



KETLEY PARISH COUNCIL

TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE

MINUTES of the Meeting of Ketley Parish Council held on Wednesday 13 October 2021 at Ketley Community Centre at 7:00pm

Present:

Councillor Sam Millward Thomas (Chairman)	Councillor Nicholas Heath
Councillor Eileen Callear	Councillor Amrik Jhawar
Councillor David Elliott	Councillor Hilda Rhodes
Councillor Maggie Evans	Councillor Kuldip Sahota
Councillor Joy Francis	Councillor Sukh Thiara

Locum Clerk Chris Maclean

Assistant to the Clerk Elisabeth Bamford

In attendance: Three members of the public.

C21/113 WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the meeting.

C21/114 PUBLIC SESSION

Two members of the public shared their views and continued concerns on the latest updated information in relation to planning application TWC/2021/0628 and the proposed erection of a fence to the rear of 20 Hendrie Close. The residents did not disapprove of the erection of the fence but expressed their desire that this be sited behind the embankment which should be retained and the current growth allowed to redevelop.

The Chairman thanked the residents for their comments.

C21/115 POLICE MATTERS

Apologies for absence were received from the Police representatives due to other commitments. The Locum Clerk advised Councillors that recent exchanges with the Police had identified that there were no new issues to be shared with the Council, but that the Police would appreciate the promotion of the Neighbourhood Matters messaging service. The service provides crime alerts and updates, crime prevention advice and other useful information such as community events.

Cllr K Sahota shared his concerns over the proposals to close Police station desks to the public at weekends. It was agreed that representations be made to the Police to continue allowing access to the desks at weekends.

C21/116 SHROPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE

Apologies were received from Mark Weaver due to his commitment to attend a brigade exercise.



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- C21/117 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllr A. Morris – vacation. Apology accepted.
- C21/118 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**
None declared.
- C21/119 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 29 SEPTEMBER 2021**
Cllr E. Callear proposed, and Cllr H. Rhodes seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2021 be adopted and it was resolved that the Chairman sign these as a true record.
- C21/120 PLANNING**
- (i) Councillors considered planning application TWC/2021/0628 relating to the change of use of open land to enclosed garden with erection of 2.1m high fence at rear of 20 Hendrie Close, Ketley. It was noted that additional information had been submitted by the applicant regarding the fence with native hedge screening on the Red Lees side together with plans to plant new trees within the boundary. Councillors considered the further detail provided and the Parish Council's current stance in objecting to the proposal. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council maintains its objection and that a request be made to Telford and Wrekin Council to call the application before the Planning Committee. The Chairman advised residents present at the meeting that the Parish Council would share details of the Planning Committee meeting when these were made known.
- (ii) Councillors considered planning application TWC/2021/0989 relating to erection of single storey rear extension, reconfiguration of driveway, garden, 1.8-metre-high fence, and relocation of access from highway at 143 Woodside Road, Ketley. Following consideration, it was agreed that no comment be offered.
- (iii) Councillors considered planning application TWC/2021/1004 relating to erection of a detached single garage at Orchard Grove, 28 Quarry Lane, Ketley. Following consideration, it was agreed that no comment be offered.
- C21/121 COMMUNITY CENTRE**
It was noted that the Centre Manager is currently on holiday and an update on Centre activities would be provided upon his return.
- C21/122 EVENTS**
With the Centre Manager being on vacation, an update would be provided upon his return. The Chairman advised Councillors that he understood that tickets for the Halloween party were sold out.



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C21/123

GARDEN OF REST

Councillors noted that the grounds team are keeping the grounds in good condition and where identified graves were being topped up. The Locum Clerk advised Councillors that investigations would continue into securing contracts to resurface the paths and whether a section of the Garden would require drainage works.

C21/124

CONSULTATION: DOG CONTROL PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Councillors noted this consultation and agreed that responses should be provided supporting the proposals. Councillors noted that free dog poo bags were available from the Centre.

At 7:35pm two members of the public thanked Councillors and left the meeting.

C21/125

NEWSLETTER

The Locum Clerk advised that the aim is to get a timeline for gathering and printing the newsletter out to Councillors within the next week. Enquiries would be made with the business printing and distributing whether there may be any issues with distribution.

The newsletter would heighten awareness of the Mental Health initiatives within the Borough.

The Locum Clerk advised Councillors that they would have sight of the proposed contents prior to going to print.

C21/126

FINANCE

- (i) The Locum Clerk advised Councillors that TACT payments were fully up to date and the second part of the precept had been received in the Council's bank account.
- (ii) Councillors considered items for the budget for the financial year 2022/2023. These would include funds for (i) Garden of Rest; (ii) extra funding for celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee and community events; (iii) further street lighting factoring solar lighting; (iv) increased utility charges; (v) climate change and sustainability projects; and (vi) increased maintenance of TACT building.

The Locum Clerk advised Councillors that he was happy to receive any further thoughts prior to the next meeting.

C21/127

FINANCE - ORDERS FOR PAYMENT

Orders for payment were reviewed. **Cllr S. Thiara proposed, and Cllr M. Evans seconded that the invoices be paid and it was resolved that the payments be made by the Locum Clerk.**



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C21/128

TACT

The Locum Clerk advised Councillors that four quotes had been obtained for replacement of the internal and external lighting in the TACT building. Cllr S. Thiara offered to provide details of two further contractors to the Locum Clerk which would be followed up.

C21/129

BOUNDARY SIGNS

The Locum Clerk advised Councillors that further attempts would be made to restart negotiations with the supplier as soon as practical.

C21/130

RECYCLING HOUSE

Councillors shared concern over the lack of progress seen to address the issues arising from the fire. The Locum Clerk would contact Telford and Wrekin Council seeking an update.

C21/131

INFORMATION ITEMS

Cllr A. Jhavar advised Councillors that he had seen evidence that some progress addressing the narrowness of the junction off Waterloo Road onto Orchard Close was being achieved by the visit of surveyors taking measurements.

Councillors noted the recent works on Shepherds Lane to address drainage issues.

Cllr H. Rhodes noted the recent traffic incident on Holyhead Road outside the former White Lion site and that there appeared to be no details explaining what happened.

Cllr S. Millward Thomas advised Councillors that he and Cllr E. Callear had attended a meeting as the Parish's Mental Health Champions to consider the promotion of Mental Wellbeing. As a result of this, thoughts were being focused on holding a wellbeing walking event within the parish in November.

Cllr M. Evans noted that there may be funding available for green spaces and whether this may apply to the Paddock Mound. Cllr E. Callear advised her understanding that extra funding is only available for new areas, but checks would be made. Following the concerns that had been raised over the introduction of steps on the new path Cllr E. Callear noted that there may be some funding opportunities from the Pride Fund that could be used to assist with any proposed solution. Councillors shared concerns over the condition of the corner plot at the junction of Holyhead Road and Waterloo Road. It was agreed that if this could not be resolved discussions should be held with the owners of Littlefords Nursery to identify opportunities for support.

Councillors shared concerns over the apparent state of the former White Lion building and whether an approach should be made to Telford and Wrekin Council to follow up.



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At 8:01pm Cllr K. Sahota gave his apologies due to other commitments and left the meeting.

C21/132 PARISH MATTERS

Councillors noted the Copper Beach Road sign has been reported following damage to it.

The Chairman advised Councillors that arrangements for Remembrance Sunday would be like that in 2019 in that Councillors could meet at the Centre and walk up to St Mary's Church for the service.

C21/133 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- (i) Budgets
- (ii) Events
- (iii) Christmas Lights
- (iv) Remembrance Sunday
- (v) Mental Health Champions Wellbeing walk
- (vi) To advise Locum Clerk of specific items to be considered for inclusion in the Agenda.

C21/134 PLANNED DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Council: Wednesday 10 November 2021 @ 7:00pm

Council: Wednesday 8 December 2021 @ 7:00pm

The Chairman declared the public session of the meeting closed at 8:07 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.

C21/135 PLANNING

Councillors noted the pre-application received from Telford and Wrekin Council for the erection of 3no dwellings on a site with development potential within the parish. Councillors raised no comments in relation to this pre-application at this time.

Councillors noted the pre-application received from Telford and Wrekin Council for the ground floor extension to a pre-existing building in the Millennium village. Councillors raised no comments in relation to this pre-application at this time.



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C21/136 STAFFING

Cllr S. Millward Thomas advised Councillors of the delays in advertising the position of Clerk for the Council. It was agreed that the advertisement be placed with SALC and run for a period of one month with a closing date of 10th November.

The Chairman declared the meeting formally closed at 8:19 pm.

Signed:
Chairman of Ketley Parish Council

Date: 10 November 2021