

KETLEY PARISH COUNCIL TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE



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MINUTES of the meeting of **Ketley Parish Council**, which was held in the
Thursday 7th May 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 Pauline Picken

In Attendance:

Michael Wilkinson	
John Roberts	Parish Clerk

09/5050 WELCOME

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

09/5051 PUBLIC SESSION

Michael Wilkinson expressed his concerns that dogs were being allowed to foul the playing field and causing a danger and nuisance to users. It was noted that the Dog warden had put up some signs and that bins were now in place. It was agreed to ask the dog warden to monitor the situation.

09/5052 POLICE MATTERS

PC McGarry had sent apologies. It was however reported that following the large number of burglaries recently there are some people in custody. It was agreed to add some advice regarding crime prevention to the newsletter.

09/5053 APOLOGIES

Councillor Hilda Rhodes	Oakengates Town Council
Councillor Roy Picken	TWC Civic duties
Councillor David M. Evans	Recovering from illness

09/5054 NOTIFICATION OF PRIVATE SESSION

There was none

09/5055 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Joy Francis	T&W Plans Board	Personal
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09/5056 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd APRIL 2009

It was proposed by Cllr Margaret Evans and seconded by Cllr Anil Saini that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April were a true and accurate record.

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

09/5057 EDUCATION AND LEARNING MATTERS

It was reported that there was a continued increase in classes and in people taking part. It was reported that the Turnaround Project was providing training for young people referred by Connexions and other agencies. This would take place in the Youth Centre 3 days a week.

09/5058 KETLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

- It was reported that we had been approached by Meredith Evans, a Corporate Board Director, to meet for discussions with Telford & Wrekin Council on 20th May. The purpose of the meeting and an agenda were awaited.
- The proposed Health & Safety Policy had been circulated for approval. This was adopted and signed with all voting in favour.

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- The Clerk had received a complaint from Adrian Harper of the Kingfishers regarding the noise and in particular from two groups; the Line dancers and the Grace Church. It was agreed that

these groups should be required to keep the double doors closed and that they would be locked subject to fire safety advice. There was some discussion of banning the use of amplification, as this was the cause of the problem. At this moment in time it was not proposed to implement this but that a decibel check would be undertaken.

09/5059 FINANCE

- a) The minutes of the Finance Committee on 18th March were approved.
- b) A brief report was given by Councillor Pauline Picken from the last Finance Committee and Value for money meetings.

09/5060 CLERK'S REPORT

- a) The action points from the previous meeting were noted.
- b) The Parish Charter had been sent by TWC for adoption. The Chairman expressed serious misgivings above the changes from the previous version. He explained that the previous Charter gave a commitment to meet with Parish Council's on request. The new version simply gave an undertaking to 'try'. The meeting shared this concern and wondered what would happen if a request was not acceded to, as had happened over the public meeting regarding the centre. The Chairman had spoken to George Kinnell regarding this. It was reported that another Parish Council had declined to accept the Charter. In brief the issues of concern were that the WAC had put the document together without fuller discussions, the document was too long and cumbersome, should use the word 'will' more often and require a total commitment from all parties. Councillor Pauline Picken proposed, and Councillor Martin Young seconded a motion that Ketley Parish Council decline to sign the Parish Charter. On being put to the vote this was passed with none against and 2 abstentions.
- c) The proposal, considered some time ago, to set up Cycling Proficiency Training in the area was raised. It was noted that this had been a joint venture with Hadley and Leegomery Parish Council and this had come to nothing as Telford & Wrekin Council had agreed to take it over and introduce it to schools throughout the borough. This did not seem to have materialised. It was agreed that the clerk would follow this up with Mandy Roberts TWC. He would also enquire over the borough's policy for providing safe places for children to cycle given the lack of cycle ways in the Parish.
- d) The document outlining the SALC Restructuring proposals had been circulated. The Chairman explained that he had stopped attending SALC/WAC meetings, as they were only a talking shop. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to SALC raising concerns over the quality of the meetings, which were disorganized, unplanned and decisions were often rubber-stamped after the event.

09/5061 YOUNG PEOPLE IN KETLEY

- a) The MUGA will be ready in a couple of weeks. It was agreed to add some information in the Newsletter. It was noted that the access to the games area would be opened up. Signs may be needed, the Clerk will explore further. There will be publicity in the press when it is due to be opened.
- b) All youth clubs were running well. The 16-19 club was up and running; the kitchen was finished, the club had a Facebook page and applicants were due to be interviewed for the 6 hr. post.
- c) It was noted that the organizers of the football team needed now to be pressing to get the pitch, the Parish Council could then consider helping by supporting the conversion of the stores into changing rooms and even taking over the bookings of the pitch.
- d) The development of a play area at Riddings Close was moving forward.

09/5062 COMMUNICATION

The draft of the Newsletter was tabled. It was agreed to add something about home security. There was some discussion about the proposed café. It was reported that preliminary discussions had taken place with a small group of volunteers to run a café in the first instance for the AE students. It was felt the principle should have been discussed at a Parish Council meeting. Councillor Fen Tyler proposed, and Councillor Pauline Picken seconded a motion that Ketley Parish Council investigates the possibility of establishing a café. This was carried.

09/5063 THE TELFORD MILLENNIUM COMMUNITY

- a) There was little to update the Parish Council on latest developments. It was agreed to ask the developers to put up street signs naming the roads.

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- b) Work on the Playing Field was coming to an end. It was noted that the dog litter bins were now installed and Council reinforced the need for the dog warden to 'crack down' on offenders. There was concern that Danny Chetwood TWC took the view that the bins belonged to the TMC and therefore would not authorize their emptying. The Clerk to inform him of the situation. The Chairman sought approval of the meeting to suspend standing orders to allow Michael Wilkinson

to speak. This was agreed. Michael Wilkinson said he believed strongly that dogs should not be allowed to defecate where children play. This may involve having areas where dogs are not allowed and signs to indicate this. It was agreed to explore further.

09/5064 ROADS FOOTPATHS, OPEN SPACES AND STREET LIGHTING

- a) Progress on Commissioned work was reported and noted.
- b) Regarding the development of a Ketley walk it was noted that the Reynolds Walk was planned for next week starting at Sinclair social Club.
- c) Consideration of the use of Bus Stops to promote the Parish Council's website was deferred.
- d) Orders for new litterbins were in hand.
- e) The following new issues were reported;
 - Councillor Francis was concerned that mature trees had been cut down on the path behind the centre. It was noted that they were on private land.
 - There was rubbish at the entrance to the Playing Fields off Waterloo Road.
 - Enterprise had left road signs laying around on Woodside Road.

09/5065 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received;

- a) NALC Direct Information Service No.706 and 707
- b) Telford & Wrekin CVS Training
- c) SLCC Minutes and Summer seminars
- d) Telford & Wrekin Council Mayor Making Ceremony 21st May 6.30 p.m.; Vision 2026; Consultation on Home School Transport; Insight magazine.
- e) Equality and Human Rights Commission – Equalities duties
- f) North East Education Partnership – What's on and minutes
- g) E.On contact details
- h) Safe Guard magazine
- i) Shropshire Bus
- j) SALC Training events and Briefing on Employment and Code of Conduct
- k) Clerks and Councils Direct
- l) Putting people first; NALC Conference and exhibition; 4 -5 September 2009 London
- m) ICCM Training; Grey water – the law is black and white 8th June Sandwell TDC

09/5066 PLANNING

The following Planning applications had been received;

W2009/0286	Wellings Ltd	Recycling House, Rock Road, Ketley, Telford, Shropshire.	Display of 4no. non illuminated wall mounted signs (Retrospective)
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No objection.

Decision to Permit

W2009/0127	Mr. Kevin Houlston	11a, Candleberry Meadow, Ketley, Telford, Shropshire.	Erection of a single storey first floor side extension above garage
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W2009/0137	Mr. David Samuels	39, Ketley Park Road, Ketley, Telford, Shropshire.	Installation of a satellite dish (retrospective application)
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Adoption of Road and Footpaths - Ivy House Paddocks, Waterloo Road; Highways Act 1980

All were noted.

09/5067 PARISH COUNCIL ACHIEVEMENTS 2008/09

The following achievements were recognised;

- The development of the Youth Club
- The development of the community centre
- The work to establish and improve the play areas
- The Newsletter
- There was a young person sitting as a Councillor
- The organization was financially efficient

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- Work was starting on the Garden of Rest
- The Garden of Rest was kept beautifully

Next year it was planned to have;

- More voluntary action on open spaces
 - Summer cull of Japanese knotweed in early July at garden of rest and the entrance to the Playing field.

- Gravel for wheel-chair users on Paddock Mound
- Outside agencies using the youth centre e.g. Connexions

09/5068 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Parish Plan
Acceptance of the Chairman's Report.

09/5069 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Thursday 28th May 2009 7.00 p.m. at the Ketley Community Centre

SignedDate Thursday 28th May 2009