

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Keresley Parish Council

held on Tuesday 14th January 2020

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

Present			
Cllr T Gudgeon	Chair (Arrived 19.25)		
Cllr J Passmore	Vice Chair		
Cllr C Wood			
Cllr T Middleton		Mrs B Bland BB	Clerk

In attendance: Cllr J Hughes Meriden Parish Council

There was 1 member of the public in attendance.

1. Welcome & Apologies

Chair welcomed Members, public and explained Cllr Gudgeon was delayed at work and would be joining later. Chair further explained that representatives from Coventry City Council and Severn Trent Water would be arriving at 7pm. Cllr Camwell continues her absence due to ill health; review meeting to be arranged by the Clerk. Apologies received from Cllr Redhead due to illness and Cllrs Williams and Jandu due to Coventry City Council meetings.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members requested a review meeting be arranged with Cllr Camwell to ascertain situation. Members approved apologies from Cllrs Redhead, Williams and Jandu.

2. Public Participation

A member of the public provided an overview of a letter sent to the parish council regarding their support for the Secretary of State to review the planning application for 2,500 homes at Kings Hill, Warwickshire. The request is for a group of parish councils and resident associations to support this request. Members to consider and reply within 7 days.

Action: Members to consider request and advise the clerk accordingly.

Members welcomed Mr Neal Thomas (NT), Flood Risk Manager, Coventry City Council (CCC) and Mr Bill Walton (BT), Networks Manager, Severn Trent Water (STWA).

NT thanked members for their invitation and gave apologies from Mr Will Barber who has had a family emergency to attend to. He provided an update on key highlights as follows:-

- New STWA infrastructure for sustainable drainage solutions for period of 25 years;
- The proposed new developments will fund flood risk improvements;
- Detailed discussions are underway for Fivefield/Bennetts Road junction and Prologis;
- Defra will rank the scheme priorities and management;
- Funding available for 2019-2020 is 10K and for 2020-2021 is 140K;

- In total a Flood Defence Grant of 150K will protect 14 properties and this decision has been made by the Environment Agency on viability;
- Bennetts Road
 - Hydraulic modelling
 - Short term and long term options – Viability Assessment;
 - Short term will provide improved culverts;
 - Long term will provide large scale development i.e. storage of water SUDS
 - Prologis is engaged and working with Agencies to restore culvert and collaborate options with S106 planning and pre-application.
 - KPC to assist with meeting residents and community engagement with questionnaires including “who is affected”, “exit land”, “local knowledge options”, “wettest since 1883 so has flooding occurred this year?”, “land to be donated for pond – what are the options?”, “flood risk and property resilience i.e. stops getting through a closed door?”.

The number for residents to report flooding is 08085 834833 or flooding@coventry.gov.uk

Q: Work has been carried out previously but it has started flooding again?

A: There is finite funding and capacity to manage situation.

Q: If land is developed at Penny Park there is a lot of surface water currently in situ, in some places 2 feet deep?

A: On land to be developed a flood risk assessment is carried out with outcome of perceptible risk for water standing. Residents to let the flood risk team know of certain areas where there water is not draining away.

Q: The water table is high and in the 1990’s when the mine was open all water was going into mine and being piped into new blocked culvert?

A: CCC is working with Prologis to encourage them to take action and bring the culverts on their land into working order.

Q: With the colliery closed there are more challenges managing the water levels with climate change, rainfall levels and flows into rivers, brooks and water courses;

A: Groundwater restored to managed levels; EA aware of changing climate change increases and progress is being made to manage risk.

Q: The proposed SUDS systems draining into the Hornbrook – will it be greater with development rather than greenfield?

A: The surface water is held back with slow release to greenfield with water continuing to go into the ground. There will also be discharge into STWA sewers.

STWA commented:-

- No public surface water discharge;
- Only foul water will be discharged into STWA sewers;
- All proposed developments will discharge to SUE;

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Signed **Dated**

- 3,100 properties plus commercial plus school – network modelling and identified key developers with 4 points of discharged being Bennetts Road South, Bennetts Road North, Bennetts Road and Watery Lane.
- STWA undertaken investigations of all proposed works and the Network is confident that the consequences of new developments are ok and no high risk has been identified. Medium risk is levels may come up through manholes. 50% of development will have no foul risk with surface water flowing into foul; need to reduce for risk to drop. The remaining 50% of development will be ok and this will continue to be assessed over next 20/25 years.
- STWA is confident that the current system can be alleviated for surface water without major works required.

Q: 50% of proposed developments is medium risk of foul water flooding.....this is raw sewerage. With 3,100 properties with two toilets, washing machines, dishwashers etc., this is a significant impact to residents?

A: STWA confident that networks can cope. There will be regular monitoring undertaken.

Q: Watery Lane – what modelling has been done for foul sewer discharges?

A: A lot of thought has gone into putting in a workable system. There will be monitoring on site, mechanisms on site for overflow discharge and operation teams. The existing network has been evaluated and no upgrade is required.

Cllr Gudgeon thanked NT and BW for attending and providing an update. The parish council will support the EA getting letters and questionnaires to the affected properties.

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 10th December 2019

Members approved accuracy of parish council minutes of 10th December 2019.

IT WAS RESOLVED The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2019 were approved; proposed Cllr Middleton and seconded Cllr Wood.

All matters arising covered in agenda.

5. Finance

5.1 January Payments Approval

Payments approval for payroll £170.75, mileage expenses £6.75 and host security and spam filtering £48.00 totalling £225.70.

IT WAS RESOLVED January payments approved for £225.70 Proposed Cllr Wood and seconded Cllr Passmore.

5.2 Budget 2020-2021

The budget had been circulated to Members prior the meeting for their consideration and scrutiny. The budget had previously been drafted and discussed with the addition of £600 per annum included for tree man management of Jubilee Wood by Coventry City Conservationists; Cllr Passmore explained he has worked with the Conservation Team previously and for the purposes of tree management this would be a good investment as Jubilee Wood is not on any programme of works by Coventry City Council parks. Cllr Wood questioned the payment of £600 and disagreed with paying Coventry City Council anything towards the maintenance of Jubilee Wood as this should already be included in resident’s council tax. Cllr Passmore advised that this payment was for tree management only as this is not included in Coventry City Council maintenance of the wood, only grass cutting the footpaths. It was agreed that the Conservationists will be contacted by Cllr Passmore and a programme put in place with a 6 month review.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members approved the addition of £600 p.a. for the tree management of Jubilee Wood for financial year 2020-2021 with a 6 month review. Proposed Cllr Wood and seconded Cllr Passmore.

5.3 Precept

The precept paper had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting for their consideration. Discussion ensued with justifications agreed for communication improvements including website and social media raising the profile of the parish council. The following table is the proposed precept increase recommendation. The 4% increase amounts to £1.14 per annum per Band D property.

Increase	4%
Current Precept 2019-2020	7119.00
Tax base (Band D equivalent properties)	239.7
Band D precept charge	29.70
Support Grant	£953.00
Precept + Grant 2020-2021	£8072.00

IT WAS RESOLVED Members approved the 4% increase to precept for financial year 2020-2021. Proposed Cllr Passmore, seconded Cllr Wood.

Action: Clerk to advise 4% increase approval to Coventry City Council.

6. Policy Sub-Committee Recommendations

The Policy group met on Saturday 11th January 2020 and make the following recommendations for Member approval. The next meeting of the Policy Group will be Saturday 25th April 2020 at 09.00 at the Pavilion, Meriden Sports Park.

6.1 Website & Social Media

Website is being redesigned by Cllr Passmore who anticipates having it up and running by end February. Host and spam security to be improved and Cllr Passmore will contact BestHost. Cllr Gudgeon has agreed to set up a Keresley Parish Council Facebook page to improve parish communications to residents.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members unanimously approved Cllr Passmore to provide website redesign and Cllr Gudgeon to set up a parish council Facebook page to improve parish council image and communications.

Action: Cllr Passmore website and Cllr Gudgeon set up Facebook.

6.2 Risk Register

Work in progress.

Action: Cllr Passmore.

6.3 Clerk Employment

Cllr Passmore has sourced a laptop and laser printer for the clerk. Costs presented to Members for approval and agreement for Cllr Passmore to proceed with purchase of equipment. A mobile phone is required and it was agreed Vodaphone provide the best signal in Keresley. The budget for 2019-2020 (current financial year) had allocated a total of £1500 for the purchase of a dedicated laptop, printer and mobile telephone.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members approved the purchase of a laptop, printer and mobile telephone for the clerk. Proposed Cllr Wood and seconded Cllr Middleton.

Action: Cllr Passmore to proceed with purchase of laptop, printer and mobile telephone.

6.4 Extended Leave of Absence

Cllr Passmore submitted a letter for leave of absence to visit family in Jakarta from 25th February to 24th April. Members agreed any handover to be undertaken at February's parish council meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members unanimously approved Cllr Passmore's request for extended leave.

7. Progress Reports

Nothing to report.

8. Clerk's Report

Nothing to report

9. District & Ward Councillor Reports

Nothing to report.

10. Correspondence & Communication

Nothing to report.

11. Keresley Village Matters

11.1 Speeding – Bennetts Road

11.2 Speed Watch

11.3 Watery Lane Speed Limit

11.4 Community Police Surgeries

The clerk advised she attended the community surgery today with PCSO's Abbott and Underwood at Keresley Library. Volunteers are required for Speed Watch and Street Watch. The surgeries will continue for 6 months and dates can be found on website. The next surgery will be 20th February 2020. The Police Team will be attending March parish council meeting.

12. Planning Matters

12.1 Planning Updates

Deferred to next meeting.

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

Deferred to next meeting.

13. Casual Vacancy

Deferred to next meeting.

14. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda

Nothing to report.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Keresley Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 18th February 2020 at Keresley United Reform Church, Bennetts Road, Keresley at 18.30. Please note this meeting has been rescheduled from Tuesday 11th February 2020.

The meeting closed at 20.31.