

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KELSALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHESTER ROAD, KELSALL ON THE 9TH NOVEMBER 2009.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public and 3 representatives from United Utilities.

95/09 APOLOGIES: Unitary Councillor Deynem, Unitary Councillor Bailey, Unitary Councillor Parker.

96/09 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 Leather declared a prejudicial interest in planning application 09/11663/FUL and left the room during the discussions of the item.

Cllr Enticott declared a personal interest in planning application 09/11651/TPO

97/09 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH OCTOBER 2009:

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th October 2009 be signed as a correct record after the correction of a few minor amendments.

98/09 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Mr & Mrs Hancock waited outside the last PC meeting as they said that the planning committee had told them that they could only attend the meeting when their planning application came up for consideration.
Cllr Gray and Cllr Enticott explained that they had told Mr and Mrs Hancock that they could only speak during the discussions of their planning application and did not suggest they could not attend the meeting prior to the discussion. Councillors agreed the need to be very clear when explaining the planning procedure to residents.

2. It was reported that the former Autoquip shop will shortly be changing hands.
It was agreed that the safety of the shop was still a concern and if no changes are evident over the next few weeks, a letter should be sent to the owner.

3. The Parish Council is still awaiting a second quotation for repairs to the War Memorial.
Cllr Dutton agreed to chase up the quote in the next few weeks. Cllr Castle requested extra soil be put under a section of grass to raise the level making it easier for residents to place small wooden remembrance crosses in the designated area. Cllr Gray felt that this was not a problem and crosses had already been placed in the area without incident.

4. A request has been sent to County Highways to consider extending the pedestrian barriers along Chester Road in front of the Co-op. Cllr Leather will also speak to the Manager about the problem.

5. Cllr Castle asked if the Parish Council obtained a second tree surgeon quote for the work on the trees on the Allotment footpath. The Clerk confirmed that she had received a second quote which was almost identical to the one accepted and it was decided to go with the company who had already carried out tree work for us in the past.

99/09 TALK BY UNITED UTILITIES

1. Mr John Nock of United Utilities confirmed that between November 2009 and March 2010 improvements will be made to 17km of water pipes in and around Kelsall, costing approximately £800,000. These improvements will address problems of poor water pressure and discolouration of drinking water. Before work starts, United Utilities will send out advance letter to all householders affected, carry out advance traffic signage and issue press releases. They also plan to visit Kelsall School to explain to the children the safety aspects concerning the barriers and holes. A United Utilities vehicle will also visit Kelsall so that residents can discuss any issues directly with United Utilities' staff. Details of these visits will be provided in advance.

The roads affected are:-

Briar Lane	Dog Lane	Hollins Lane	Tirley Lane
Brooms Lane	Flat Lane	Knights Lane	Waste Lane
Carter Ave	Forest Gate Lane	Old Coach Rd	Watling Drive
Chester Rd	Green Lane	Quarry Bank	Yeld Lane
Church St	Church St North	The Wynd	Stoney Lane
Common Lane	Quarry Lane		

Cllr Leather asked for posters to be displayed around the village, and articles for KADRAS and the Kelsall web site.

Mr Nock and his colleagues were thanked for attending the meeting.

100/09 KELSALL GREEN:

1. Minutes of October recreation meeting were attached to the Councillors correspondence.
2. Cllr Dutton said the residents of Windy Ridge had emailed the Parish Council asking for a gap to be left between their hedge and the climbing structure to facilitate hedge-cutting, but this has not been done. The Clerk said she had never received such an email, but would have certainly taken the point into consideration when positioning the climbing structure.
3. Cllr Leather reported that the Kelsall Women's Institute had again held a Bridge Competition to raise money for Kelsall Green, which was very successful.

4. Mrs Peel was thanked for her recent sale of damsons which raised £45 for Kelsall Green.
5. The Recreation Committee feels that the gate, which is not self closing, may be a safety issue for young children playing in the playground, as many parents forget to close the gate behind them. Cllr Dutton said he and Mr Nixon will investigate re-fitting the gate.
6. Cllr Leather asked the Council to reflect on the work and achievement of the Recreation Committee over the past 18 months. He expressed praise and congratulations at their achievements, and this was supported by all councillors.

101/09 OPEN FORUM:

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

1. A member of the public reported three street lights which were not working.
2. Mr Hammond requested a copy of the planning guidelines to councillors. It was agreed that Cllr Leather will send him a copy.

102/09 PLANNING:

1. Applications received to date:

09/11392/LDC Northwood Hall Certificate of lawfulness

**Comment: Have concerns about fire safety and the close proximity the caravans have to each other.
Have concerns on the number of caravans and the sewage handling and disposal.
Concerned that some caravans are being used as a permanent residence.**

09/11556/FUL Proposed side extension and erection of outbuilding to replace existing garage, The Beeches, Waste Lane, Kelsall
No objection

09/11651/TPO Crown Lift and Reduce one Ash Tree, Southbank, Chester Road, Kelsall

Comment: Do not feel the trees would benefit from a crown lift and reduction but rather benefit from a tidy up and removal of the dead wood and ivy from the base.

09/11663/FUL Replacement dwelling (amendment to previously approved plan 08/01355/FUL, Hilbre, 1 Old Coach Road, Kelsall
No objection.

2. Decision notices received to date:

09/11252/FUL Single storey side extension, Ivy Cottage, 17 Church Street, Kelsall.
PERMISSION

09/11362/FUL Demolition of existing outbuildings; erection of two storey garage with accommodation above; first floor extension to dwelling. The Old Parsonage, Church Street North, Kelsall.
PERMISSION

103/09 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:

1. The new planning committee for the coming month is Cllr Leather and Cllr Castle.

2. Cllr Leather said that he felt that there was some confusion over the role of the Unitary Councillors in planning decisions and, as a result, had distributed information to all Councillors on this subject. Cllr Mrs Caney said she was still angry that Cllr Deynem went off on his own ignoring the wishes of the Parish Council in refusing to call the application in.

Cllr Castle said he believed that Cllr Deynem was obliged to call in the application when requested to do so by the Parish Council.

Cllr Caney said she felt Unitary Councillors should explain their decisions in person to the Parish Council when they choose not to carry out their requests.

Cllr Leather said that though it would have been courteous to have informed the Parish Council in person of the reasons for his decision, he is not obliged to do so. Given the number of parish councils in the ward, it is impossible for every Unitary Councillor to attend every meeting of every parish council. Cllr Deynem had informed the council by email of his decision.

Cllr Leather asked the Parish Council if they would like a private meeting with Cllr Deynem to discuss this issue. Cllr Caney felt it should take place in a Council Meeting when the public can attend.

Cllr Caney felt that Unitary Cllr Deynem dealt with this application in an undemocratic manner and did not discuss with the Planning Officer or the Parish Council until after the deadline date.

Cllr Leather said that if Unitary Cllr Deynem had decided not to call in the application, then the timing of discussions with the designated officer was insignificant.

104/09 CLERK'S AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. We are required to send estimates or quotations for graveyard maintenance 2009/10 to CWAC by 20th November
2. Cllr Leather had heard a number of reports of teenagers going around the village knocking on people's door and asking for donations towards Kelsall Green. The Police are now investigating the incidents.

105/09 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter from a member of the public regarding illegal parking outside the school.
The Clerk will request PC Elliot and the PCSO keep an eye on the area.

2. Cheshire Landscape Trust requesting a donation for the Tree Warden Scheme.
Councillors expressed support for this scheme.

The views of Kelsall's Unitary Councillors will be sought

3. NorthWest Air Ambulance requesting a donation.

Resolved: a donation of £100.00 was agreed.

4. Cheshire Community Action Annual General Meeting to be held on the 19th November 2009.

5. Cheshire Police Authority policing priorities survey.

The Clerk will fill out the survey.

Publications received to date:

- Ø The Playing Field
- Ø Countryside Voice
- Ø Cheshire Viewpoint
- Ø Connexions INSIDEOUT

106/09 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT:

1. Cheshire West & Chester review of highway maintenance Town and Parish Council Consultation.

Cllr Castle will fill out the consultation document.

2. A possible scheme to create a footpath in front of Kelsall Green has been proposed by Cheshire West and Chester Council. Cllr Gray and Cllr Dutton have discussed the proposal with the owners of Windy Ridge, who had raised some issues. Cllr Gray was thanked for taking the scheme to this stage.

3. Cllr Gray complained about the numbers of leaves on the footpaths and roads, especially at the bottom of Old Coach Road which has a large Pine Tree dropping copious quantities of pine needles. The Clerk will ask Highways when the road cleaning wagon is next due in the village.

107/09 FINANCE REPORT:

1. Balance as at 9:11:09 Lloyds TSB Current Account: £4,856.43
Lloyds TSB Business Account: £8,102.79
Bank of Ireland: £961.63

2. Resolved: That the following payments be made:

001921	Timberplay Ltd for climbing frame and see-saw quotation, inclusive of VAT)	£24,319.05 (as per
001922	Abbotswood Garden Services for tree pruning	£517.50
001923	Sodexo grass cutting	£128.08
001924	Abbotswood Garden Services garden maintenance	£86.00
001925	Kelsall Community Centre hire of room	£15.00
001926	Mrs N Read Clerks salary	£602.86
001927	Mr McKee Street cleaning 5/10/09 – 6/11/09	£422.45
001928	Post Office Ltd PAYE & N.I	£164.93
001929	Royal British Legion remembrance wreath donation	£50.00

3. £24,000 was transferred from the Lloyds TSB Business Call account to the Lloyds TSB Current Account.
4. The Clerk was asked to step outside the meeting while the Council discussed her absence through bereavement. Councillors agreed unanimously that she should be paid her usual salary.

108/09 OTHER PARISH BUSINESS:

1. The Clerk was asked to advertise in KADRAS the Community Safety Wardens' Surgeries held once a month at the school library.
2. It was reported that the recent Beer Festival was very successful raising £5000 for the school and St Philips Church.
3. Cllr Dutton reported that he had recently attended a talk on Anaerobic Digestion, and a design for an £8 million power plant to use discarded food to power 3,000 homes.

109/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Monday 14th December 2009.

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