

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Keresley Parish Council

held on Tuesday 10th December 2019

Venue: Keresley United Reform Church, Bennetts Road, Keresley @ 18.30 hours

Present			
Cllr T Gudgeon	Chair	Cllr S Redhead	
Cllr J Passmore	Vice Chair		
Cllr C Wood			
Cllr T Middleton		Mrs B Bland BB	Locum Clerk

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

1. Welcome & Apologies

Chair welcomed Members, public and guest Mr Nigel Smith, Senior Planning Officer for Coventry North. Cllr Camwell continues her extended leave of absence due to ill health.

Members noted the continued absence of Cllr Camwell.

2. Public Participation

Mr Nigel Smith thanked Keresley Parish Council for inviting him to the meeting and proceeded with an update for Members as follows:-

- The route of the Link Road – Atkins have been appointed to provide feasibility study early February 2020. This will inform the decision on the link road route with the most important part being between Tamworth Road and Bennetts Road.
- Coventry North package joining the M6 to the A45. The road will go along north of City to the M6. There will be a Keresley link from Tamworth Road to junction 3 of M6.
- The Taylor Wimpey approved site has consent to provide a link road within the site with money put aside to provide one of the dumbbell roundabouts. Bellway will also provide part of the link so there is definitely a connection. Conditions of the Taylor Wimpey application is that a T-Junction is provided which will be closed off once roundabout is in place and completed.
- Thinking beyond Thompsons Farm application, Coventry City will get money to link from the Bellway site.
- David Wilson Homes currently negotiating with Queens College for sale of their land which is preferable to not obtaining the land via compulsory purchase route.

Cllr Gudgeon asked what Atkins remit is.

- Mr Smith replied a detailed study and design of a junction and cost out; all constraints to be complied with; a request to provide the parish council with the cost of contract will be taken back to Highways for permission to be granted; or the parish council will put in a Freedom of Information request.

Action: Mr Smith to get back to the clerk.

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- Members expressed that Bennetts Road is urgent for improvements and all works should be halted as an interim until Atkins report is concluded in February 2020 and future works confirmed.
- Mr Smith advised that highway improvements is not integral to the 800 scheme. Cllr Gudgeon advised that the current infrastructure cannot cope; all residents that use the highway networks struggle with volumes of traffic into the City Centre and the new infrastructure is integral to the SUE documentation. Once again Cllr Gudgeon requested a halt to any further development works until such time as a plan is approved for improvement infrastructure. Mr Smith advised that this is what happens; occupation of certain dwellings before funding will be released to put in link for highway improvements. Developers have to give money to Coventry City Council and as soon as the “first spade goes in the ground”, the Council will demand money.

Cllr Passmore asked for an update on the link to Watery Lane to link up to Nuneaton and Bedworth, and what discussions have taken place? Mr Smith replied that a 2nd section is being looked at with Wheelwright junction but there has been a County objection. Mrs Bland asked if there had been any joined up thinking and cross border working to which Mr Smith replied there have been regular meetings to date.

Cllr Wood advised there are 71 GP’s within a 10 mile radius; what provision is being made for improved services?

Mr Smith replied that the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) is looking at what is needed within the SUE; currently £1.7m is proposed to fund 9 consulting rooms which has been requested to that which is available at the moment commensurate with the percentage of houses being built.

Action: Keresley Parish Council (TG) to draft a letter to the CCG to include information on Public Health plan linked to Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council.

- Mr Smith advised that Taylor Wimpey Homes (TWH) has permission to develop a local centre but there is no condition attached that this has to be done. However TWH is being pushed for this to be in their next Reserved Matters application. To help speed things along TWH has a commercial developer on board and negotiations are going well to include the Reserved Matters application. There will be a condition of phasing the plan of the TWH site prior to acquisition of Queens College plot.
- The Spine Road from Bennetts Road to Tamworth Road has got to include link to local school and potential route for No.16 bus to come into the TWH centre – for Reserved Matters submission. The route needs to be defined with the geometry of the scheme.

Action: For Coventry City Council and Developer to continue communications with Queens College.

- Members reported continued problems with parking at the existing shops; Mr Smith added that this will form part of the Thompsons/Bellway application which remains pending. Mr Smith reported that the land allocated for a new Primary

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School is part of clauses in the legal agreement. TWH have to offer the land to Coventry City Council within 12 months of commencement of development (land holding is 1.8 HA); if Coventry accept then transfer must be within 3 months of acceptance and construction has to commence within 5 years. If this condition is not adhered to then the land is given back to the developer. Education say that for next 4 years there is spare capacity within existing primary provision. He went on to confirm that development of Cardinal Newman is approved; President Kennedy has a Sport England funding application pending.

- Members asked if the Queens College land is sold, has the loss of amenity been accounted for. Mr Smith confirmed that Parks have identified loss and need and will be working with each developer to make funding available for community leisure, sport and recreational activities.

Cllr Gudgeon thanked Mr Smith for attending the meeting and providing updates which have been very useful and informative. Mr Smith left the meeting at 19.40 hours.

3. Declarations of Interest

3a To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

Nothing to declare.

3b To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature (Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the room for the relevant items).

Nothing to declare.

4. Minutes of the 12th November 2019

Members approved accuracy of parish council minutes of 12th November; Cllr Passmore had previously amended.

IT WAS RESOLVED The minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2019 were approved; proposed Cllr Redhead and seconded Cllr Wood.

4.1 There were no matters arising. Previously brought forward:-

- Neal Thomas & STWA Public Meeting

Confirmation received from Will Barber that the public meeting specifically to Keresley Development Plans and associated drainage and flood risk, will be held on 14th January 2020.

Action: Will Barber/Clerk to liaise early January.

- Policy Committee

The Policy Committee meeting arranged for 26th November was postponed and is rearranged to 11th January 2020 9-11 am.

Action: Policy Committee.

5. Finance

5.1 December Payments Approval

Payments approval for payroll £170.75, mileage expenses £6.75 totalling £177.50.

IT WAS RESOLVED December payments approved for £177.50 Proposed Cllr Redhead and seconded Cllr Gudgeon.

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5.2 Bank Account

Nothing to report.

6. Policy Sub-Committee Recommendations

6.1 Risk Register

Cllr Passmore continues to reformat.

Action: Cllr Passmore.

6.2 Website

Website to be reviewed for security, content and statutory requirements under Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.

Action: Policy Committee meeting scheduled for 11th January 2020.

6.3 General Power of Competence (GPC)

Cllr Wood recommended the parish council adopts the General Power of Competence as the criteria required is met. The power is the central part of this Government’s move towards the decentralisation of powers down to the lowest practical level of local government. The clerk added that the GPC allows a parish council to do anything that an individual may do i.e. set up a business to provide a service; run a community shop or post office; set up a Trust; invest/lend money. The criteria for eligibility is for the parish council to have a qualified clerk and two thirds elected Members. Keresley Parish Council meet the required criteria and Members agreed the benefits to adopting the General Power of Competence. It should also be noted that activities using the GPC are not restricted to the parish only but anywhere.

Keresley Parish Council resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence and acknowledge that the resolution will be passed at this meeting (10th December 2019) and subsequently at the relevant Annual Meeting being the meeting that takes place in a year of ordinary elections, once every 4 years.

IT WAS RESOLVED Cllr Wood proposed adopting the General Power of Competence seconded by Cllr Redhead.

7. Progress Reports

The clerk reported the following items:-

- Poplar Trees & Highways Maintenance

An email received from David Richards, Assistant Urban Forestry Officer, received and circulated as follows:-

“This area is still under investigation and I will update you as soon as we reveal a further information. This morning, a second email was sent to our Projects Officer focusing on the original ownership/title holder of the area. Once confirmed, we can then look deeper into where and with whom the “duty of care” lies. If this falls back within the onus of the Local Authority, it will be ‘zonced’ (an inspection frequency used on usae) and placed within our asset management system and systematically reviewed.

In the interim a full condition assessment will be carried out of trees populating this area (at my earliest opportunity) and any obvious defects noted will be addressed.

I hope this is satisfactory for the time being”.

Action: Clerk to draft letter of thanks including asking when remedial works are to be carried out. An invitation to be extended for Mr Richards to attend February’s parish council meeting for the purpose of providing an update. Also to notify Public Health of the danger to home occupiers and pedestrians.

8. Clerk’s Report

As per agenda items.

9. District & Ward Councillor Reports

Nothing to report.

10. Correspondence & Communication

No correspondence received; emails circulated to Members as and when received.

11. Keresley Village Matters

11.1 Speeding – Bennetts Road

11.2 Speed Watch

11.3 Watery Lane Speed Limit

Action: The above to be discussed at a meeting with the Police, Clerk, Cllr Passmore and Cllr Wood on 19th December 2019.

Cllr Gudgeon advised she is trained and will be available subject to dates; a Sunday afternoon would work. Cllr Wood asked about parking particularly parked cars on pavements on Bennetts Road which is a ticketable offence. Registration numbers to be taken and called in and it will be discussed when we meet the Police Team on 19th December. Clerk advised the parish council is now registered on the Police “Need to Know” site with regular emails being circulated to Members who advised information received is useful and to keep up the flow of emails.

12. Planning Matters

12.1 Cllr Passmore reported the following updates:-

- Watery Lane derestricted speed limit. 17 houses on Hare & Hounds site objected to. The updated plan includes for the 60mph speed limit to be reduced to 30mph plus the use of chicanes for traffic calming. The pavement also to be extended to new development with the crossing point moved to existing site. Awaiting decision approval.
- Thompsons Road/Fivefield – awaiting approval.
- A planning application has been submitted by Mr Hickson and two neighbours for their back gardens to be developed for 5 detached houses.

Action: Planning Committee

12.2 (Sustainable Urban Extension) SUE – reported under item 2.

13. Election 2019

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14. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda

- Poplar Trees
- Community Heart Beat
- Coventry Running Festival (Involvement)

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Keresley Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 14th January 2019 at Keresley United Reform Church, Bennetts Road, Keresley at 18.30.

The meeting closed at 20.25.