

KETLEY PARISH COUNCIL TELFORD, SHROPSHIRE



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MINUTES of the meeting of **Ketley Parish Council**, which was held in the
Thursday 7th July 2011 at 7.00p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor Martin Young (Chairman)	Councillor Margaret Evans
Councillor Laura Hodgkinson	Councillor Anil Saini
Councillor Hilda Rhodes	Councillor Amrik Jhawar

In Attendance:

Martin Davis	
Dave Elliott	
Sue Kyte	
Moira Ransome	
David Thompson	
Michael Wilkinson	
John Roberts	Parish Clerk

11/5576 WELCOME

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

11/5577 PUBLIC SESSION

There were no matters raised by the members of the public.

11/5578 POLICE MATTERS

There was no representative from the Police present.

11/5579 APOLOGIES

Councillor Roy Picken	Holiday
Councillor Di Handley	Holiday
John Stubbs	

11/5580 NOTIFICATION OF PRIVATE SESSION

There was a private session on the agenda to discuss the election of co-options if needed.

11/5581 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

11/5582 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND JUNE

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

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

11/5583 CO-OPTIONS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The option to move the discussion to private session to enable councillors to speak freely was considered. Cllr Rhodes proposed that this should be done. The motion was seconded by Cllr Saini. This was agreed by all. The public were then asked to leave the meeting for a short time to allow the discussion to take place in private.

11/5584 PRIVATE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE CO-OPTION OF CANDIDATES TO VACANCIES

The Clerk advised that he had received a request from the two councillors who could not attend the meeting for a proxy vote. He explained that he had taken advice from SLCC and Telford & Wrekin Council. The advice was that any vote at a Council meeting had to be 'those present and voting'. The request for a proxy vote was therefore not allowed. Cllr Rhodes proposed that the vote be taken by ballot. This was seconded by Cllr Hodgkinson. Cllr Young explained that the candidates had made a brief presentation at the last meeting, but gave some factual information on each candidate including where they lived.

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Councillors therefore voted on the four candidates on pre-prepared voting slips. The voting was as follows;

David Elliott 3 votes, John Stubbs 2 votes, Martin Davis 1 vote, David Thompson 0 votes

The Clerk confirmed that by taking into account 2nd and 3rd preferences David Elliott, John Stubbs and Martin Davis were elected by absolute majority voting.

The public were re-admitted and the outcome announced as above.

11/5585 FINANCE

Minutes of the Finance Committee on 26th May had been circulated but had not been approved by the Finance Committee on 30th June as the meeting was postponed.

11/5586 CLERK'S REPORT

- a) Action points from the previous meetings had been circulated and there were no further comments.
- b) The proposal made by the Council before the elections in May to change the day for Council meetings was discussed. It was felt that the main benefit in moving the date would be to allow the Clerk to respond to urgent matters the following day. However the Clerk explained that he already carried out urgent tasks before leaving after the meeting or from home the following day. There were as many meetings that clashed on a Wednesday as a Thursday so any benefit was outweighed by the need to maintain continuity for the public. It was however agreed to suspend Standing Orders to check whether the newly elected co-optees had any problem with a Thursday. There was no problems raised so Cllr Hodgkinson proposed that the meetings remain the first Thursday in every month, this was seconded by Cllr Rhodes and duly carried with Cllr Evans abstaining.
- c) Hadley and District Orpheus Male Choir had offered to hold a fundraising event at the community centre on 16th July 2011. Each councillor was asked to sell 5 tickets. It was noted that additional chairs would most likely be needed and it was agreed to authorise the purchase of 40. It was also proposed by Cllr Rhodes, seconded by Cllr Evans and agreed by all to purchase a larger printer to produce A3 posters or bigger.
- d) The request to hold a paranormal [investigation at the Ketley Community Centre](#) by an organisation based in Telford with the [website www.feonix-paranormal.co.uk](http://www.feonix-paranormal.co.uk) was discussed. It was agreed to allow this as they would pay a rent for the activity.
- e) [Road safety on Holyhead Road/Station Road](#) was discussed following [a phone call from the owner of CPS in the group of shops on Holyhead Road next to the former railway line. He is very concerned about drivers speeding on this part of the former A5 and fears a serious accident.](#) It was noted that visibility was poor for traffic exiting Copper Beech Road, there was an increasing volume of traffic on the road and parking outside the shops was hindering pedestrians forcing them to walk in the road. It was noted that this had been reported to the Police and TWC. Concern was expressed that traffic was still using the 'Ketley Cod' to avoid the traffic lights.
- f) The Clerk asked for a vote of thanks to June Lamsdell and Sue Kyte for helping with the filing in the office. This was duly agreed.

11/5587 COMMUNICATION

The next edition of the Newsletter had now been put off until August to coincide with the beginning of the Adult Education term. A meeting of the Newsletter Committee would be organised near to the end of July.

11/5588 WIDER KETLEY ISSUES

a)

Friends of Ketley

- i. Cllr Young reported from meeting of the Friends on 8th June. He explained that a Music Event was being planned for 2nd November and a good mix of music was already arranged. It was agreed to invite the neighbours to the event. Discussion was still taking place about an event to follow on from the Ketley in the Park event. A further meeting was planned for the 13th July 6.30 pm.
- ii. Cllr Young was still following up sponsorship for the naming of rooms in the Community Centre.
- iii. A strategy for producing bids for funding would be produced in the near future. This would however include the idea of setting up a working group to prepare bids for funding, along the lines of the one that produced the Parish Plan, to move this forward. This would be a special item for discussion at the August meeting
- iv. The Open garden day on 26th June had been a fantastic event. It was estimated that 60 people had visited Sir Kevin Satchwell's garden alone. £526 had been raised towards looking after the open spaces in Ketley. The only disappointment was that no Parish or Ward Councillors, except for those opening their gardens, attended.

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Young People in Ketley

The Chairman reflected on a conversation with CSO Sue Tindale recently at which she commented that when she started there was very limited play provision in operation in the Parish. Now with the opening of the one off Riddings Close there were 4 quality sites which were being extremely well used. It was noted that the senior youth club had closed for the summer months but the junior club was continuing with around 25 young people attending regularly. The pre NEETs group was planning to expand its operation to take in Thursdays from September. They would therefore be using the centre for a significant amount of time. Storage matters were being resolved.

c)

Education and Learning matters

The notes of the Adult Education meeting had been circulated. The Programme was set up for September with TCAT and WEA maintaining their input and a number of private classes starting in addition.

d)

Garden of Rest

- i. The Chairman reported that the Opening of Flower Garden and the first scattering of ashes had gone very well.
- ii. It was agreed that the feedback from Clerk's Training Course would be discussed at next months meeting.
- iii. The planting programme was continuing, a few more plants were needed and now was the time to plant spring bulbs.
- iv. There had been no further progress on the creation of a Green Burial Space.

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Street Lighting

- i. It was agreed that the Clerk would follow up the commencement of the street lights replacement programme and trial of LED lights as a matter of urgency.
- ii. It was reported that the lighting on Beveley had not been working until a couple of weeks ago. Now it was working though vandalism had exposed wiring. The light opposite Brickhill Lane was still missing. Power supply to this light would make it easier to install the missing street light on Brickhill Lane. It was agreed to write to HCA stating that this matter had gone on long enough and asking them to reinstate the Parish's light as a matter of urgency. This was agreed by all.

f)

Businesses in the Parish

It was noted that Cllr Handley had agreed to attend the Business in the Community meeting.

g)

The Telford Millennium Community

- i. The Chairman reported on the latest developments and gave feedback from the Steering Group on 6th July as follows;
 - The presentation referred to phases 3, 4 and 5 together simply as phase 3. This was counter to the original plans which had 5 phases deliberately to allow each phase to benefit from lessons learned on the previous phase and take into account improvements in building controls and approaches, ensuring the development was right up to date and of the highest quality. HCA had stated that there were no plans to enhance the standards used in the latter phases.
 - A decision had been made to not include the lake, but to create 3 or 4 small pools. It was eventually admitted that this was for financial reasons. It was believe many people would be very disappointed.
 - HCA would attend the August meeting.
 - Road access from Wombridge way had been withdrawn, reducing the number of exits from the TMC from 3 to 2. This would have major implications for traffic levels at the two exits.
 - There was no mention of the NEAP in the presentation. It had been promised that when the existing NEAP was knocked down it would be replaced by 2009. HCA were looking into this matter and Taylor Wimpey referred to a guarantee in the planning consent. The Chairman viewed this with concern as it was not certain to be fulfilled. Concerns were expressed by HCA and TW that lack of supervision would lead to vandalism at the NEAP. It was stated that KPC had offered to maintain the NEAP as it was with the MUGA and that this did away with those concerns. HCA had been asked to offer a date for completion. It was also noted that if all partners contributed the maintenance of the NEAP would not cost a lot of money. It was also noted that the petition produced by young people had been ignored and young people not informed.
 - The Landscape Management Plan was due to be circulated tomorrow.. There were concerns about the potential for neglect and indeed damage to some endangered species. It was felt essential that the Landscape Management Plan be considered in detail at the next Steering Group meeting.

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- Funding changes would mean that the social housing will be in the main 'affordable rented' as opposed to 'shared ownership' and that the 5 could be reduced.
- The meeting had been awful from the perspective of Ketley as a community.
- It was agreed that the Clerk would circulate his notes of the meeting.
- Cllr Young would be compiling a list of all the features of the development that had been promised in the beginning but had now been ditched.
- It was noted that these matters would be in the Planning Application and that KPC would seek to have it discussed fully at Plans Board.
- Further consultation will take place with the Millennium Trust management Board on 20th July and there will be public consultation at the community centre on 16th and 31st July.

- ii. A meeting with Cllr Sahota had taken place and the approach was very different to that taken by Cllr Eade and Victor Brownlees. Officers spoke in the main with the councillors making little contribution. Telford & Wrekin Council were asked to support the Parish Council in their concerns. The Chairman was disappointed with the response. The view was put by other councillors that it was necessary to allow the new administration time to settle in and that the two months since the election was a relatively short time.

h) **Playing Field**

- i. The proposal to site the Memorial Arch some way into the playing field had been discussed with officers of HCA and TWC. The meeting had agreed to move a street light to allow the arch to be positioned more appropriately. A response was awaited.
- ii. A local resident had complained that **horses being** exercised on the **playing field**. It was felt that if horses were to be banned so should dogs. It was agreed however that fouling of the Playing Field must be stopped.
- iii. There was no further information on the lights on the Playing Field.

i) **Roads and Footpaths,**

- i. A response to concerns over potholes and overgrowing hedges had been received that the route at the bottom of Quarry Lane leading into Woodwell was not an adopted road. The Clerk was asked to inquire whether this route would nonetheless be maintained as it was part of the Diversion Order altering the route of footpaths 191 and 193.
- ii. There was no further progress as yet on Local Boundary/Parish Signs. It was noted that the Hadley Sign had been moved to the Hadley side of the bridge on Waterloo Road.
- iii. The proposal to install bollards on Riddings Close had been put forward by the school. This would inconvenience residents who parked their cars outside school hours. It was agreed to seek an alternative solution perhaps involving bollards that could be removed outside school hours

j) **Open spaces**

- i. There still had not been a response from Alan Fox regarding the Parish Council having an increased role in looking after the open spaces throughout the Parish. It was agreed to write again to him asking for a response and copy Cllr Shaun Davies into the correspondence.
- ii. It was agreed to write further to Claire Turner regarding the proposal to include the Paddock Mound in the bid for the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge

k) **General**

- i. The Clerk had not been able to produce an update report on Commissioned work but agreed to send one out following next week.
- ii. New Issues to report

l) **The Bus Users Group**

Nothing further to report.

11/5589 CORRESPONDENCE

The following items were available for inspection by councillors

- a) NALC Direct Information Service No 760 – 761
- b) NALC Communities in Action Conference 19th July Sheffield
- c) Telford & Wrekin Council – Press release re. Telford Town Park; CultureFest 23rd July
- d) Open Space magazine
- e) ICCM Journal
- f) Clerks & Councils Direct
- g) SLCC National Conference and Working with your Council Certificate in Local Council Administration
- h) Telford & Wrekin Council – Libraries What's On
- i) Rodington PC Magazine
- j) Fields in Trust - News Alert - SITA Trust Fund Officially Open!
- k) Parish Forum Notes 21 June 2011 including The Co-Operative Council – A Quick Guide

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11/5590 PLANNING

The following applications were discussed.

<u>TWC/2011/045</u> <u>7</u>	Northways, Holyhead Road, Ketley, Telford, Shropshire, TF1 5AN	Erection of double garage and porch extension to front of dwelling
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There was no objection

<u>TWC/2010/076</u> <u>3</u>	17 Holyhead Road, Ketley, Telford, Shropshire, TF1 5DY	Erection of 6no. new dwellings including formation of new access, car parking and external works following demolition of existing cottage -***** Amended description and plans *****
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There was no objection

The following approval was noted.

TWC/2011/0386	36A Shrubbery Road, Red Lake, Telford, Shropshire, TF1 5EQ	Erection of dormers to rear of bungalow and garage to provide first floor accommodation, and erection of railings and wall to existing rear flat roof area to create balcony.
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Other matters

Ward Councillors were asked to take up the matter with enforcement of the Wrens Nest Car wash as it appears to be still operating. It was suggested that it would be appropriate to contact the Brewery with the complaint. Cllr Rhodes agreed to follow up further.

11/5591 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- The Telford Millennium Community Newsletter
- Strategy Working Group for fundraising
- Feedback from Clerk’s Training Course on Managing Cemeteries

11/5592 THE DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The meeting was closed at 8.54pm. and the next meeting agreed as follows;
Thursday 4th August 2011 at 7.00 p.m. at the Ketley Community Centre

SignedDate Thursday 4th August 2011