

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KELSALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHESTER ROAD, KELSAL ON THE 8TH DECEMBER 2008.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr Roy Alexander and one member of the public.

100/08 APOLOGIES

Cllr Mrs Sutton, Cllr Mrs Cowell, Cheshire County Councillor Johnson, Chester City Councillor Deynem, Chester City Councillor Garman.

101/08 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

Members were invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests on any item of business on the agenda or notes and if necessary, to leave the meeting prior to discussions on the item.

**Cllr Lacey declared an interest in planning application 08/02068/FUL.
Cllr Enticott declared an interest in minute number 108/08(2).**

102/08 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH NOVEMBER 2008.

Resolved: That the minutes dated the 10th November 2008 be signed as a correct record.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that she had realised the October minutes in the book were her draft copy and not the corrected and complete one. This had now been changed and Councillors were invited to check their copy with the copy in the book. The Councillors said they were satisfied the October minutes were a correct record and agreed that the replacement version be signed.

103/08 MATTERS ARISING:

1. A quote has been received from GB Roadmarkings Ltd for re-lining the Church Street car park markings in white/yellow thermoplastic paint, which include the following:-
25no Letters
10m² yellow hatching
21no car park bays.

£400 + VAT.

Resolved: It was agreed to accept the quote for re-lining the Church Street car park.

2. The Clerk contacted County Footpaths who confirmed that horses are not allowed to use public footpaths. They will place a sign at the entrance for both horses and motorised vehicles. (minute 88/08(2))

3. The two new dog bins have now been placed in Old Coach Road. (minute 87/08(2))
Cllr Leather said that unfortunately a resident has complained that a bin has been placed outside their house and on an unadopted road, without their knowledge or permission. Cllr Leather will continue the dialogue with the resident to see if any agreement can be reached.

4. Due to the concern shown at the last meeting about the proposed weather station on Longley Lane, Dr Alexander representing the Carbon Neutral Project attended the Meeting. (minute 91/08(2)).
Cllr Leather said that Ashton Hayes Parish Council had confirmed that they had also not received the planning application for the proposed weather station. Cllr Leather then introduced Dr Alexander who is a Professor of Environmental Sustainability, Geography and Development Studies at Chester University and an Ashton Hayes resident who is involved with the Ashton Carbon Natural project. Dr Alexander was asked about the proposed weather stations in both Kelsall and Ashton and gave the following report:-

Planning permission has been granted to erect weather stations at two sites one in Ashton Hayes (near the school) and one in Kelsall (at Longley Lane) for a feasibility study to see if a microgrid could work in conjunction with the present electricity grid.

A microgrid enables small communities to reduce their carbon footprint by using renewable energy, generated locally on a small scale and connected to the main power distribution network. This study, over 12 months, will assess a range of alternatives to conventional power generation, and aims to produce a model for a microgrid that could transform the way power is generated by any rural area in the UK. There exist no plans or funding to install any renewable generation equipment in or near the village.

The study is being funded through a grant of £86,558 from Carbon Connections UK, an investment body based at the University of East Anglia, and is a collaboration between the University of Chester and EA Technology, which has expertise in power generation, supply and metering. A full consultation was held in Ashton Hayes with the residents and three bulletins have been sent to households throughout the village, starting in May 2008. These included contact details for those involved in the project, which were also given out at the public meeting held on July 16th at the school, and are posted on the notice board at Village Farm. At the meeting we recruited volunteers, all of whom are village residents, for two focus groups to help guide the project team's thinking and provide feedback as it develops proposals for a microgrid. The first meetings, advertised via a leaflet to all householders, were held on Oct 2nd at the Parish Room in West End.

For the feasibility study to be applied elsewhere, as many sources of renewable energy as possible must be considered. Wind speed will be measured at both for a period of 12 months. Solar energy will be measured at the school site. Wind speed is measured by anemometers mounted on 10m high masts. So as to relate wind energy measurements to potential power generation, a range of wind turbines will be examined and those considered most appropriate for Ashton Hayes will be recommended. This process will be followed for other renewable sources.

The mast near the school has already been erected and it is hoped the one at Longley Lane will be put up after Christmas. If you require any further information please go to 'www.goingcarbonneutral.co.uk'.

Cllr Leather thanked Dr Alexander for taking the time to attend the meeting and explain the weather stations to the Parish Council. It was however agreed to write to the City Council expressing our dissatisfaction with the handling of the planning application and lack of any information to Parish Council. It was agreed that the Council supports the Carbon Neutral Project and do not intend to make a formal complaint which may result in delaying the feasibility study.

104/08 KELSALL GREEN:

1. Cllr Leather told the Parish Council that the Gowy North Area Committee had approved transferring the £1,400 awarded for a high column light to the fitting of the MUGA.
2. Cllr Leather said a very successful exercise had taken place with the school to plant bulbs and bushes in the playground. Cllr Leather also acknowledged the enormous amount of work carried out by Cllr Dutton and Mr. Nixon in clearing the land. He also thanked Tree Warden Mrs Caney and her helpers for planting shrubs along the perimeter. He commented that it would be necessary to clear weeds in the spring, to give the new trees a good start.
3. Cllr Leather said that the Youth Support Group was putting together a grant application for a second MUGA and for the installation.
4. The Clerk said that dog fouling continues to be a big problem on the land with residents ignoring the obvious health issues associated with this sort of behaviour. It was agreed to carry out a poster campaign around the green as well as providing articles for the web site. The Clerk will also speak to the Wardens.

105/08 OPEN FORUM:

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

No member of the public wished to speak.

106/08 PLANNING:

1. Applications received to date:

08/02017/FUL Retention of two storey rear extension as constructed (variation of planning permission 06/1206/FUL and 06/1686/FUL) to include basement, Windy Ridge, Chester Road, Kelsall.
No Comment.

08/02068/FUL Conservatory to rear, Whitegates, 10 Dog Lane, Kelsall.
No objection.

107/08 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:

1. The planning sub committee for the coming month is Cllr Enticott (foreman) and Cllr Lowden.

2. The Planning Inspectorate Satisfaction Survey.

Cllr Leather, having attended several planning appeals, expressed his admiration at the knowledge and balance displayed by the Planning Inspectors.

108/08 CLERKS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. It has been reported to the Clerk that last summer the grit bin at the war memorial was moved from its usual place at the top of the green opposite the entrance of the Methodist Chapel to half way down. The resident said he had every intention of moving it but kept forgetting, unfortunately the bin has now been filled with grit and is too heavy to move.

The Clerk will contact the Highways Department.

2. Cllr Leather reported that he had recently finished printing the colour front cover of KADRAS, but has also been asked to print flyers and posters for St Philips Church. Cllr Leather said the Church PCC had offered to pay for the printing and asked the Parish Council if they wanted to accept the offer.

Resolved: The Parish Council will not charge St Philips Church for the cost of the recent printing work.

109/09 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. St Philips Church thanking the Parish Council for the £100.00 donation towards the Holiday Club.

2. Sodexo Land Technology quote for grass cutting in 2009.

Morris Dancer £73.86 per occasion + VAT (last year £71.02)

Chapel Green £37.51 per occasion + VAT (last year £36.07)

The Clerk was asked to speak to Sodexo about the edging around the garden area of the War Memorial which is getting damaged by the mowing machines.

Resolved: To accept the quote for grass cutting in 2009.

3. Freedom of Information Fulfilling your obligation to disclose information.

4. Chester City Council Ethics & Standards Committee on the 4th December 2008 at the Forum Office.

5. Cheshire West & Chester Shadow Authority Funding Streams to Town and Parish Councils.

6. Cheshire West & Chester Shadow Authority Parish Issues Log.

Publications received to date:

- ✓ CPRE Viewpoint
- ✓ The Acom
- ✓ The Playing Field
- ✓ What's on in Chester & Cheshire
- ✓ Cheshire Matters
- ✓ Cheshire's Local Transport Plan Progress Report 2006 – 2008
- ✓ CPRE Fieldwork
- ✓ What's on
- ✓ Together

110/08 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT:

1. Chester City Council Highways & Transportation Local Joint Committee to be held on the 20th November 2008.

2. Cheshire County Council winter gritting routes

3. Cheshire County Council the Parish Council have been invited to comment or make suggestions relating to public transport in our area.

4. Cheshire County Councillor Johnson has informed the Parish Council that carriageway resurfacing and strengthening is due to start on the 5th January 2009 and are expected to last for 8 weeks. The roads affected in Tarvin are:-
 - (A) Closure of High Street, Tarvin at both its junctions with the A54, to take place at any time during the progress of the works;

- (B) Closure of Park Lane, Tarvin at its junction with the A54, to take place at any time during the progress of the works;
- (C) One Way closure of Cross Lanes, Tarvin to southbound traffic, from its junction with Shay Lane to its junction with Tarporley Road, to take place at any time during the progress of the works;
- (D) One Way closure of Cross Lanes, Tarvin to northbound traffic, from its junction with Shay Lane to its junction with Tarporley Road, to take place at any time during the progress of the works;
- (E) One Way closure of Barrow Lane, Tarvin to northbound traffic, from its junction with A54 to its junction with Pool Lane, to take place at any time during the progress of the works;
- (F) One Way closure of Pool Lane, Tarvin to southbound traffic, from its junction with Barrow Lane to its junction with A54, to take place at any time during the progress of the works;

Cllr Leather suggested that this information be placed on the Co-op notice board and on the village website.

111/08 FINANCE REPORT:

1. The balance as at 08/12/08 Lloyds TSB Current Account:	£ 9,645.32
Lloyds TSB Business Call Account	£ 7,544.80
Bank of Ireland	£952.79

2. Resolved: That the following payments be made:

001788 Audit Commission external audit fee	£334.88
001789 Kelsall Community Centre hire of room for recreation committee	£12.50
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001791 Morral Play Solutions post installation play inspection	£264.37
001792 Chester City Council two bins + installation for recreation land	£380.70

001793 J Leather toner for KADRAS front cover	£201.72
001794 Ringwood Fencing Ltd posts and fencing for recreation area	£96.32
001795 Kelsall Community Centre hire of room for recreation meeting	£12.20
001796 Kelsall Community Centre hire of room	£12.50
001797 Abbotswood Garden Service Kelsall garden maintenance	£86.00
001798 Mrs N Read Clerks salary & expenses	£577.30
001799 Mr McKee street cleaning 10/11/08 – 5/12/08	£326.40
001800 Post Office Ltd PAYE & N.I	£140.58
001801 Cheshire Association of Local Councils planning seminar	£40.00

112/08 OTHER PARISH BUSNINESS:

1. Concern was raised about a caravan that continues to be parked on a piece of land even though it has been reported to the City Council Planning Enforcement Department. The Clerk will write formally to Chester City Council.
2. Cllr Dutton mentioned that power cables in Utkinton were being put underground and wondered what implications this may have for the power cable which runs across Kelsall Green.

113/08 DATE OF NEXT METING:

12th January 2009.

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