

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3 July 2023 at 7:30 pm, at the Parish Council Offices, 1 London Road, Kegworth

Present: Cllrs M Hawsworth, R Mullaney, A Priestley, V Saunders, R Sutton, H Williams, W White, also Clerk D Griggs. One member of the public was present.

100/23 Apologies for Absence: It was resolved to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Sewell, Stanney, and Walton. Reasons given and approved. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed.

101/23 Declarations of Interest: Cllr White declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 114/23 (e) as he was involved with the Kegworth Plan Group.

102/23 Chairman's Announcements: Cllr Priestley confirmed that an appeal had been made to North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) regarding the church re-planting scheme. He asked councillors to note that the next Council meeting was scheduled for 31st July 2023 as agreed at the beginning of the year. He also advised that the CCTV in Sideley Park was proving to be a valuable resource to the Police.

103/23 Public Participation: The member of the public spoke about the frequent car cruising events on the A453 on Saturday and Sunday nights which were disturbing the sleep of residents. He expressed concern that this was taking place so close to the Airport. He also noted that cars were speeding up Ashby Road and using the bus only part of the road. Councillors invited the member of the public to stay for the next agenda item when they would be discussing car cruising, but the member of the public chose to leave the meeting.

104/23 Police Report: There was no Police presence at the meeting and up to date crime figures were not available. Councillors discussed the car cruising events. They resolved to write to the Police & Crime Commissioner, copying in MP Andrew Bridgen. Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Priestley, unanimously agreed. They also resolved to write to the Police to ask for a breakdown of crime figures for Kegworth for the period April to June 2023 and details of the crime trends over the last twelve months. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley, unanimously agreed.

105/23 Receive any Reports from District and County Councillors: Cllr Sutton spoke as District Councillor. He advised that planning application [23/00129/FULM](https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=126&Mid=2502&Ver=4) - Change of use of agricultural land to motocross training park - had not yet been decided. He also referred to a NWLDC Cabinet report about recycling, which could be found in the agenda reports pack for the Cabinet meeting 27 June 2023 at <https://minutes-1.nwleics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=126&Mid=2502&Ver=4>.

106/23 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 5 June 2023: Councillors resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 5 June 2023. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton (5 for, 2 abstentions).

107/23 Receive a Report from the HR Committee: Cllr Williams gave a report from the HR committee meeting 3 July 2023. She advised that she had been elected as the Chair of the committee for the year, specific items relating to the Clerk's employment had been reviewed and the professional development policy had been reviewed and approved.

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108/23 Review Yew Lodge Correspondence and Agree Actions: Councillors reviewed correspondence previously sent. They resolved to ask MP Andrew Bridgen to take forward questions to the Home Office. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley, unanimously agreed.

109/23 To Review the Council's Media Policy (deferred from June 2023 – see minute 94/23): The Clerk had circulated a revised draft version of the media policy with the papers for the meeting. Councillors resolved to approve the policy. Proposed by Cllr Hawsksworth, seconded by Cllr Saunders (6 for, 1 against).

110/23 To Review the Code of Conduct Policy after NWLDC Changes: It was resolved to adopt the Code of Conduct. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley (5 for, 2 abstentions).

111/23 To Agree Response to Email from the NWLDC Community Focus Officer about NHS Mobile Drop-In Sessions in Kegworth: It was resolved to agree to the village hall car park being used for an afternoon by the mobile NHS van and to refer to the KGV committee about it. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr White, unanimously agreed. Councillors agreed they would require further information about the health and wellbeing activities on the King George V field before making a decision on that item.

112/23 Receive an Inspection Report on Pritchard Drive and Agree Actions: It was resolved to write to Persimmon Homes advising that, after receiving the play area inspection report, councillors had reservations about the condition of the equipment and fencing and they had questions about the boundaries of the play area as they were at the time of the meeting. The Council was, therefore, not in a position to adopt the play area at the current time. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Williams, unanimously agreed.

113/23 Form a Response to the East Midlands Airport Draft Noise Action Plan 2024 – 2028: Councillors resolved to make comments on the draft noise action plan around the proposal to increase the number of flight events during the plan period, to request restrictions on night flights, and to request that the area covered by the grant scheme is increased. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr White, unanimously agreed.

114/23 Finance:

- a. The Council's expenditure against cost centre budgets year to date was reviewed and total bank balances of £269,671.78 were noted as at 27 June 2023.
- b. Councillors noted no income had been received for the month. They resolved to approve the following accounts for payment. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Hawsksworth, unanimously agreed.

Invoice Date	Payee		Amount inc VAT £
22.03.23	J A Kent Services Ltd	Grounds Maintenance Contract (Missing April Invoice)	1271.1
06.06.23	M Charsley	Refund of Allotment Bond Fee & Part-Rental	28.00
08.06.23	Sharp Business Systems Ltd	Photocopier Charges	30.00
08.06.23	Amazon	Grounds Maintenance Equipment	199.95
08.06.23	LRALC	Councillor Code of Conduct Training	30.00
09.06.23	SSE SWALEC	Electricity Charges - Flood Lights St Andrew's Church	115.29
10.06.23	Amazon	Strimmer Thread	9.98
15.06.23	LRALC	New Councillor Training	100.00
15.06.23	Amazon	S Rings	11.49
16.06.23	4Com Network Services Ltd	Phone System Maintenance	6.79
16.06.23	Nest	Pension Contributions	284.82
19.06.23	Eden Tree Care	Tree Works KGV Field	360.00
22.06.23	Barclaycard	Manure Pellets, Metal Primer, Service Plug, Refund for Graffiti Remover	12.27
22.06.23	Personnel Advice & Solutions	Personnel Services	120.00
22.06.23	LRALC	Playground Inspection Training	60.00
23.06.23	Rural Trader UK Ltd	Newletter Distribution	109.98
23.06.23	Water Plus	Water Charges - Parish Office	23.25
25.06.23	Ian Spiby Memorial Mason	Works to the Air Crash Memorial Stones	350.00
26.06.23	British Gas Lite	Gas Charges - Parish Office	4.23
27.06.23	D Griggs	Travel Expenses - Training Course, Anstey	14.40
28.06.23	HMRC	Tax & NI Contributions	620.03
28.06.23	Staff	Staff Salaries & National Insurance Contributions	2976.45
29.06.23	SSE SWALEC	Electricity Charges - Parish Office	74.30
30.06.23	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	5.10
19.06.23	J A Kent Services Ltd	Grass Cutting Contract June 2023	1906.66
		Total	8724.09

- c. Cllr Hawksworth confirmed he had verified the bank reconciliation and Council payments for Quarter 1 (April to June).
- d. Councillors considered quotes for tree works on Whatton Road Park and at Whiteholmes Grove and resolved to accept the quote from Eden Tree Care for £1130. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed.
- e. Cllr White had declared an interest in this agenda item, so did not take part in the discussion or voting. Councillors considered a request from Kegworth Plan Group to sponsor a month within the Kegworth Calendar for 2024. It was resolved to sponsor the calendar. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Williams, 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

115/23 Planning:

- a. Planning applications were considered by councillors and it was resolved to make no comment on applications 23/00655/FUL - Erection of Single storey, first floor and two storey front extensions and new pitched roof to existing rear single storey flat roof - 88 Sideley and 23/00680/FUL - Proposed extension to passenger terminal security hall and associated alterations - International Passenger Terminal Beverley Road East Midlands Airport. Councillors resolved to object to planning applications 23/00731/FUL - Change of use of existing 3 bedroom dwelling (use class C3) to a small house in multiple occupation (HMO) for 6 people (use class C4) - 13 Dragwell and 23/00735/FUL - Single storey side extension and internal alterations to change an existing 4 bedroom HMO to a 5 bedroom HMO - 18 Burley Rise, with arising comments agreed for submission.
- b. The Clerk did not have any planning decisions to report.

The meeting closed at 9:24 pm.

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