

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4 September 2023 at 7:30 pm, at the Parish Council Offices, 1 London Road, Kegworth

Present: Cllrs M Hawksworth, A Priestley, V Saunders, C Sewell, R Sutton, H Williams, W White, also Clerk D Griggs.

134/23 Apologies for Absence: It was resolved to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Mullaney and Stanney. Reasons given and approved. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Hawksworth, unanimously agreed.

135/23 Declarations of Interest: None.

136/23 Chairman's Announcements: Cllr Priestley advised that comments had been made about the cemetery grass cutting and maintenance, which he had responded to.

137/23 Public Participation: There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

138/23 Police Report: In the absence of the Police, the Clerk gave councillors an update on the Police's responses to residents' complaints of anti-social behaviour in Sideley Park and car cruising on the A453. She also confirmed that there was a new officer working on the patch.

139/23 Receive any Reports from District and County Councillors: Cllr Sewell spoke as District Councillor. She advised that the GP surgery was once again registering new patients. She had been dealing with noise complaints in Hemington and had also submitted a question to the District Council regarding planning applications call-ins. Cllr Sutton confirmed he had been involved in addressing local issues, such as the car cruising events. He had also submitted a question to the District Council about the role of East Midlands Councils. He had received lots of queries about HMOs and Article 4 in Kegworth.

140/23 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 31 July 2023: Councillors resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 31 July 2023. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Williams, unanimously agreed.

141/23 Consider the Latest Position Regarding Car Cruising on the A453 and Agree Next Steps: As councillors had received a verbal update from the Police via the Clerk and an email response from the Police & Crime Commissioner, it was resolved to monitor the situation and review the following month. The Clerk was asked to thank the Police for their actions so far and to request information on how the Police are liaising with the counties of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire to address the matter. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Sewell, unanimously agreed.

142/23 Review the Council's Volunteering Policy: After making a minor amendment, Councillors resolved to adopt the new Volunteering Policy. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Williams, unanimously agreed.

143/23 Review the Council's Investment Strategy: After making minor amendments, Councillors resolved to adopt the Investment Strategy. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr White, unanimously agreed.

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144/23 To Consider Proposal from Kegworth & District Garden Club and Agree a Response: It was resolved to accept the proposal from the Kegworth & District Garden Club. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed.

145/23 To Receive an Update on Sideley Park and Agree Any Actions: It was resolved to research options, costs, and any available funding for the repair of the grass on the football pitch area and installation of perimeter netting behind one of the goals. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sewell, unanimously agreed.

146/23 Decide Who Will Attend the Meet Your Village Volunteering Event on 23/9/23: It was resolved that Cllrs Saunders and Williams would attend the event with the Clerk and Cllrs Hawksworth and Sutton would help to set up the stall.

147/23 Consider Materials for the Stall at the Sutton Bonington Student Fair on 27/9/23 and Agree Who Will Attend: Councillors resolved that Cllrs Sewell, Sutton, Hawksworth and Williams would be available to attend the event. Councillors agreed materials to be used on the stall at the event.

148/23 To Review Parish Council Noticeboards: Councillors considered a paper drafted by the Clerk. They resolved to replace the noticeboard by the Village Hall entrance using some of the UKSPF funding. The board was to be used by the Parish Council and community groups. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Hawksworth, unanimously agreed.

149/23 Finance:

- a. The Council's expenditure against cost centre budgets year to date was reviewed and total bank balances of £258,410.11 were noted as at 29 August 2023.
- b. Councillors noted the income received for the month. They resolved to approve the following accounts for payment. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed.

Invoice Date	Payee		Amount inc VAT £
12.06.23	2Commune	Email Account Set Up for New Councillor	42.00
20.07.23	Amazon	Fireproof Letter Box Catcher	42.90
01.08.23	Miller's Elite Window Washing	Window Cleaning - Parish Office June 2023	14.00
01.08.23	Miller's Elite Window Washing	Window Cleaning - Parish Office July 2023	14.00
01.08.23	Eden Tree Care & Fencing	Tree Works in Whiteholmes Grove Park	420.00
04.08.23	Sharp Business Systems Ltd	Photocopying July 2023	30.00
06.08.23	S Cox	Wood & Piping for Cemetery Tap Housing Repair	55.24
27.08.23	SSE SWALEC	Electricity Charges - Parish Office	72.30
14.08.23	Moore East Midlands	External Audit Fee	504.00
16.08.23	British Gas Lite	Gas Charges - Parish Office	8.14
16.08.23	Barclaycard	Newsletter Printing	243.49
17.08.23	Amazon	Stationery for Meet Your Village Event	6.49
17.08.23	Amazon	Stationery for Meet Your Village Event	8.99
17.08.23	Amazon	Stationery for Meet Your Village Event	19.98
17.08.23	Waterplus	Water Quarterly Charges - Cemetery	33.91

17.08.23	D Griggs	Stamps & Mileage for Newsletter Delivery	22.95
18.08.23	4Com Network Services Ltd	Phone/Broadband Maintenance	6.79
18.08.23	Nest Pensions	Staff Pensions	292.37
23.08.23	Waterplus	Water Charges - Parish Office	29.41
26.08.23	Personnel Advice & Solutions	HR Services	120.00
28.08.23	Staff	Staff Salaries & NI Contributions	3038.14
21.08.23	J A Kent Services Ltd	Grass Cutting Contract	1906.66
31.08.23	Play Inspection Company	Play Inspections	477.00
01.09.23	Plus Print Ltd	Signage	324.00
		Total	7732.76

Income		
01/8/23-29/8/23	Allotment Rents/Bond Payments	0.00
	Cemetery Income	1350.00
	Grants/Donations (UKSPF Grant	5100.00
	VAT	1485.56
	Total	7935.56

- c. It was resolved to defer a decision on the quotes for the removal of the brambles in the cemetery extension land to the next meeting as the Clerk had only received one quote at the time of the meeting.
- d. Councillors considered quotes for the parish office gas contract, which was due to expire on 15/12/23, and resolved to accept the quote offered by Bionic with EDF Energy.
- e. Councillors received the external auditor's report and noted the conclusion of the audit for 2022/23. They noted the auditor's comments and agreed actions to be taken.

150/23 Extension of Meeting: It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley, and unanimously agreed to extend the meeting beyond 9:30 pm

151/23 Planning:

- a. Planning applications were considered by councillors. It was resolved to make no comment on applications 22/01939/VCUM – Finger Point Farm, 23/01092/TCA – works to an ash tree at 49 High Street, and 23/01077/CLE – 70 Derby Road, use as a C3 dwelling. It was resolved to object to planning applications 23/01056/TPO and 23/01064/TPO – Works to lime trees at Nos 7 and 8 Whiteholmes Grove, 23/00933/FUL – Conversion of former chapel into nine flats and associated development at Kegworth Methodist Church, and 23/01095/ADC – Internally illuminated fascia signs at Zone C of EMG SRFI. Arising comments were agreed for submission.
- b. The Clerk advised councillors that planning permission had been granted by the District Council for a revised development at 63 Nottingham Road and an extension at 14 Langley Drive. The application for an extension to change 18 Burley Rise from a 4-bedroom HMO to a 5-bedroom HMO had been withdrawn, but the proposal had been approved as permitted development.

The meeting closed at 9:36 pm.

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