

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KELSALL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE
COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHESTER ROAD, KELSALL ON THE 10TH MAY 2010.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: One member of the public, a representative of the Chester Chronicle and
Police Constable Elliott.

01/10: ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Leather was nominated by Cllr Dutton and seconded by Cllr Lowden.
Cllr Leather accepted the nomination and was voted as Chairman by a unanimous
Vote.

On being declared the Chairman Cllr Leather made the following statement:-

**'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.'**

02/10 ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN:

Cllr Dutton was nominated by Cllr Leather and seconded by Cllr Lowden. Cllr
Dutton accepted the nomination and was voted as vice-chairman by a unanimous
vote.

03/10 APOLOGIES:

Cllr Mrs Cowell, Unitary Councillor Deynem, Unitary Councillor Dailey, Unitary
Councillor Parker.

04/10 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

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

No member declared an interest.

05/10 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH APRIL 2010.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th April be signed as a correct record subject to the following amendments. Minute number 170/09 the word prejudicial to be removed. Minute number 176/09(4) to be changed from 'as it blocks the sight lines for cars' to 'the residents of Quarry Croft have said it blocks their sight lines as they exit the drive into Quarry Lane'

06/10 MATTERS ARISING:

1. Cllr Castle commented that the war memorial had still not been repaired. Cllr Dutton said he had been having a problem getting quotes for what builders consider a small job. It was agreed to ask Mr Gittens to re-quote for the job, and councillors were asked to suggest other local builders for a second estimate. Cllr Castle said he would make some enquiries.

07/10 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 Read
Cllr Mrs Caney

08/10 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES:

1. Finance

Cllr Leather
Cllr Dutton
Cllr Mrs Caney
Cllr Lowden

09/10 KELSALL GREEN:

1. The two tails on the horses in the playground have now been replaced.
2. The Recreation Committee has a new member, Mr. Robert Lindop, who with Cllr Dutton is looking at the possibility of creating a BMX/Skate track

3. The Parish Council was asked by the Recreation Committee to agree to provide a bridging loan of £2,000, if needed. The Clerk explained that this has been agreed in previous years but has never been needed as fundraising had met all immediate requirements.

Resolved: It was agreed to provide a bridging loan of up to £2,000 to the Recreation Committee if needed to secure grants.

4. The Agreement between the Parish Council and the Chester Folk Festival was confirmed by the Parish Council and signed by the Clerk. Mr Lewis will sign the contract on behalf of the Folk Festival.

10/10 OPEN FORUM:

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

1. Ben Coulbeck, who reports for the Chester Chronicle, confirmed that the Morris Dancer will be shut during the Folk Festival. The Clerk said a beer tent had been arranged.
2. Ben Coulbeck asked if the Parish Council would have any role in the appointment of a new vicar. Cllr Leather confirmed that it has no such role.
3. Mr Coulbeck asked if anyone had used the Chronicle site to find out the election results for the area as the Chronicle did a very fast and detailed report on line. It was confirmed that none of the members had; the Clerk said she had used the Sky News website and felt the Chronicle had not advertised their website enough.
4. A member of the public said that he wants to put solar panels on his roof but has discovered that he lives in an area in which permitted development rights have been withdrawn, and he sought the Parish Council's advice. He was advised to discuss this with one of Kelsall's Unitary Councillors, and to obtain written confirmation of the position from Cheshire West and Chester Council.

5. It was confirmed that Mr John Gray is now providing information to the Chester Chronicle on local events.

11/10 PLANNING:

1. Applications received to date:

10/10937/FUL Change of use from agricultural land to equestrian & erection of stable block, land opposite Service Road, Chester Road, Tarvin.

**Comment: Have concerns about highway safety with vehicles entering and exiting onto a very busy fast road.
Also feel the development would be intrusive in what is**

10/11004/FUL Single storey side extension, 33 Kelsborrow Way, Kelsall, Cheshire.

No objection

10/11048/FUL Pitched roof to existing garage & alterations to front elevation, Beech House, Earles Lane, Kelsall.

No objection

12/10 OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:

1. The new Planning Committee for the coming month is Cllr Leather and Cllr Castle.
2. A planning application has been submitted for Four Lanes End at the junction of Green Lane and Willington Lane. The Clerk said that, although the house is in Delamere, the Parish Council may wish to comment on it. The Council agreed that it had no comment on, or objection to the application.

3. Cllr Mrs Lacey said she had read a recent article in the Chronicle that certain villages had been delegated as possible areas for housing and was concerned about which ones and what impact this may have on Kelsall if Taylor Wimpy put in an application for houses next to the school. Cllr Dutton said Mike Jones the Leader of Cheshire West and Chester had recently done a very good article in the Chronicle about planning and had mentioned Kelsall as one of the villages that has recently had new estates with totally inappropriate buildings. It was agreed that all the members would benefit from reading the article and Mr Coulbeck agreed to send an electronic copy to Cllr Leather to distribute to all Councillors. Cllr Leather will also request an update on the situation from the Council.

4. Cllr Leather said that he had spoken to a resident concerning possible development of Valley View on Chester Road. Cllr Leather said he had explained the background of the site and passed on a copy of the Parish Landscape and Design Statement, but could not comment on any proposals. The resident sent an email which Cllr Leather read out to the meeting. It was agreed that, as it was a planning issue, the Parish Council should not comment until a planning application was submitted. The resident said that the fence was temporary and that he had put in a retrospective planning application for it.

13/10 CLERK'S AND CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Mrs Macaulay who now runs the Holiday Club has asked the Parish Council to again consider a donation.
Resolved: It was agreed to donate £100 towards the Holiday Club.

2. Mr Gray has offered to act as liaison between the Parish Council and Kadras and to write up a small report on Parish Council meetings for Kadras. It was agreed that Cllr Leather will write thanking Mr Gray for agreeing to do the reports.

3. The two brown bins issues to Mr. McKee at the Parish Rooms have both been stolen. The Clerk has ordered two new ones from the Council and reported it to PC Robin Elliott.

4. Councillors were asked to consider whether the Parish Council should rejoin the Cheshire Association of Town and Parish Councils.
It was agreed to defer this to the next Parish Council meeting.

5. Cllr Leather said that he felt the procedure used to co-opt new councillors had worked well in the past, and that the Council could use the same process for the current vacancies; if time permitted, he hoped the Parish Council would be able to co-opt two new members by the next Meeting.

6. Police Constable Elliot reported 30 incidents between Kelsall and Ashton in the past month; these included:-

6 traffic

2 criminal damage

3 domestic

3 burglary (one arrest was made)

1 neighbour dispute

2 suspicious callers

1 nuisance youths

PC Elliott also said they had received five 999 calls made by children in the two villages; as a result he will visit the two primary schools to talk about the dangers of making fake 999 calls. The competition held at the two schools to design a road safety poster has now been judged; the two winning posters will be put on the Kelsall website.

P C Elliott indicated his likely retirement later this year and expressed uncertainty about a replacement. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Superintendent of Cheshire Constabulary to seek reassurance that PC Elliott will be replaced when he retires.

14/10 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Cheshire West and Chester Council seminar to support Overview and Scrutiny Committee's review of the relationship between Local Councils and Cheshire West and Chester Council on the 19th May 2010. Do we wish to send a representative.

It was agreed if anyone wished to attend they should email the Clerk.

2. Cheshire West and Chester Council Gowy Community Forum to be held on the 1st June at Tarvin Community Centre starting at 6.30 pm.

Publications received to date:

- § CPRE Countryside Voice
- § Clerks & Councils Direct
- § The Playing Field

15/10 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT:

1. The Clerk confirmed that she had asked for a street sign to be placed at the entrance of Rookery Close. The Clerk will send the street sign list showing which street signs need replacing or attention in Kelsall to Unitary Councillor Deynem again.

16/10 FOOTPATHS:

No footpath issues were discussed.

17/10 FINANCE REPORT:

1. Balance as at 10th May 2010 Lloyds TSB Current Account: £7,940.88
Lloyds TSB Business Account: £29,145.36
Bank of Ireland: £961.63

2. Resolved: That the following payments be made:

001979 Scottish Power Electricity Parish Rooms	£141.46
001980 Cheshire County Playing Fields Association membership fee	£18.00
001981 Sodexo Grass cutting	£269.59
001982 Mr Edward Nixon latch for gate on Kelsall Green	£48.18
001983 Abbotswood Garden Services garden maintenance	£86.00
001984 Kelsall Community Centre hire of room	£15.00
001985 Mrs N Read Clerks salary & expenses	£616.58
001986 Mr McKee street cleaning 12/04/10 – 07/05/10	£343.28
001987 Post Office Ltd PAYE & N.I	£145.33

3. HM Revenue and Customs have now paid the £6,330.92 VAT refund into the Parish Council Accounts.

4. The Finance Committee meeting was set for 3pm Friday 14th May at 12 Old Coach Road.

5. Mrs Cuffin-Munday has completed the internal audit for 2009/2010.

18/10 OTHER PARISH BUSINESS:

1. Cllr Mrs Caney asked if voting numbers were recorded in the minutes. The Clerk said they were recorded when a formal vote is proposed and seconded on an issue, but not if it is a general agreement, for example on planning applications. Cllr Leather added that the Council sought consensus wherever possible, but that a member could call for a vote on any issue after it had been discussed.

19/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

14th June 2010.

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