukh Thiara

All in favour

C23/189 INFORMATION ITEMS

(i) No comments from Cllr. Ranbir Sahota

(ii) Both Cllr. Callear and Cllr. Jhawar raised concerns over the poor state of the footpaths on Shrubbery Road, Castle View and Waterloo Road. They require cleaning up.

The Clerk will liaise with the CAT Team and request that they clean the pathways up in order to ensure accessibility.

C23/190 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr. Elliott raised his concerns regarding the empty building opposite the AGA building due to disrepair. Cllr. Callear confirmed that she has already reported this building to Telford and Wrekin Council as a long term abandoned building for them to follow up with.

Cllr. Elliot also advised Council that he has come into possession of an 1840's 'Plan of Ketley'. He asked if Council would be happy for this to be displayed within the Community Centre. All Councillors agreed that this was a lovely idea.

C23/191 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

C23/192 PLANNED DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Finance Committee	Wednesday 24 January 2024	1 PM
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Full Council Meeting	Wednesday 14 February 2024	7 PM
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The Chair closed the public meeting at: 8:11 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.