

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KELSALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHESTER ROAD, KELSALL ON THE 11TH MAY 2009.

PRESENT: Cllr Leather (Chairman), Cllr Lowden, Cllr Gray, Cllr Dutton,
Cllr Mrs Lacey, Cllr Mrs Caney,

IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public.

01/09 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

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

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’

02/09 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:

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

Cllr Dutton was elected as Vice-Chairman.

03/09 WELCOME TO NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR MRS CANEY:

Cllr Mrs Caney was welcomed to her first meeting and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Undertaking to Observe the Code of Conduct papers in front of the Council.

04/09 APOLOGIES:

Cllr Enticott, Cllr Castle, Cllr Mrs Cowell, Unitary Councillor Deynem,
Unitary Councillor Bailey, Unitary Councillor Parker.

05/09 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

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

Cllr Lowden declared a personal interest in item number 18/09(1).

06/09 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH APRIL 2009:

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th April be signed as a correct record.

07/09 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Cllr Leather reported that he and Mrs Tara Edelman attended the final meeting of the Gowy Area Committee and did a short presentation on the playground and the part the Gowy Area Committee played in it. Cllr Dutton also attended the meeting.
2. Cllr Dutton confirmed that he had recently attended an event held by the Cheshire West and Chester Council on the 30th April. There was a lot of talk about pot-holes and the state of many of the roads in the County. A question and answer sheet from the event will soon be issued to Parish Councils.
Cllr Leather said part of the problem is that Central Government has underfunded highways repairs costs for many years, and that pot-holes which have been made worse by the recent cold winter.

08/09 KELSALL GREEN:

1. The Kelsall Youth Club have asked for permission to hold a barbecue on the Green on the 26th June starting at 7.30 pm.
Permission was given.

2. People not picking up after their dogs on Kelsall Green continues to be a problem, it was felt at the last recreation committee meeting that a poster campaign supported by the Parish Council may help.
Cllr Lowden reported on a permanent sign he had seen at a playground and suggested the Parish Council place two signs at the two entrances. This was agreed, Cllr Lowden will email the Clerk with suggested wording.

3. Cllr Castle has confirmed that he has been given a notice board which belonged to Cheshire County Council and is now surplus to requirement. It was agreed to use the new notice board to replace the old one at Kelsall Green.

4. The Folk Festival organisers have asked for permission to park cars on the MUGA during the Folk Festival.
Resolved: The Folk Festival were given permission to park on the MUGA but would have to comply to strict guidelines. Cllr Leather will modify the contract with the festival organisers and sign it on behalf of the Parish Council.

5. Cllr Castle would like to know if it is possible to install a new entrance to the recreation land at a point a few metres west of Windy Ridge. It has also been suggested that a pinch point along Chester road opposite the proposed new entrance would provided CWAC the opportunity to improve road safety standards through better management of motorised traffic and pedestrians.
It was agreed to contact the Highways Department to see if it would be possible to have a footpath running along the recreation field side of the road from the Doctors surgery to the entrance of the Morris Dancer. The Parish Council would, if necessary, be willing to give the Highways Department a strip of land.

6. Work is now complete in the MUGA and the permanent water supply for the Folk Festival. Cllr Dutton confirmed that Mr Newsome had been incredibly generous with his time and supplied the heavy machines needed to do the job.

7. It was confirmed that again this year the Recreation Committee will be holding a cake stall on the Saturday and Sunday during the Folk Festival to raise money for the next phase of the playground. The stall will run from 11 am to 4 pm on both days.

09/09 OPEN FORUM:

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

1. Mr Hammond asked Cllr Mrs Caney to provide a photo for the Kelsall web site.
2. Cllr Leather said he was still looking at ways to simplify the Parish Council accounts for the Kelsall website.
3. Mr Hammond said that at the last Parish Council meeting he had agreed to be the Kelsall link for the Chester Chronicle but he was now unsure if he is the best person for the job. Mr Hammond explained that he only hears of events when people contacted him through the web site and maybe a better person would be someone from the Community Centre who will have a better idea of future events through their bookings. Mr Hammond agreed to carry on for another month.

10/09 APPOINTMENTS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES:

1. Tarvin Education Foundation.

Cllr Dutton

2. Youth Representative:

Mrs Carole Watson

3. Kelsall War Memorial Charity

Cllr Mrs Cowell

4. Kelsall Green Committee

Cllr Leather
Cllr Dutton
Mrs N Read (Clerk)

11/09 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

1. Finance

Cllr Leather
Cllr Dutton
Cllr Mrs Caney
Cllr Lowden

12/09 PLANNING:

1. Applications received to date:

09/10509/FUL Conversion of barn for use as a media studio and workshop,
Applecross Farm, Hollands Lane, Kelsall.

Comment: Serious concerns about the potential increase in the amount of traffic on a small narrow lane and the effect this may have on the residents. Would like the planning officer to view the access to Hollands Lane from the very busy junction on Chester Road at the Co-op.

09/10491/FUL Replace single garage with double garage and front bay window extension, 4 Brooms Lane, Kelsall.

Comment: The Parish Council is aware a neighbour has concerns about the impact the 1.6 m projection may have on them

09/10470/FUL Extension and conversion of double garage to form a single dwelling, East View, Chester Road, Kelsall.

No comment

09/10502/FUL Construction of stables, Applecross Farm, Hollands Lane, Kelsall.

No comment

09/10500/FUL New dwelling, Applecross Farm, Hollands Lane, Kelsall.
Comment: Object to this large highly visible dwelling getting built on green belt land.

09/10597/FUL Two side extensions, Winston, Chester Road, Kelsall.
No objection

09/10623/FUL Front bay window extension, 14 Hallows Close, Kelsall
No objection

2. Decision notices received to date:

09/10319/FUL Single storey rear sun room extension, Whitegates, 10 Dog Lane,
Kelsall

PERMISSION

09/10403/FUL Front extension, 6 Edale Drive, Kelsall.

PERMISSION

13/09 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:

1. The planning sub-committee for the coming month is Cllr Dutton and Cllr Leather, Cllr Mrs Caney will attend to gain experience.

14/09 CLERKS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Kelsall Churches Holiday Club asking if the Parish Council would again this year be kind enough and help support the club with a donation.

Resolved: A £100 donation was agreed.

2. Police Constable Andrew Wilson has confirmed that May 16th will be his last shift in Kelsall. It has not yet been confirmed who is replacing him but we have been assured we will get a replacement.

The Clerk confirmed that until a replacement is announced PCSO Deborah Netherton will cover the village. Cllr Leather said he will write a letter thanking PC Wilson for all his work in the village.

3. The Parish Council holds in their accounts £516.53 left over when the last youth club closed down a number of years ago. The Clerk wonders if we should divide it in half and share the money between the Youth Club and the Youth Support Group.

Resolved: It was agreed to divide the money between the two organizations.

15/09 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Allianz insurance renewal papers.
2. Equality and Human Rights public sector duties.

3. British Red Cross asking if we would like to support Red Cross Week Appeal from the 4th – 9th May 2009.

4. Cheshire Police Authority Western Area ‘‘Have Your Say’’ Meetings

5. Cheshire West & Chester Council business rates deferral scheme 2009 – 2010.

6. Cheshire Police Authority Have Your Say Tuesday 5th May at Neston and Tuesday 19th May at the St Mary’s Centre, Chester.

Publications received to date:

- Ø Cheshire Fire Authority Making Cheshire Safer
- Ø NHS Engage.
- Ø KOMPLAY
- Ø The Playing Field
- Ø Clerks & Councils Direct
- Ø Public Transport Map and Guide for Chester

15/09 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT:

1. Concern was raised about the amount of fly posting around the village advertising Business. It was agreed that the Clerk should raise this with the Highways Department.

16/09 FOOTPATHS:

1. The Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society Walks Programme July – December 2009.

17/09 FINANCE REPORT:

1. The balance as at 11th May 2009 Lloyds TSB Current Account: £16,602.28
Lloyds TSB Business Account: £41,294.39
Bank of Ireland: £961.63

2. Resolved: That the following payments be made:

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| 001850 Scottish Power electricity Parish Rooms | £204.21 |
| 001851 Kelsall Community Centre hire of room for meetings | £12.50 |
| 001852 Kelsall Community Centre hire of room for recreation | £12.50 |
| 001853 Mr Nixon equipment for providing water on Kelsall Green | £134.23 |
| 001854 P & S.M Wilson ground work and fitting of MUGA | £10,580.00 |
| 001855 Kelsall Community Centre hire of room for meetings | £12.50 |
| 001856 Kelsall Community Centre hire of room for recreation | £12.50 |
| 001857 Abbotswood Garden Services Kelsall garden maintenance | £86.00 |
| 001858 Allianz Insurance PLC insurance renewal | £1,432.21 |
| 001859 Sodexo Land Technology grass cutting | £128.08 |
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| 001861 Lay Site tarmac for MUGA | £8,452.50 |
| 001862 Mrs N Read Clerks salary & expenses | £691.27 |
| 001863 Mr McKee street cleaning 6/4/09 - 8/5/09 | £570.04 |
| 001864 Post Office Ltd PAYE & N.I | £201.93 |
| 001865 Mrs Cuffin-Munday internal audit fee | £180.00 |

3. HM Revenue & Customs the £1,967.03 VAT refund has been paid into the Parish Council's Account.
4. Cheshire West and Chester annual precept of £23,743 has been paid into the Parish Council's Account.
5. A Finance Meeting was called for Wednesday 13th May at 2 pm at Cllr Leather's Office to agree and sign the audit.

6. Permission was given to transfer £12,000 from the Lloyds TSB Business Call Account to the Lloyds TSB Current Account.

7. Cllr Leather said that due to the amount of money spent over the past year with the purchase of the land the Parish Council had very little money left in its accounts by the end of the financial year but he felt we would be in the position to transfer some of the money left over from the Village Design Statement into the general accounts.

18/09 OTHER PARISH BUSINESS:

1. Cllr Gray reported that Hill House has a problem with rubbish blowing in from the Community Centre car park into their garden and would like a better fence erected between the car park and their land to prevent this from happening. The Community Centre and Cllr Lowden will contribute but the Parish Council as the land owners may be asked to contribute as well. Cllr Gray was asked to find out how much the fence would cost, but it was agreed in principle.

19/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

8th June 2009.

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