



KETLEY PARISH COUNCIL

TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE

MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of Ketley Parish Council held on Wednesday 14 February 2024 at Ketley Community Centre at 7:00pm.

PRESENT:

Cllr. Hilda Rhodes (Vice Chair)
Cllr. Joy Francis
Cllr. Nick Heath

Cllr. Ranbir Sahota
Cllr. Sukh Thiara

IN ATTENDANCE:

CLERK: Shelley Everton
DEPUTY CLERK: Zara Purvis
PUBLIC: 2 Members of the Public

The Chair opened the meeting at:

7:01 PM

C23/201 WELCOME

The Vice Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting in the absence of the Chair.

C23/202 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr. Eileen Callear, Cllr. Mandy Cartwright, Cllr. Dave Elliott, Cllr. Amrik Jhawar and Cllr. Millward-Thomas.
All apologies acknowledged and accepted.

C23/203 PUBLIC SESSION

A resident in attendance raised their concerns of a planning application that has been made (TWC/2024/0074). The resident is concerned that should the application be granted, ASB will increase in the area. In addition to this, they raised the strong possibility of the traffic flow on Shepherds Lane increasing, which the road can not facilitate due to it being such a narrow, winding road. There is no viable option to allow for two-way traffic.

The Clerk advised the resident to log their concerns directly on the Telford and Wrekin Council planning applications page.

A resident, who has previously discussed the likelihood of allotments being erected in Ketley, requested an update on this.

The Clerk advised that the Council are still looking into this and are currently following up on different avenues to secure a suitable piece of land to have allotments, however we have not yet received a response from the relevant parties.

C23/204 POLICE MATTERS

No representative in attendance.
Nothing to note from the Councillors.

C23/205 DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nothing to note.

C23/206 COUNCIL MINUTES

To receive and agree the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10 January 2024.

Proposed by Cllr. Nick Heath

Seconded by Cllr. Joy Francis

All Councillors in favour that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10 January 2024 be adopted and that the Vice Chair sign these as a true record in absence of the Chair.

C23/207 PLANNING APPLICATIONS



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- (i) TWC/2024/0074 – All Councillors would like for comments to be made regarding traffic concerns. There is no option for two-way traffic, and the proposed plans would see an increase in an already difficult to navigate area.
- (ii) TWC/2024/0069 – All Councillors would like for comments to be made regarding traffic concerns. There are concerns regarding access to and from the site as it is situated right on top of an existing busy intersection. Councillors also strongly support the ecological argument and would like to see the safe capture and removal of fauna.
- (iii) TWC/2023/0557 – Information only item, all Councillors agreed that this planning would not be appropriate to go ahead due to concerns that have been raised previously by the residents.
- (iv) TWC/2024/0106 – Councillors requested that this item be deferred until they have had time to look over it as it was received post publication of the agenda.

C23/208 FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cllr. Hilda Rhodes provided a short summary from the Finance Committee meeting that was held on Wednesday 24 January 2024.

C23/209 FINANCE

- (i) All Councillors noted the state of the Council's finances, no comments to add.
- (ii) All Councillors noted the bank reconciliations for November and December 2023, no comments to add.

C23/210 FINANCE – PAYMENTS

- (i) Councillors inspected and authorised orders for payment.
Proposed by Cllr. Sukh Thiara
Seconded by Cllr. Nick Heath
All in favour
- (ii) Councillors inspected and authorised card payments.
Proposed by Cllr. Nick Heath
Seconded by Cllr. Ranbir Sahota
All in favour

C23/211 COMMUNITY CENTRE REPORT

The Clerk requested that the matter regarding the Fire Risk Assessment be deferred to Finance Committee when a third quote can be obtained as we currently only have two. All Councillors were in favour of this item being deferred.

Cllr. Sukh Thiara advised that he has recently received quotes for this and will provide the Clerk with this information for a third quote to be obtained.

C23/212 HEDGEHOG HIGHWAYS

The Hedgehogs Highway initiative was discussed by all. It was proposed that the Council will support the residents with this project.

Proposed by Cllr. Nick Heath
Seconded by Cllr. Sukh Thiara
All in favour

C23/213 GARDEN OF REST

- (i) After considering all three quotes on the report, it was agreed by all Councillors to accept Quote A (part 1).
Proposed by Cllr. Nick Heath
Seconded by Cllr. Sukh Thiara
All in favour
- (ii) After considering costs collated to show what other Parish/Town Councils charge for Full Kerb Set Memorials, it was proposed that Ketley Parish Council update their 2023/2024 charges to charge £250.00 for a Full Kerb Set Memorial.



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Proposed by Cllr. Sukh Thiara
Seconded by Cllr. Ranbir Sahota
All in favour

C23/214 COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

The Complaints Procedure was reviewed and agreed by all Councillors.

Proposed by Cllr. Sukh Thiara
Seconded by Cllr. Nick Heath
All in favour

C23/215 SPRING EDITION NEWSLETTER

Cllr. Dave Elliott had emailed his comments prior to the meeting due to him being unable to attend and he would like to see mention of the Ketley Good Companions and their 70-year anniversary celebration in June 2024.

Councillors would like to see information about what groups use Ketley Community Centre, as well as who is welcome to join these groups to promote resident attendance and socialisation.

The Clerk advised that we will also be including the outcome of the newly elected Councillor following the election which will take place on Thursday 22 February 2024.

C23/216 INFORMATION ITEMS

(i) Cllr. Ranbir Sahota confirmed that she allocated all £5,000.00 of her Pride Funding which has now been confirmed and granted for the projects put forward.

Cllr. Sahota also advised that she had received multiple complaints from residents on Broadway regarding the parking on a Saturday.

The Clerk advised that she is aware of these complaints and has emailed Telford and Wrekin Councils Leisure Services to ask for support in rectifying the matter. The Clerk will be able to provide an update on this once she has heard back from them.

Cllr. Nick Heath suggested that we explore the option of opening up parking on the TACT car park, in addition to speaking to the Blue Elephant to see if they would allow for their car park to be used on a Saturday morning when they are not open for business.

The Clerk advised that she will look into the use of TACT car park and arrange to speak with the staff at the Blue Elephant.

(ii) No further updates shared.

C23/217 PARISH MATTERS

Cllr. Nick Heath requested information on whether the turning lines will be implemented at the 4-way traffic lights at the crossroads of The Crispy Cod and The Blue Elephant.

The Clerk advised that Telford and Wrekin Council are awaiting third-party information in order for this to be implemented.

Cllr. Ranbir Sahota advised that she has received information regarding the traffic lights at the same intersection, from Wellington to Ketley, that they keep spinning outwards making it hard for motorists to see the lights.

The Clerk advised that this has been reported multiple times by herself and residents. If the issue has not been fixed, the Clerk will ask Councillor Eileen Callear to push this through.

C23/218 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed by Councillors to the Clerk prior to next Full Council Meeting if they would like to add anything

C23/219 PLANNED DATES OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Finance Committee

Wednesday 28 February 2024

1 PM

Resources Committee

Wednesday 13 March 2023



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Full Council Meeting

Wednesday 14 February 2024

7 PM

The Chair closed the public meeting at:

8:15 PM

Notification of Private Session under Schedule 12a, Local Government Act 1972, the following items are likely to disclose exempt information in relation to establishment and contractual matters and that pursuant to provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded.

C23/220

TACT REVIEW

The Clerk advised that she has issued TACT with their new invoice at the higher amount which is due to be paid by February 28, 2024.

The Clerk also confirmed that the cost to purchase the building is £167,000.00. This item will be deferred until the next meeting in which we expect to have a higher number of Councillors present to discuss this.

C23/221

VEXATIOUS COMPLAINTS

The Clerk advised that the only change that may need to be made (to facilitate for the Chair being ill and unable to deliver the letter as planned on Friday 16 February 2024) would be the date at the top of the letter. All Councillors confirmed that this was okay.

Proposed by Cllr. Nick Heath

Seconded by Cllr. Sukh Thiara

All in favour

C23/222

PLANNING

Nothing to note.

The Chair closed the meeting at:

8:26 PM

Signed:

Chairman

Date:

Wednesday 14 February 2024