

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Keresley Parish Council**

held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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

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

**There was 2 members of the public in attendance.**

**1. Welcome & Apologies**

Vice Chair welcomed Members and members of the public. Apologies received from Cllr Camwell who continues her extended leave of absence due to ill health and Cllr Gudgeon due to work commitments.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Members accepted apologies from Cllrs Camwell and Gudgeon.

**2. Public Participation**

Residents raised the following matters:-

- 17 houses Watery Lane **OUT/2019/1374**

Cllr Passmore reported that Keresley Parish Council has objected to the proposal since the entrance to the development, shown as by the current wooden gates, is on a sharp bend, thus dangerous to highways users and members of the public; and possible the removal of two trees which are of amenity value to accommodate the access road.

- 40 houses Watery Lane **OUT/2019/2277**

Cllr Passmore advised parish council that this application has been resubmitted following the withdrawal of application **OUT/2018/3080** last February. STWA objected previously regarding the discharge of water from balancing pond into the storm drainage sewer and the objection by the Parish Council of the route of the pipe cutting through the roots of an Oak tree.

For this application an objection has been submitted due the pipework route for the SUDS flood prevention system cutting the fine roots of trees an Oak tree.

It was mentioned that surface water drainage water from the development opposite goes into the culverted Hall Brook which runs uner Watery Lane. The developers may investigate this option.

- 320 houses off Tamworth Road **RMM/2019/1030**

Discussion regarding the temporary road and it becoming a pavement? Where is it to be sited off Tamworth Road?

The temporary road entrance will be opposite the boundary between Maplewood and Courtland House, 220 yards from the Long Lane Junction. Once the proposed roundabout with Long Lane and the link road has been completed this road will be blocked off.

**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 8th October 2019**

Members approved accuracy of parish council minutes of 8th October.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2019 were approved; proposed Cllr Redhead and seconded Cllr Wood.

4.1 There were no matters arising however brought forward from previous meetings:-

- Andrew Walster – Assistant Director of Streetscene & Greenspace

A meeting to be arranged for half term to follow up outstanding items of Poplar Trees, maintenance of Sandpitts Lane and Penny Park Lane.

**Action: Cllr Gudgeon/Clerk.**

- Neal Thomas & STWA Public Meeting

An email to be sent to set date for public meeting specifically to Keresley Development Plans and associated drainage and flood risk.

**Action: Will Barber/Clerk re December/January public meeting to be advised.**

- Policy Committee

A meeting to be arranged to complete Policies and review Website and content.

**Action: The Policy Committee to meet 26<sup>th</sup> November.**

**5. Finance**

**5.1 November Payments Approval**

Payments approval for payroll £170.95, mileage expenses £6.75, Website domain & hosting package £117.00, WALC training £53.00 totalling £347.70.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** November payments approved for £347.70. Proposed Cllr Wood and seconded Cllr Redhead.

**5.2 Bank Account**

Members acknowledged receipt of bank statements; the clerk advised that the reserve account had not been set up for statements to confirm 1<sup>st</sup> to last working day of each month and this is a requirement of auditing, therefore HSBC to be contacted to get the dates changed.

**Action: Clerk to arrange with HSBC to amend statement dates to 1<sup>st</sup> and last working day of each month.**

**7. Policy Sub-Committee Recommendations**

**7.1 Risk Register**

Cllr Passmore continues to reformat.

**Action: Cllr Passmore.**

7.2 Website

Website to be reviewed for security, content and statutory requirements under Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. Policy Committee to arrange meeting for November/December.

**Action: Policy Committee meeting scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

**8. Progress Reports**

The clerk reported the following items:-

- Poplar Trees & Highways Maintenance

The Poplar tree issue continues to be unresolved. Clerk to contact Coventry CC once more. An email from James Allen, Urban Ranger, confirming the Jubilee Woodland rides have been mowed and strimming to the smaller footpaths will be carried out later in week subject to weather.

**Action: Clerk to email Legal/Monitoring team for further assistance in resolving this matter.**

**9. Clerk's Report**

As per agenda items.

**10. District & Ward Councillor Reports**

Members noted no attendance of District Councillors to parish council meetings since July. An invitation to be sent to all to attend December's meeting, subject to Purdah. Also an invitation to be sent to Sgt Owen for Police attendance at December's meeting to raise local concerns around speeding traffic and recent spate of burglaries. Local Police office Jardine Crescent, Tile Hill.

**Action: Clerk to email Sgt Owen and District Councillors.**

**11. Correspondence & Communication**

- Countryside Voice publication;
- Clerk & Councils publication;
- LCR publication;
- HSBC – confirmation that the charging policy does not affect the parish council bank accounts as they are community accounts.
- Pensions Regulator advising of parish council obligation to ensure employee pension scheme registration.

**12. Keresley Village Matters**

12.1 Speeding traffic Bennetts Road to Grove Road; Fivefield Road is now a rat run with potholes; vehicles using middle of road to avoid broken verges and potholes and driving at speed making it dangerous residents pulling of drives and turning onto properties.

12.2 Speed Watch to be implemented; a discussion with Police team to reinstate with existing parish council trained volunteers.

12.3 Reduce speed limit to Watery Lane. There was exploration of reducing speed limit from 60mph to 30mph a few years ago with Highways; dialogue to be reopened with appropriate officers.

**Action: Clerk to contact Sgt Owen and invite to December’s parish council meeting. Clerk to contact highways officers.**

**13. Planning Matters**

13.1 Cllr Passmore reported the next planning meeting is arranged for 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

13.2 The **Keresley Sustainable Urban Extension** SPD was approved by the full council in August, and came into force September. The link road is shown as needing to be a tree lined avenue with bushes and shrubs segregating cyclists/pedestrians from the road helping to improve their air quality.

13.3 Current planning applications

(iii) Village Pharmacy, Bennetts Road North **FUL/2019/2612**

Pharmacy Group put in application to modify and extend rear of premises ground floor. Storage area for pharmaceuticals required. Upstairs to be made into a first floor flat. Keresley Parish Council has no objection to the plans

(ii) Thompsons Road development – 500 houses **OUT/2019/0484**

The original proposal included a roundabout with Grove Lane which would act as a traffic calming measure. A revised proposal has been submitted with an offset T-junction.

The parish council has submitted its objection to this change in the development since the new layout does not provide the traffic calming that comes with a roundabout.

(iii) 320 houses off Tamworth Road **RMM/2019/1030**

new updated plans released for comment.

The latest plan from Taylor Wimpey still ignores the SUE SPD. The parish council is putting forward its objection regarding access points into development; no traffic islands, or ghost lane for turning, thus affecting flow of traffic; with completion of A45/M6 link the road will be full of HGVs without any pedestrian crossing points; the landscaping plan does not include for provision of trees/other hedging/shrubbery to combat emissions.

**Action: Planning Committee**

Cllr Passmore further added that on Coventry City Council website indicates that a report prepared by Nigel Smith recommends approval stating that it is in line with SUE.

Members discussed this and concluded that the recommendation from planning is in direct contravention to requirements of the SUE guide. A letter to be drafted to Nigel Smith by Cllr Passmore; Nigel Smith to be invited to December’s parish council or planning committee meeting.

**Action: Clerk to email Nigel Smith to next parish council or planning committee meeting; Cllr Passmore to draft letter to planning regarding contravention of recommendations v. SUE. Copy of letter to be sent to CEO Martin Reeve, Mark Andrews and Tracey Miller Head of Planning and Nigel Smith.**

**IT WAS RESOLVED** Members approved drafting a letter as above action to all parties challenging Coventry City Council’s recommendations v. adopted SUE. Proposed Cllr Redhead and seconded Cllr Wood.

**14. Election 2019**

An invoice for £250 remains outstanding for Coventry City Council administrative process of recent election. Deadline closed 31<sup>st</sup> October for Casual Vacancy without receiving any applications.

**Action: Clerk to email Adrian West.**

**15. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda**

- General Power of Competence

**16. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Keresley Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10th December 2019 at Keresley United Reform Church, Bennetts Road, Keresley at 18.30. The next Planning meeting will be 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 6.30 p.m. The meeting closed at 20.10.