



KETLEY PARISH COUNCIL

TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE

MINUTES of the Meeting of Ketley Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 November 2020 via Microsoft Teams Virtual Remote Platform at 7:00pm

Present:

Councillor Sam Millward Thomas (Chairman)
Councillor Hilda Rhodes
Councillor Maggie Evans
Councillor Joy Francis

Councillor Eileen Callear
Councillor Amrik Jhawar
Councillor Kuldip Sahota
Councillor Dave Elliott

Locum Clerk: Chris Maclean

Council Team: Elisabeth Bamford,

Community Centre Manager: Christian Smith

In attendance: No members of the public.

C20/088 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting of the Council.

C20/089 PUBLIC SESSION

No issues raised.

C20/090 POLICE MATTERS

No representatives of the Police were present. Councillors noted the Community Surgery was held on in the Centre's car park on 24 October. No issues have been raised with the Council.

C20/091 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Andrew Morris (Work Commitment). Apology accepted.

C20/092 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

C20/093 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14 OCTOBER 2020

Cllr J Francis proposed and Cllr M Evans seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 October 2020 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.

C20/094 COMMUNITY CENTRE

- (i) The Centre Manager advised Councillors that cover is being provided within the Centre between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday and resourced by Christian Smith and Glen Rigby. Income for the month was £2,000 down but this reflects the current situation regarding bookings. The NHS continue to use the Centre.
- (ii) Discussions being held with a potential new user to the Centre with possibility of up to three bookings a week.

- (iii) Enquiries had been received from one current user providing mother and baby support activity on the possibility of continuing her bookings, but it was agreed that these should only restart once the lockdown period ended.
- (iv) The Centre Manager advised that to date 29 breakfast club parcels had been distributed. The number being provided is increasing, potentially through wider knowledge of its provision. It had been noted that there is increased activity in the provision of parcels from Telford Crisis Support.
- (v) The Councillor surgeries would be cancelled whilst the lockdown remained in place.

C20/095 EVENTS

- (i) No further plans could be made during the current period and with the lack of certainty of what may be possible in the near future.
- (ii) Councillors considered the extent of Christmas lighting along Holyhead Road that would be possible and acceptable. The Centre Manager advised that the contractor currently in discussion would provide mock-ups to help explain what may be possible. Based on extent of lights desired, a cost estimate could be provided to allow Councillors to consider further.
- (iii) The current lighting would be placed on the Centre building and a Christmas tree was on order from Littlefords.

C20/096 GARDEN OF REST

- (i) The Locum Clerk advised Councillors that there had been a period of quiet activity with only one interment.
- (ii) The signs at the entrance had been temporarily removed and replacements would be installed.

C20/097 FINANCE

- (i) The Locum Clerk advised Councillors that the balances maintained would be circulated as there was currently an issue with online access to the bank account.
- (ii) Councillors considered the options in relation to the Precept for the next financial year and there was general agreement that the budget be set to achieve a zero % change. The Locum Clerk would present to the next meeting.

C20/098 FINANCE – ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

- (i) Payment orders were reviewed and authorisation was given by Councillors to their payment.
- (ii) Councillors reviewed the quotations for the defibrillator battery and pads and agreed these be purchased. Discussion was also held on the type of external cabinet and preference was shown for the colour to be yellow to ensure maximum visibility. **Councillors agreed that it should be placed at the front of the building next to the main entrance. Councillors agreed a budget of £500 for the purchase of the cabinet.**
- (iii) Councillors considered the quote for the extra security cameras. **It was agreed that an alternative quote be obtained to consider the value for money.**

C20/099 INFORMATION ITEMS

- (i) Councillors noted the review of the Telford & Wrekin Local Plan Consultation on Issues and Options. Councillors considered the balance of green and open space and land with potential for small building development.

- (iv) Councillors noted the current proposal to advertise in December with interviews to be held in the new year.
- (v) Cllr S Millward Thomas confirmed that applications would be requested for submission to him for consideration with fellow Councillors.

The Chairman declared the meeting fully closed at 8:22pm.

Signed:
Chairman of Ketley Parish Council

Date: 16 December 2020