

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6 November 2023 at 7:30 pm, at the Parish Council Offices, 1 London Road, Kegworth

Present: Cllrs M Hawksworth, A Priestley, V Saunders, C Sewell, H Stanney, R Sutton, H Williams, also Clerk D Griggs, and two members of the public.

168/23 Apologies for Absence: It was resolved to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Becky Mullaney and Will White. Reasons given and approved. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Stanney, unanimously agreed.

169/23 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Sewell declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 183/23b (to discuss the Parish Council's position regarding the Methodist Church planning application and agree any actions, including representation at any planning committee meeting) as she is on the planning committee for the District Council. Cllr Sutton declared a non-pecuniary interest in the same item as he had called the application in.

170/23 Chairman's Announcements: Cllr Priestley advised that Cllr Daniel Walton had resigned from the Council due to work commitments and the ten-electors notice had been published on the noticeboards. He also reminded councillors that the Remembrance Parade would take place on Sunday 12th November from 10:30 am.

171/23 Public Participation: There were two members of the public present at the meeting, including the Community Safety Team Leader for North West Leics District Council (NWLDC). The officer spoke to the Council about options for improving CCTV coverage in the village. He also confirmed that the District Council had made arrangements for the Great House to be boarded up more securely and he brought councillors up to date on legal action being taken to address the issue of car cruising locally. Another member of the public made reference to the Planning Committee and pre-determination of applications.

The Community Safety officer left the meeting.

172/23 Police Report, Police Matters and Options for Upgrading CCTV Cameras in the Village: Police officers were not present at the meeting. The Clerk had downloaded the latest available crime figures from the Leicestershire Police website. This showed 25 crimes in Kegworth for September 2023, 6 for burglary, 6 for violence and sexual offences, 4 for shoplifting, and 9 other crimes. The Clerk drew councillors' attention to a letter from Leicestershire Police advising a resident that monitoring equipment had shown poor compliance with the speed limit on Whatton Road. The Council considered the comments which had been made by the Community Safety Officer about CCTV options and asked the Clerk to get quotes with detailed specifications for further consideration.

173/23 Receive any Reports from District and County Councillors: Cllr Sewell spoke as District Councillor and confirmed the NWLDC draft Local Plan would go to the Local Plan Committee on 18th November 2023. This included land allocation for employment and

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housing. A consultation period would follow. Cllr Sutton spoke as District Councillor and said he believed the Methodist Church planning application would be on the NWLDC Planning Committee agenda in January 2024. He advised that a waste review was also taking place.

174/23 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 2 October 2023: Councillors resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 2 October 2023. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Williams (5 for, 2 abstentions).

175/23 Received Recommendations from the HR Committee: Cllr Williams confirmed that the HR Committee had reviewed the Performance Review and Equality & Diversity policies. They made recommendations regarding staffing costs for 2024/25. The Council resolved to accept the staffing cost proposals as recommended by the HR Committee.

176/23 Review and Revised the Council's Risk Management Assessment: Councillors resolved to adopt the risk management assessment tabled by the Clerk. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley, unanimously agreed.

177/23 To Refer to List of Highway and Parking Issues and Agree any Actions: Councillors considered the list of councillor comments about highway and parking issues in Kegworth and resolved to pursue a request for a meeting with the County and District Councils to discuss the matter. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed. They resolved to amend the order of the comments slightly and to ask the Clerk to send a letter requesting the meeting with the list of comments. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley, unanimously agreed.

178/23 To Consider Examination Documents from Charnwood Borough Council's Local Plan and Agree any New Comments: Councillors noted the document and resolved to make no further comment. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Stanney, unanimously agreed.

179/23 Consider Removal of Sycamore Tree Stumps in the Village Hall Car Park and Agree any Actions: Councillors resolved to ask the Clerk to obtain a recommendation from a tree surgeon about the trees and a quote for any works needed. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed.

180/23 Agree Councillor Representation at the Air Crash Memorial Service on 8/1/24: It was resolved that the chairman would attend the service and lay the wreath on behalf of the Council. Other councillors said they would also attend.

181/23 Approval of Draft Newsletter: Councillors considered the draft newsletter tabled by the Clerk. They resolved to ask the Clerk to make some amendments and for the Clerk to circulate the final version for approval by email. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed.

182/23 Finance:

- a. The Council's expenditure against cost centre budgets year to date was reviewed and total bank balances of £305,685.68 were noted as at 30 October 2023.

making a final decision. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sewell (6 in favour, one abstention).

- g. Councillors considered correspondence from the Kegworth branch of the Royal British Legion (RBL) requesting that the Council formally adopt two RBL benches as a gift and take on the cost of installation and future maintenance. Councillors noted a suitable location for the benches had not yet been found. They resolved to look at the feasibility of locations and costs for installation before making a final decision. They asked the Clerk to respond to the RBL.

183/23 Planning:

- a. Planning applications were considered by councillors. It was resolved to make no comment on applications 23/01365/TPO, remedial works to lime trees (protected by a TPO) at 10 Whiteholmes Grove, Kegworth, and 23/01396/AIR, proposed taxiway works, widening of turning fillets to Taxiway Mike, East Midlands Airport.

Extension of Meeting: It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley, and unanimously agreed to suspend Standing Order 3x and extend the meeting beyond 9:30 pm.

- b. Cllrs Sewell and Sutton left the room as they had declared an interest in this agenda item. It was resolved that Cllr Priestley would speak on behalf of the Parish Council on the Methodist Church application, 23/00933/FUL, at the forthcoming NWLDC Planning Committee meeting.
- c. Cllrs Sewell and Sutton re-joined the meeting. The Clerk advised councillors of planning decisions made by the Planning Authority since the last meeting for 12 Wyvelle Crescent, 8 Whiteholmes Grove, 7 Whiteholmes Grove, and Finger Point Farm.

The meeting closed at 9:33 pm.