

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KELSALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHESTER ROAD, KELSALL ON THE 12TH MAY 2008.

PRESENT: Cllr Leather (Chairman), Cllr Dutton, Cllr Mrs Cowell, Cllr Mrs Lacey, Cllr Gray, Cllr Enticott.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chester City Councillor Garman, 2 members of the public and a representative from the Chester Chronicle.

01/08 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Leather was nominated by Cllr Dutton and seconded by Cllr Mrs Lacey and agreed by the remaining Councillors.

Cllr Leather was elected as Chairman and made the following declaration:-

‘I hereby declare to the Council I accept the office of Chairman and undertake to be guided by a national code in the performance of my duties’.

02/08 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Dutton was nominated by Cllr Mrs Lacey and seconded by Cllr Mrs Cowell and agreed by the remaining Councillors.

Cllr Dutton was elected as Vice-Chairman.

03/08 APOLOGIES:

Cllr Castle, Cllr Lowden, Cllr Mrs Sutton, Cheshire County Councillor Johnson, Chester City Councillor Deynem.

04/08 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

Members are invited to declare any personnel or prejudicial interest in any item of business on the agenda or notes and if necessary, to leave the meeting prior to discussion on the item.

Cllr Enticott declared an interest in minute number 13/08 Holiday Club donation.

05/08 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 14th APRIL 2008.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th April be signed as a correct record subject to the completion of the sentence on minute number 194/07(2) to read:-

Mr McKee has reported to the Clerk that the felt on top of the shed roof behind the Parish Rooms has a hole in it and is in need of urgent repair.

The minutes were amended accordingly.

06/08 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Arley Homes have confirmed they will grass seed the area in front of Bramley Court and provide one 3.5 m high Cedrus Atlantia Gloca, one 4.5 m high Silver Maple and to reinstate the bed in front of No1 Bramley Court as per the photograph which they provide.
2. Cllr Dutton confirmed that he had attended the recent Police Authority Meeting held at Kelsall School. Cllr Dutton had asked about PCSO funding and had been told that the Police have to employ them as funding is provided for that sole purpose and can not be used for anything else. Cllr Dutton was also told that the Police always expect a high turnover of rural officers and especially young officers like to move on to different types of policing, but we were assured that our local officer will always be replaced if this proves to be the case.

Cllr Enticott said he had noticed Police using speed guns recently on Chester Road, he had also noted unmarked police cars operating in the village.

The Clerk was asked to speak to Cheshire County Councillor Johnson about the possibility of having two permanent speed indicator devices on Chester Road.

3. Cllr Leather informed the Parish Council of an email he had received from Cllr Castle regarding the Parish Councils right to buy land for a burial site. Cllr Leather said the problem has always been finding a willing vendor, and we had even looked at the allotment site, this was dismissed because the allotments are very popular and well used in the village and the footpath is not wide enough to take the digger down it. Cllr Enticott wondered if with the new East West Cheshire split if Blacon would still be the council burial site for Kelsall. Cllr Leather said he and the Clerk would look into other possibilities.

07/08 KELSALL GREEN:

Cllr Lowden sent a report to the Parish Council Meeting with the following update on Kelsall Green.

1. Design: the excellent work of the design committee has led to the attached note with recommendations for Timberplay equipment. I would like to ask the Council to support these recommendations.

Cllr Mrs Lacey said she did have some concerns about the amount of equipment the design committee were looking at installing and felt more consideration should be given to imaginative play. Cllr Lacey was also very concerned about the zip wire and felt this could prove a problem in an open play area. The Clerk said there had been new thoughts on risk in play and imaginative play and the Design Working Group felt Timberplay ticked all these boxes. Also the design was a wish list and would be dependant on the amount of money secured by grants.

Resolved: To agree the recommendation of the Design Working Group for Timberplay equipment.

2. Fundraising: It is a superb result and I would like the Council to extend its congratulations and continued support to the Committee

3. PR: there was a feature on the Art Exhibition and the general effort in last week's Chronicle. I would like to thank Rebecca for this and hope that there can be further items. She might like to get a picture of some of the volunteers – Sharon, Tara, Edward Nixon and the Councillors involved – Natalie, Noel, John.

4. Building: there has been some excellent work flattening the far corner of Kelsall Green and once again we owe a huge “thank you” to Edward Nixon and, of course, Noel Dutton.
Cllr Dutton said the JCB was on the land early on Saturday morning but after moving large amounts of old building waste it was decided the machine was not big enough to dig the hole to bury it, so Mr Rusty Wilson lent the Parish Council a bigger one which did an amazing job. It is now intended to seed the area.
Cllr Leather thanked Cllr Dutton, Mr Edward Nixon, Mr Geoff Newsome and Mr Rusty Wilson. Cllr Leather will organise appropriate tributes.

5. Folk festival: Cheryl Hunt is due to get back to me regarding the contract and the permission to have a cake stall and to maybe ask for contributions from campers.
The Clerk thought it would be a good idea to if possible get an aerial picture of the Folk Festival to enable the design committee to get a better idea of the lay out.

6. The next steering group meeting will be 2 June. The next finance meeting will be on the 19th May, with the next design meeting to be held on the 4th June

08/08 OPEN FORUM:

Members of the public were invited to speak for no more than 10 minutes to the Council.

1. Chester City Councillor Garman informed the council that he will be speaking at the Ince Inquiry on Friday 16th May but on Wednesday they will be an open evening for any member of the public who has any concerns and wishes to attend. Cllr Lacey said she is very concerned about how pollution travels and the distance it can travel.
Cllr Leather said he and Mr John Hammond will be speaking on Wednesday the 14th May.

09/08 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

1. Tarvin Education Foundation

Cllr Dutton

2. Youth Representative

To be confirmed

3. Kelsall War Memorial Charity

Cllr Mrs Cowell

4. Kelsall Green Committee

Cllr Lowden

Cllr Dutton

Cllr Enticott

Cllr Leather

Mrs N Read (Clerk)

10/08 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

1. Finance

Cllr Leather

Cllr Dutton

Cllr Gray

Cllr Mrs Sutton (to be confirmed)

11/08 PLANNING:

1. Applications received to date:

08/00613/FUL Single storey extension, 17 Brooms Lane, Kelsall.

No objection

2. Decision notices received to date:

08/00340/FUL Conversion of domestic garage into kitchen and internal alterations,
8 Hallowsgate Court, Kelsall.

PERMISSION

08/00448/FUL Side extension with Juliette balcony to rear, Highbank House,
Quarry Lane, Kelsall.

PERMISSION

08/00440/FUL Extend existing room at side of garage and extend bungalow at rear to
increase size of existing bedroom, 95 Quarry Lane, Kelsall.

PERMISSION

12/08 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:

1. The new planning sub-committee for the coming month is Cllr Leather and Cllr Mrs Cowell.

13/08 CLERKS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Mrs Jackie Macaulay has now taken over the administration of the Annual Holiday Club. Is it the Parish Councils intention to make a donation again this year.
Resolved: A donation of £100 was agreed.

2. Mr Daniel Gaskarth sent by email the following report:-

After I spoke to John last week, I asked Peter Moore if he was able to attend tonight to say a few words about the Youth Support work . He's just spent the weekend away on a training course as part of his Expedition Leaders' course (which is run by the County Youth Service) and is resting up. I sensed he wasn't keen to pick up the title of Parish Youth Officer given his other commitments.

Peter has been leading the Youth Support Group since last year and he and Nicky have been instrumental in applying for the Local Network Fund money in conjunction with

Jimmy from the Youth Service. This money has been used to fund the detached youth work and consultation on the uses of "Kelsall Green". Doubtless this will be mentioned elsewhere and its great to see all that is happening.

Unfortunately I'm also not able to attend the Parish Council meeting either so in a quick summary of St Philip's Youth Club (which happens every three or so of weeks and the table tennis club which is roughly monthly), as you probably know they have continue to run though the last year with activities at the Community Centre and trips out of the village to the Frost fair ice rink and the Pantomime at Theatre Clywd. Volunteers, whether as leaders or helpers, are always most welcome.

14/08 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Save the family fun day to be held on the 3rd May 2008.
2. NALC latest offers from the National Association of Local Councils.
3. Cheshire Police Authority Have Your Say Newsletter.
4. CPRE Annual Dinner to be held on the 4th June, included is the CPRE Annual Financial Report.
5. Ashworth Time Bank open evening 22nd May at Tarvin Methodist Chapel 7.00 pm.
6. Cheshire Police Authority is seeking applications from persons wishing to be appointed as Independent Members of the Cheshire Police Authority.
7. Chester City Council tree preservation order.
8. Groundwork Cheshire Something beautiful competition.

9. Gowy Area landfill site special meeting to be held on the 22nd May at Mickle Trafford Primary School.

Publications received to date:

- 1 CPRE News and Events
- 2 Cheshire Matters
- 3 Clerks & Councils Direct
- 4 The Playing Field

15/08 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT:

1. Cheshire County Council bus times
2. Cllr Dutton suggested the Parish Council look into the possibility of placing the Tetra Pac recycle bin behind the bus shelter on Church Street. The Clerk will Contact Chester City Council to see if this would be viable.
3. Overgrown hedges were reported on Old Coach Road and Carter Ave.

16/08 RECREATION AND FOOTPATHS:

1. Cllr Enticott reported that the new chain fence put around the car park at the Morris Dancer is blocking the official footpath entrance. The Clerk said she would have a word with the Tenants of the pub.

17/08 FINANCE REPORT:

1. The balance as at 12/05/08
Lloyds TSB Current Account: £4,541.63
Lloyds TSB Business Account: £51,616.85
Bank of Ireland: £10,674.45

2. Resolved: That the following payments be made:

001702 ScottishPower electricity parish rooms	£96.47
001703 Kelsall Community Centre hire of room for Kelsall Green	£11.25
001704 Kelsall Community Centre hire of room	£11.25
001705 Abbotswood Garden Services Kelsall maintenance	£86.00
001706 John Leather toner for colour copier	£198.58
001707 Mrs N Read Clerks salary and expenses	£568.90
001708 Mr McKee street cleaning 14/04/08 - 9/05/08	£326.40
001709 Post Office Ltd PAYE & N.I	£150.78
001710 Cancelled cheque	

3. The VAT refund of £1,536.22 has now been paid into the Parish Council accounts.

4. The Thousand Pounds the Gowry North Area Committee donated towards the cost of the allotment fence has now been paid into the Parish Councils bank account.

18/08 OTHER PARISH BUSINESS:

Cllr Dutton said he has had a word with Mrs Minshaw about the possibility of .1 the Kelsall Green Design Committee displaying information in her window. Mrs Minshaw said she was happy for that to happen but unfortunately she did not have the keys to the shop but the Design Committee was welcome to display information on the outside.

19/08 CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC:

Legal issues to be discussed

20/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

9th June 2008.

Signed

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