

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KELSALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHESTER ROAD, KELSALL ON THE 14TH SEPTEMBER 2009.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public.

66/09 APOLOGIES:

Cllr Lowden, Cllr Castle, Unitary Councillor Bailey, Unitary Councillor Parker, Unitary Councillor Deynem.

67/09 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

Members were 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 Dutton declared a personal interest in planning application 09/11138/FUL
Cllr Cowell declared a personal interest in planning application 09/11252/FUL**

68/09 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH AUGUST 2009:

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th August 2009 be signed as a correct record.

69/09 MATTERS ARISING:

1. The Tree Surgeon has quoted £450.00 plus VAT to remove the large bough from over the allotments and also to remove the dead wood from 3 trees in the area. He would also make an aerial inspection whilst carrying out this work and report back on any defects. (minute 59/09(1)).

It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a second quote.

2. Cllr Castle felt that the name of the allotment winner should have been announced at the last meeting (minute 59/09 (1)). The Clerk has explained that the winner himself had not been told when the last Parish Council meeting was held so she thought it was inappropriate to name the winner until he had received the letter from the Parish Council. Cllr Castle said in an email sent to the Clerk that he still feels the winner needs to be identified and congratulated with maybe a short article in the Chester Chronicle with a photograph.
It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the allotment prize winner and ask if they have any objection to publicity.

3. The Clerk informed the Parish Council that she is still having problems identifying a suitable builder for repairs to the paving around the war memorial. Cllr Dutton agreed to speak to a contact he has (minute 64/09(1)).

4. Cllr Dutton said he had spoken to the Red Cross representative in Kelsall who showed an interest in the First Responder Scheme. He is awaiting an opportunity to speak to his area manager (minute 54/09 (1)).

70/09 KELSALL GREEN:

1. The Clerk informed the Councillors that work is due to start on the climbing structure and see-saw on the 21st September 2009.

2. The BMX cycle track was started on Saturday 14th September and was well attended by local children. It is an ongoing project with the children encouraged to continue working on it.
It was agreed that strimming to keep the weeds down was preferable to spraying, in view of the presence of children.

3. Jimmy Shaw the Youth Worker has again asked about the possibility of the Recreation Committee providing a basic shelter near the MUGA. Mrs Read said that if one was built it would be on the condition the roof could be easily removed; then if the teenagers misused the shelter, the roof would be removed for a set period.

Cllr Dutton felt that a basic shelter could be built by volunteers and Police Constable Robin Elliot agreed to look into possible funding.

Cllr Gray felt that a redundant bus shelter could be used, like the one used by the Social Club.

Cllr Mrs Lacey felt that providing a sheltered area out of sight would cause problems on the land and would prove a mistake.

4. Cllr Mrs Lacey reported that she had received a complaint from a member of the public after her child slipped on what appeared to be human excrement at the playground.
5. Cllr Mrs Lacey said she had received complaints from the Landlords of the Morris Dancer about the aggression and intimidation shown towards them by some local youths; on one occasion the PCSO was present and took no action. Police Constable Robin Elliot said he would view the CCTV tapes at the Morris Dancer.

71/09 OPEN FORUM:

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

1. Police Constable Elliot asked if the Parish Council had ever considered setting up a Community Speed Watch. Cllr Leather said that we had in the past had SID exercises in the village but no one in the Parish Council had shown any interest in learning to use a speed gun, although some residents may be interested. It was agreed to put an article in KADRAS. It was agreed to book SID again and carry out another speed exercise in the village.

2. Police Constable Elliot gave the following incidents report for Kelsall and Ashton in the month up to the 31st July 2009.

Attempt Burglary Commercial	2
Burglary Domestic	3
Attempt Burglary Domestic	1
False Alarm Activation	1
Concern for Safety	2
Misc	3
Criminal damage	1
Nuisance Noise	1
Nuisance Behaviour	1
Abandoned Vehicles	2
Domestic Arguments / Incidents	4
Road Traffic Accidents	2
Misc Traffic	3
Theft of Livestock	1 (got out of field and were returned!)
Drink Driving	1
Suspicious Activities	1

72/09 PLANNING:

1. Applications received to date:

09/11138/FUL Two storey side/rear extension, Squirrels Chase, Quarry Lane, Kelsall

Comment: - Concerned about the size of the property in relation to the size of the plot and the potential impact on Elkton, particularly the close proximity of the window and door. If the application is approved, we request a section 106 agreement to prevent the extension from becoming a separate annex. The large Chestnut Tree near the drive should be protected. Working hours should be restricted to normal working hours to prevent unnecessary disturbance for the neighbour.

09/11252/FUL Single storey side extension, Ivy Cottage, 17 Church Street, Kelsall
No objection

09/11267/FUL To erect 2 no. detached dwellings, Hillside, 82 Quarry Lane, Kelsall.

Comment:- We oppose the application on the following grounds:

Overpowering impact on the bungalows below - the mass and visual impact is out of character and the buildings will change the contours of the land in contravention of the Kelsall Parish Landscape and Design Statement.

Neighbour has concerns about the impact digging so far down could have on the foundations of her house, and close proximity to a water course – Dogmoor Well

Concern over increased traffic onto Quarry Lane.

2. Decision notices received to date:

09/10867/FUL Proposed access and driveway, Street House, Chester Road, Kelsall.

PERMISSION

09/10746/FUL To erect 2-storey replacement dwelling, following demolition of existing bungalow, Springside, Dingle Lane, Kelsall.

PERMISSION

09/11004/LDC Detached garage with ancillary accommodation, Applecross Farm,
Hollands Lane, Kelsall.

LAWFUL

09/10992/FUL Ground and first floor extensions, Holmes Pharmacy, Chester Road,
Kelsall.

REFUSED

09/11238/LCD Single storey rear extension, Greywalls, 2 Dingle Crescent, Kelsall

PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT

09/11097/FUL Front bay window extension, 4 Brooms Lane, Kelsall

PERMISSION

09/11052/FUL To erect part single and part two-storey extension at rear, Wren
House, 10 Church Street North, Kelsall.

PERMISSION

73/09 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:

1. The new planning sub-committee for the coming month is Cllr Enticott and Cllr Gray.

2. Cllr Castle in an email sent to the Clerk said he was surprised that Cheshire West and Chester's Planning Authority allowed the removal of around 6 metres of "Ancient Hedging" when supporting and approving application 09/10867/FUL (Proposed Access and Driveway to Street House). An alternative scheme could have been agreed without the need to remove such important environmental habitat. And as you know, Kelsall VDS states the need to protect and preserve current levels of village hedging, especially since hundreds of metres have already been lost through fence replacements and other various access requirements - whether legitimate or otherwise.

Cllr Leather said the planning application was discussed in detail at the meeting held on the 20th July 2009 and the decision 'no comment' was made.

74/09 CLERKS AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. An email regarding more powers to Parish and Town Councils: Including Local Councils in the Sustainable Communities Act.
2. Cllr Leather informed the Parish Council that he, Cllr Mrs Caney and the Clerk met with a representative of Cheshire West and Chester Council to discuss the powers available to the Parish Council and the relationship between the two bodies. It was a very informal meeting with Nicola McKeand and she has gone away with a good idea of the problems facing the community.

75/09 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Cheshire Community Action Habitats and Hillforts celebration event to mark the 1st year of this exciting Landscape Partnership Scheme on the 1st October 2009 at Peckforton Castle Hotel starting at 6.00pm.
2. Cheshire Police Authority Have your Say Meeting to be held on the 1st September at Winsford and the 22nd September in Ellesmere Port.

3. Cheshire Landscape Trust Tree Warden's Meeting to take place at 6.30pm on the 26th August at Lower Moss Wood, near Knutsford.
4. Cheshire Local Access Forum Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 – Section 94 Invitation for Applications for Members on Local Access Forum.
5. Cheshire West and Chester Council details of the Gowy and Eddisbury Community Forum to be held on the 30th September at 7.00pm at Cuddington Primary School.

Publications received to date:

- Ø Clerks & Councils Direct
- Ø The Crown Estate Building in Partnership
- Ø The Acorn

76/09 HIGHWAYS:

1. The Clerk received an email from Cllr Castle regarding road safety and speeding Concerns. Cllr Castle is concerned about speeding and the need for traffic calming along Chester Road, Quarry Lane, Old Coach Road and Willington Lane, residents are reporting increasing levels of speeding traffic. Cllr Castle said he has also received report regarding "unsafe" junctions at Green Lane / Willington Lane and Chapel Lane / Willington Lane, Willington. Entering Willington Lane from Green Lane, either turning left or turning right, is not recommended since adjacent boundary hedging removes vital viewing opportunity. The very same situation exists at the Chapel Lane / Willington Road junction because of inadequate sight lines. Cllr Castle wonders whether strategically placed viewing mirrors at both of the aforementioned road junctions would be approved and supported by our new Cheshire West and Chester Unitary Authority.
The Clerk will ask the Council Highways department what their policy is on viewing mirrors in junctions.
2. A recent email was sent out by Graham Anderton informing us that he had recently retired from Cheshire West and Chester Council. It was agreed that Cllr Gray will write thanking him for all his assistance with highways' issues in Kelsall over the years. Cllr Gray will also make inquires about who will now look into the proposed footpath on Chester Road.

77/09 FOOTPATHS:

1. Cllr Gray said that the grass verges at the top end of the village near the traffic lights is looking very neglected. Councillors were asked to email the Clerk with a list of concerns about the area and she will contact Delamere Parish Council.
2. The Clerk will email Unitary Councillor Deynem about the neglected hedges on some of the properties Persimmon Homes bought with the intention of developing.

78/09 FINANCE REPORT:

1. Balance as at 14/09/09 Lloyds TSB Current Account: £10,0344.48
Lloyds TSB Business Call Account: £32,100.20
Bank of Ireland: £961.63

2. Resolved: That the following payments be made:

001897 Kelsall Community Centre hire of room	£12.50
001898 Abbotswood Garden Services Kelsall garden maintenance	£86.00
001899 Sodexo Land Technology grass cutting	£256.15
001900 LexisNexis new Council administration book	£72.45
001901 -----Cancelled-----	
001902 Public Works Loan Account loan repayment	£1,498.62
001903 Mrs N Read Clerks salary and expenses	£607.54
001904 Mr A. S McKee street cleaning 10/08/09 – 11/09/09	£422.45
001905 Post Office Ltd PAYE & N. I	£164.93
001906 Mrs N Read hire of turf cutter for BMX track	£89.70

3. Cheshire West & Chester Council £2,800.71 street cleaning repayment has been paid into the Parish Council Accounts.

79/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

12th October 2009.

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