

KETLEY PARISH COUNCIL TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE



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MINUTES of the meeting of **Ketley Parish Council** which was held in the
Thursday 2nd April 2009 at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor Martin Young (Chairman)	Councillor Anil Saini
Councillor June Lamsdell	Councillor Margaret Evans
Councillor Joy Francis	Councillor Laura Hodgkinson
Councillor Fen Tyler	Councillor Hilda Rhodes
Councillor Roy Picken	

In Attendance:

Councillor Bob Groom	Mayor, Telford & Wrekin Council
CSO Sue Tindale	
CSO Graham Strong	
Michael Wilkinson	
Sharon Clayton,	Parish Clerk, Lawley & Overdale Parish Council
John Roberts	Parish Clerk

09/5030 WELCOME

Councillor Martin Young welcomed Councillors and members of the public to the meeting.

09/5031 PUBLIC SESSION

Michael Wilkinson asked about progress regarding the light on Brickhill Lane and access to the spine road. Cllr Young reported that the matter of the light was with TMC partners and a turning circle with a gate would be shortly installed at the bottom of the lane.

09/5032 POLICE MATTERS

CSO Tindale reported that there had been an increase in the number of burglaries recently. Councillors were asked to raise awareness of the importance of house security and property marking. The Police were visiting schools to raise awareness and a public event was planned at Queenswood School on 21st April. Some arrests had recently been made but vigilance was important. It was reported that off-road bikes had been seen on the TMC site on 3 out of the last 6 days. Members of the public were urged to ring **0300 333 3000** as this will at least log the problem. Vandalism was also reported on the Rose Mound with children damaging trees and using foul language. Overall however the Police confirmed that anti-social behaviour was much reduced following the opening of the youth clubs.

09/5033 APOLOGIES

Councillor Pauline Picken	Wrekin Housing Trust meeting
Councillor David M. Evans	Illness

09/5034 NOTIFICATION OF PRIVATE SESSION

There was none

09/5035 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hilda Rhodes	T&W Plans Board	Personal
Councillor Joy Francis	T&W Plans Board	Personal
Councillor Roy Picken	T&W Plans Board	Personal

09/5036 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th MARCH 2009

It was proposed by Cllr Margaret Evans and seconded by Cllr Anil Saini that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th March were a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be signed by the Chairman. All were in favour.

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09/5037 QUALITY PARISH SCHEME

Sharon Clayton, Parish Clerk Lawley & Overdale Parish Council gave a presentation which was followed by questions. In answering these Sharon explained that a major benefit of obtaining Quality Status was to raise the profile of the Parish Council and inform the public of the work done on their behalf. There had not been a noticeable effect on attracting new councillors nor on voting numbers at elections. There was some discussion around the percentage of elected members needed to qualify for Quality Status – this had been reduced to two thirds from September 2008. (Ketley Parish Council has 8 elected members out of 11 and so is eligible to apply). Sharon also explained that the 2006 review of the scheme brought the benefit of moving with the times and introducing the need for Parishes to have a website and email address. She also outlined the content of training and that this addressed pertinent matters such as chairmanship and the Code of Conduct. Previously the ability to operate the new Power of Well-being was dependent on a Parish Council having achieved Quality Status; this is no longer the case, the criteria now being that 80% of the councillors are trained in the use of the Power of Well-being. Overall Lawley & Overdale Parish Council welcomed the scheme and saw it as a means essentially to maintain standards. Cllr Young felt that Ketley Parish Council could demonstrate they met 85% of the criteria and would most likely make a submission in the autumn. Cllr Young thanked Sharon for her helpful input and attending the Council meeting.

09/5038 EDUCATION AND LEARNING MATTERS

It was reported that there was a huge amount of adult education now taking place in the centre and that the TCAT workers were making plans for September. Regular meetings were taking place between the Parish, TCAT and WEA. The Turnaround Project was due to use the Youth Club from May providing learning for 14 – 19 year olds. The whole process was now snowballing and was very exciting.

09/5039 KETLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was explained that the Public Meeting with Cllr Eade and Steve Wellings, Chief Executive of TWC, originally scheduled for 30th March, did not take place. An email had been received from the Chief Executive saying that as an internal review was taking place it would not be appropriate to attend a public meeting at this time. It was stressed that the importance of the Youth Centre to the people of Ketley was immense and had been achieved by the young people themselves with support from all the volunteers. A bid to Lottery Funding – My Place was being prepared.

09/5040 FINANCE

- a) The minutes from the Finance Committee on 25th February were approved.
- b) There was a brief verbal report from the last Finance Committee and the work being done on Value for money.

09/5041 CLERK'S REPORT

- a) The progress on the action points from the previous meeting was noted.
- b) Arrangements were made for the Annual Parish Meeting and AGM of the Parish Council on Thursday 7th May as follows;
 - 7.00 p.m. May Council Meeting
 - 7.45 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting
 - 9.00 p.m. Council AGM
- c) It was also noted that Polling Day was 4th June the normal date of the June meeting. Given that they were European elections it was agreed to meet on Thursday 28th May.
- d) Information had been received from TWC that the Parish Charter has been completed and that it will be sent to Parish & Town Councils for inclusion on their Annual General Meeting agendas in May 2009.
- e) The Clerk had received guidance on the Power to promote Well-being from Communities and Local Government.
- f) Following the extremely cold weather and snow the Parish Council had received advice from TWC that there should be a review of the Parish's Emergency Plans. This was agreed.
- f) The Clerk passed on a request from the new Salsa Dancing group that men were wanted to join the group on 20th and 27th April 8.00 p.m. It was agreed to circulate these details to all councillors electronically.

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09/5042 YOUNG PEOPLE IN KETLEY

Cllr Young gave an update, stating that the MUGA was due to be installed by 16th April. There had been a very positive meeting on 31st March with TWC at which a play area for the south of the Parish was proposed. This was agreed to be a suitable site and that there was £90,000 available to spend. It was

also agreed that Sandbrook play area would also be put forward for funding. A meeting of the churches and Meadows School had also taken place and it was agreed that all the partners would write to TWC supporting this development. The youth clubs were still very healthy and the 12 – 16 club has capped its membership for the time being. The 16 – 19 had 12 members and the Junior club an attendance of around 20. A fundraising event was planned for 16th May 10 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

09/5043 COMMUNICATION

As the public meeting did not take place a draft April Newsletter had not yet been prepared. It was agreed to produce the next newsletter to go out at the beginning of May. A meeting of the Committee would be called before 7th May.

09/5044 THE TELFORD MILLENNIUM COMMUNITY

There was little to report on the latest developments, 53 residents had moved in and work had recommenced on the Playing Field.

09/5045 ROADS FOOTPATHS, OPEN SPACES AND STREET LIGHTING

- a) There was nothing further to report on open spaces throughout the Parish
- b) The Clerk gave a report on progress on Commissioned work; it was agreed to raise a formal complaint regarding the lack of work to the footpath from Wedgewood Crescent to Ketley Brook; the kissing gate onto Paddock Mound was still blocked with a tree (Fen Tyler to locate this precisely for Chris Hill to resolve); the belisha beacons were still not working outside the TMC. There was still considerable concern about Ketley Town even though a response had been received to the formal complaint; work still had not been done and there were still potholes and the road humps were breaking up. A letter of complaint had been received from another resident, it was agreed that the Clerk would follow these matters up urgently.
- c) It was agreed to remove the trees around the Garden of Rest as previously quoted and consulted on with residents.
- d) The development of a Ketley walk was in hand.
- e) It was agreed to await the bedding in of the website before considering how to make use of the Bus Stops to promote the Parish Council's website
- f) It was agreed to request an electronic map from TWC to enable the Clerk to locate the suggested sites for litter bins precisely.
- g) The following new Issues were reported; the drain covers were loose outside 118/183 Woodside Road; the footpath from Ketley Vallens onto the Millennium site are obstructed for disabled users by the poor design of the barriers, it was noted that the HCA land was not yet designated for public access.
- h) The Council was grateful for the information on LED Lights from Mike Wilkinson. It was agreed to obtain costings on installing lights in the future.
- i) An Extinguishment Order had been received from TWC regarding footpath 192 near Shrubbery Road and Quarry Lane. A motion was proposed by Cllr Tyler and seconded by Cllr Margaret Evans that the Parish Council formally objects to the order. On being put to the vote the motion was approved 7 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council formally objects to the Extinguishment Order on Footpath 192. The motion was carried

- j) The issue of the numbers of emails sent by the Clerk was raised. It was agreed to continue the practice of circulating all information but that each email would be given a heading that indicated its content so that emails that were not relevant to individual councillors could be deleted.

09/5046 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were received for information:

- a) NALC Direct Information Service no. 704 and 705
- b) SALC Mailing, inc. Training Programme, National Salary Award, Age Discrimination briefing and Well-being briefing sessions.
- c) SLCC Training opportunities
- d) Telford & Wrekin CVS Volunteer Centre news and training event
- e) Telford & Wrekin Council – First Point, Telford Library
- f) ICCM Journal & Newsletter
- g) Open Space Magazine
- h) Shropshire Bus - Public Transport News
- i) The Clerk
- j) Dogs Trust Canine Care Scheme
- k) Civic Celebration, Saturday 18th April 6.30 p.m. The Glass Classroom, Museum of Iron, Coalbrookdale
- l) Telford & Wrekin Libraries What's On
- m) SALC Training change of venue
- n) Ringmaster Community Policing emails

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- o) Telford & Wrekin Council Equality and Diversity Policy
- p) Private Sector Housing Strategy for Telford
- q) Adult Education 'What's On' for the NE Telford area
- r) Sustainable Communities Act discussion regarding "a Local Council request to Telford & Wrekin Council to take up the option of submitting proposals on our behalf". April 22nd 2009
- s) NALC Guidance on Employment

09/5047 PLANNING

The following planning applications were considered;

W2009/0228	Mr R Bolton Francis Turner Architect Elm Cottage Blymhill	Grasmere, Red Lees, Ketley, Telford, Shropshire.	Erection of a single detached dwelling with detached double garage and formation of new vehicular access
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No objection

W2009/0241	Ketley Parish Council	Ketley Infant School & Nursery, Holyhead Road, Ketley, Telford, Shropshire.	Continued use of school as a Community Centre
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No objection, however a concern was expressed that if one or the other application was approved but not both, there would not be enough car parking for the proposed use. Car parking was only sufficient if the whole car park was available.

W2009/0251	Ketley Parish Council	Ketley Nursery School, Holyhead Road, Telford, Shropshire.	Continued use of school as a youth centre
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No objection but see above comment.

W2009/0255	Mrs. Chris Bemand	Land at, The Woodlands, Wrens Nest Lane, Ketley, Telford, Shropshire.	Erection of 2no. bungalows and 1no. detached garage with associated access (Reserved Matters application)
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The following variation was received;

W2009/0128	Mr. Andrew Januszewski	Rear of, 56, Sandbrook, Ketley, Telford, Shropshire.	Replacement of existing garages with 19no. concrete sectional garages
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The proposed variation does not answer the concerns raised previously.

The following decision to permit was noted;

W2009/0016	Mr R Shenton	Westbrook House, Holyhead Road, Ketley, Telford, Shropshire.	Erection of a detached garage
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09/5048 PARISH PLANNING

Deferred pending further progress on the Value for Money plan

09/5049 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

There were no suggested further items for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.

09/5050 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday 7th May 2009 7.00 p.m. at the Ketley Community Centre

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

SignedDate **Thursday 7th May 2009**