

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Keresley Parish Council

held on Tuesday 7th May 2019

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

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

In attendance: Cllr R Weaver

There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

1. Welcome & Apologies

Cllr Gudgeon welcomed Members.

2. Public Participation

Residents asked for news of planning and the proposed developments. Cllr Passmore Advised:-

- The latest planning application has been submitted to Council with a 2/3 week consultation period.
- The parish council met with developers Taylor Wimpey and were not enthused. The link road that Coventry City Council have in their Keresley Urban Extension has been waiting to happen for some years and have advised that it is up to developers to build with no real plans of where it is to run. It is up to developer to put in road at their expense and the funding for the new roundabout at Long Lane cannot incorporate new estate and link road. There will be a phased approach to all developers and the infrastructure must go in prior to any build commencement.
- In 2014 outline planning for Queens College site was submitted but they are reluctant to sell the land; currently it is a road to nowhere as link road goes into Bedworth and Nuneaton across this land.
- Sandpitts/Bennetts Road South – S106 funding has got to be put in to change junction and improve traffic light system. The S106 is already agreed before parish council involvement.
- There has been miscommunication and joining up of highways and developers. Anna Holt, planning officer for the Sandpitts/Bennetts Road South junction improvements has not consulted with emergency services and there has been no dialogue with the parish council.

Residents recommended that the infrastructure must be put in before house building commences. Cllr Gudgeon replied that each developer has responsibility for part of the infrastructure. She further added that the meeting with highways officers provided the following answers to questions raised which may be read fully on the website. Also at that meeting a schedule of S106 conditions and funding for the new highway

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infrastructure was circulated to parish councillors. This too may be viewed fully on the website. Any questions please email the clerk on barbarablandmpc@btconnect.com

Residents thanked the parish council for their support and what they are doing.

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 16th April 2019

Cllr Gudgeon asked Members for approval to accuracy of 16th April minutes. Members agreed an accurate record.

IT WAS RESOLVED The minutes of the 16th April parish council meeting were approved; proposed by Cllr Passmore and seconded by Cllr Redhead.

5. Cllr Weaver Advisor

Cllr Weaver acknowledged how well Keresley have done in a short space of time with good take up of WALC training; it would be useful for planning committee members to register on Planning Training. Cllrs Passmore and Wood attended recent planning training and confirmed it had been very worthwhile and informative. Cllr Weaver added that it would be good practice to attend at least one training course per year to enable good governance standards; and advised her willingness to continue in an advisory role but perhaps not attending every meeting but to call her if required.

Action: All

6. Finance

6.1 May Payments Approval

There were no payments for approval. Clerk salary will be dealt with separately as newly registered with HMRC as employer with outsourced payroll administration.

6.2 Bank

Mrs Bland confirmed that the closing balance at 30th April is £10,784.43. Precept was received on 29th April. An appointment to be made with HSBC regarding bank mandate and increase to daily payment limit.

Action: Mrs Bland to make appointment with HSBC.

6.3 Internal Audit

The internal audit is due and Mrs Eleanor Choudry will undertake the internal control checks.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members approved Mrs Eleanor Choudry to undertake the internal audit; proposed Cllr Redhead and seconded Cllr Wood.

6.4 External Audit

Notification is received that Keresley has been selected to receive an intermediate audit. The deadline for Annual Return submission is 1st July 2019.

6.5 HMRC

Keresley Parish Council is now registered as an Employer.

7. Policy Sub-Committee Recommendations

7.1 Standing Orders Revision

The revised Standing Orders were circulated to Members prior to the meeting for scrutiny. Amendment made to start time of parish council meetings from 7pm to 6.30 pm.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members approved the change of time revision for start of parish council meetings to 6.30pm. Proposed Cllr Redhead and seconded Cllr Wood.

7.2 New Brand/Logo

The new logo as circulated to Members with minor amendments prior to the meeting for scrutiny. Members considered and approved the new logo. Thanks recorded to Mr Gudgeon.

IT WAS RESOLVED Members approved the new logo; proposed by Cllr Redhead and seconded by Cllr Wood.

8. Progress Reports

Nothing to report.

9. Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

10. District & Ward Councillor Reports

Nothing to report. Cllr Gudgeon suggested writing to Ward Councillors to formally invite to next meeting. Also to include an invitation to attend Code of Conduct training being provided by Coventry City Council. Cllr Camwell added that Ward Councillors and Officers have always been difficult to access and a letter be written to Coventry City Council. Mrs Bland advised that she had already followed up the response received from Martin Reeves, CEO, Coventry City Council, to Allesley, Finham and Keresley regarding better working practice and relationships. On behalf of Keresley a request was made to set up a Forum for the three parishes to meet with senior officers on a quarterly basis using the Solihull Area Committee model which works effectively.

Action: Mrs Bland to follow up with Adrian West.

11. Correspondence & Communication

Nothing to report.

12. Keresley Village Matters

12.1 Noticeboard – Cllr Passmore is getting full details of quotation to have Keresley Parish Council name place upon it.

Action: Cllr Passmore to obtain quotation.

13. Planning Matters

13.1 Taylor Wimpey Development

Cllr Passmore reported that the proposed development for Tamworth Road/Bennetts/Sandpitts has not been approved. Cllr Camwell advised that TWH has been told to take the fence down.

Action: Mrs Bland to obtain Land Registry deed of ownership and plan.

13.2 Keresley SUE

Cllr Passmore advised that the latest consultation had been responded and comments submitted.

14. Election 2019

There is one vacancy for a co-opted Member. We need to think about specific skills and knowledge that will enhance the team. An advertisement and job description to be drafted.

Action: Mrs Bland to draft advertisement and job description.

15. Councillor's reports and items for future agenda

Members requested a follow up meeting be arranged with Colin Whitehouse, Nigel Smith and Colin Knight. Previously Neal Thomas was to be invite to attend.

Action: Mrs Bland to contact Colin Whitehouse and arrange a meeting, preferably Tuesdays to suit all Members.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Keresley Parish Council will be the held on Tuesday 11th June 2019 at Keresley United Reform Church, Bennetts Road, Keresley at 18.30.

Cllr Redhead gave his apologies for the next meeting as he is on holiday.

The meeting closed at 20.35.