

Keresley Parish Council

Minutes



of PC Meeting 23 June 2015

Present: Jim Passmore, Walter W Milner, Dorothy Hall, Malcolm Jackson, (co opted Cllr) Tracy Gudgeon

1. Apologies from Sandra Camwell due to family commitments.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Were accepted as correct, proposed by J Passmore, seconded by D Hall.

Cllr Milner (chair) gave a brief account of what had happened since the last meeting. Clerk has still not heard about the buses (failing to complete 16 & 16A route through Keresley) and is to chase this up with WCC & Travel West Midlands. Cllrs are arranging a meeting with the Elliots (farm owners) who rent land that is proposed to be sold to the Pegasus Group for building. Losing this much land will make their farm unviable.

3. Declarations of interest

Cllr Milner declared an interest in item 6, the clerk's wages (clerk is married to Dr Milner)

4. Items for discussion from the floor

Parking on Bennetts Road North on the blind bend opposite where the Miner's Club used to be is dangerous. Clerk to send a letter to Coventry City Council (Highways Dept) and Warwickshire County Council Highways Department highlighting the problem and the dangers. Also highlight the dangers around Sandpits Lane junction with Bennetts Road.

Also the speed signs near the Hare and Hounds at Watery Lane was highlighted. There is a 30mph sign hidden in the bushes on one side of the road and the sign on the other side of the road is missing, so the only sign near there shows the allowed speed limit to be 60 mph.

Clerk to investigate.

5. Co opting of new Councillor

Tracy Gudgeon was proposed to be co opted as a 6th Parish Councillor by W W Milner, seconded by Malcolm Jackson. Proposal accepted unanimously. Mrs Gudgeon accepted the position formally.

6. Finance

Clerk's salary cheque signed, along with cheques for the Insurance (Clerk to investigate if we can get a cheaper quote next year and to bring in Insurance documents for Cllrs to check again) and cheque for use of the United Reformed church for our Parish Council Meetings.

It was proposed by D Hall that J Passmore become a third available signatory for Parish Council cheques (since Allan Owen left the Parish Council, there has only been two) and seconded by M

Jackson. Proposal passed unanimously.

7. Planning

Proposed Application to build 2 houses in Brownhill Green (near the White Lion) leaving the Church Hall in place was accepted, but a further application was received planning the building of 4 houses and demolishing the Church Hall. This new Application was refused on the grounds that it would infringe on the Green Belt and destroy a hedgerow and that the Church Hall was locally listed.

Cllr Passmore had met with Tracy Miller (head of Planning) as Chair of the Tree Wardens. We will arrange a meeting with Keresley Parish Council (Cllr Hall, Cllr Milner and possibly Cllr Camwell will go). They will ask for details of the timing of the new Local Plan. This will need to be co-ordinated with the Bedworth and Nuneaton Council as the failure to do this last time resulted in the rejection of the previous plan. T Miller has been asked to inform us when the agreement is sent to the Secretary of State. CPRE and our MP will lobby for the Plan to be 'called in' for the Secretary of State to decide on it.

Keresley Parish Council will suggest to the Parish Councils in Allesley, Corley, and Fillongley that they jointly write to the new MP for North Warwickshire over Green Belt pressure.

8. Keresley Festival 2016.

It was agreed that Keresley Parish Council would form a Working Group to liaise with the Rugby Club, St Thomas' and any other interested parties to organise a Keresley Festival for 2016. The Rugby Club are keen to be involved as are St Thomas'. Cllr Hall & C Milner (Parish Clerk) have joined the St Thomas' Festival Committee to help organise the St Thomas' Community Festival (2015) and liaise for a joint endeavour in 2016. Keresley Rugby Club is organising an event on 18th July 2016, 12 noon until late including cakes, raffles, face painting, real ale and a hog roast. It is hoped that similar events can be co-ordinated next year. Various other events were suggested and the Keresley Festival will be on the Parish Council Agendas on an on-going basis.

9. Wildlife Survey

We should contact the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to check the land affected by proposed building on the Green Belt. We need to make collective Tree Preservation Orders and do both informal and formal (using a Licenced Surveyer) surveys.

There will be an informal meeting to do several things.

- 1) Arrange informal wildlife survey, then we can consider where to concentrate any official survey.
- 2) We should write a Parish Council leaflet, starting with a little historical background, then talk about the Ancient Woodland (J Passmore will propose TPOs) and widen the scope to include local endangered wildlife (like Great Crested Newts). The leaflet should also include photos, information about the survey and the Bluebell Walk (and the beating of the Bounds, which is not always done every year).

Tracy will find out details from the official wildlife surveyer.

10 Other items to be considered at later Parish Council Meetings

- 1) Complaints (about Parish Council staff or procedures)
- 2) Setting the PC Budget
- 3) Ongoing Festival work
- 4) Wildlife Survey

11 Date of next meeting

18th August 2015

Carol Milner Parish Clerk