

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 11 March 2024 at 7:30 pm, at the Parish Council Offices, 1 London Road, Kegworth**

Present: Cllrs P Forster, M Hawksworth, A Priestley, C Sewell, H Stanney, R Sutton, H Williams, also Clerk D Griggs, and four members of the public

**35/24 Apologies for Absence:** It was resolved to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Vicky Saunders, Will White, and Becky Mullaney. Reasons given and approved.

**36/24 Declarations of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

**37/24 Chairman’s Announcements:** The chairman referred to the Council’s standing orders. He reminded councillors of the rules of debate and the requirement to show respect to other councillors when speaking during the meeting. He advised that he would change the order of the meeting to consider the request for dog bins prior to considering the Council’s response to the North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) Draft Local Plan consultation.

**38/24 Public Participation:** One member of the public spoke and shared his observations regarding the draft response to the Local Plan consultation, specifically around the Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO) policy H8. Another member of the public spoke about issues with dog mess bags being left near the style at the top of Springfield and in the surrounding fields.

**39/24 Police Report and Police Matters:** The Police Officer who was present presented crime figures for the period 1 February to 1 March 2024 for Kegworth. There had been five thefts from persons, one burglary from a building site, two reports of criminal damage, one matter of public order, no thefts of/from motor vehicles, three assaults, one drug seizure, and two reports of anti-social behaviour. The police officer reported that they had specifically targeted shop thefts heavily during the period; one individual had been charged four times and had been removed from Kegworth. A patch walk with two councillors was planned for 12 March at 10 am, weather permitting, and a ride-along opportunity had been offered to councillors. During the previous month, there had been three car cruise events, with 17 warning letters and 2 Section 59 notices being issued. A response plan to address the car cruising issue had been put together and was in progress, with NWLDC Safety Partnership prioritising road safety and looking into funding for CCTV and ANPR cameras. Cross-county-boundary contacts had established.

**40/24 Receive any Reports from District and County Councillors:** Cllr Sewell said she did not have anything she wished to report. Cllr Sutton spoke and reported that he had not yet received a response to his request for an update regarding highway issues. He advised that a private parking sign in the Market Place had been removed and that there had been no update regarding the Yew Lodge from the Home Office. In addition, Cllr Sutton reported that he had asked a question at the District Council meeting regarding development in the district of North West Leicestershire.

Signed .....

Dated .....

**41/24 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 5 February 2024:** Councillors resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 5 February 2024. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed.

**42/24 Consider a Request for Dog Bins:** It was resolved to seek a meeting with the District Council to address the issue of bins. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley, unanimously agreed.

**43/24 Receive Copy of the Draft Response to the NWLDC Draft Local Plan Consultation 2020-2040 and Agree Any Actions:** Councillors considered each section of the draft response and made resolutions as follows:

- Proposed Housing and Employment Allocations EMP73 – Resolved to approve comments, as per the tabled document. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed.
- Proposed Limits to Development Review D3 – Resolved to approve comments regarding the loss of greenspace and other community impacts of expansion, as per the tabled document. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley, unanimously agreed. Resolved to approve comments regarding the village centre boundary, as per the tabled document, and to add in additional comments proposed by Cllr Sutton. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Stanney, unanimously agreed.
- Proposed Existing Employment Areas Draft Policy EC5 – Computer Centre Site, Kegworth – Resolved to approve comments, as per the tabled document. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton.
- East Midlands Airport Draft Policy EC8, Land & Air Quality Draft Policy EN6, and Donington Park Circuit Draft Policy EC11 - Resolved to add in additional comments proposed by Cllr Sutton regarding Policy EC8, EN6 and EC11 (Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, 5 for, two abstentions) and policies ECEC9 and EC10. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley, unanimously agreed.
- Housing Policy H2 – It was resolved to approve additional comments proposed by Cllr Sutton on Policy H2 (Housing Commitments). Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley (6 for, one abstention).
- Housing Policy H4 and H11– It was resolved to approve additional comments proposed by Cllr Sutton on Policy H4 (Housing Types and Mix and Related Policies). Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Sewell, unanimously agreed.
- HMO Policy H8 and Topic Paper – Cllr Stanney asked if councillors were supportive of Policy H8 generally. Cllr Williams said she was. Cllr Sutton said he wanted to hear the views of other councillors. Other councillors made no comment. It was resolved to approve comments, as per the tabled document. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton (6 for, one abstention).

Two members of the public left the meeting.

**44/24 Consider Request for a Memorial Bench in the Cemetery:** Councillors resolved to agree to the request for a memorial bench in the cemetery. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Williams, unanimously agreed.



- d. Councillors considered a quote for tree works and removal of ivy in the churchyard and resolved to accept it. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Stanney, unanimously agreed.
- e. Councillors resolved to defer a decision on signage at the King George V field until the next meeting to allow more time to visit the area and consider the proposal. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Williams, unanimously agreed.

**49/24 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.

**50/24 Planning:**

- a. Councillors considered the planning applications. It was resolved to make no comment on planning applications [24/00099/FUL](#) - Creation of a maintenance compound including welfare cabins, storage containers, recycling bays, yard area, landscaping and lighting scheme consisting of 6no 10 m high columns and 1no 6 m high column - Land At East Midlands Gateway Development Ashby Road, Castle Donington, [24/00086/TPO](#) - Works to G1 protected by TPO 211 and G2 protected by TPO 209 (Protected by Tree Preservation Order) - East Midlands Gateway Development, Ashby Road, Castle Donington, [24/00165/FUL](#) - Conversion of detached double garage to gym - 12 Whiteholmes Grove, [24/00076/FUL](#) - Retention of ground floor flat and associated works - 70 Derby Road (Amended Application), [24/00190/FUL](#) - Erection of single storey rear extensions to pair of semi-detached dwellings (Both existing small HMOs) - 1 and 3 Bedford Close, [24/00241/PNH](#) - Erection of a single-storey rear extension measuring 2.7 metres in length from an existing single-storey rear extension (total length 5.02 metres) from the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse with a maximum height of 2.62 metres (flat roof) (Prior Approval) - 63 Station Road, [23/00846/LBC](#) - Replacement windows - 8 Nottingham Road, [24/00112/FUL](#) - Change of use of dwelling (Use Class C3) to a small house in multiple occupation (HMO) for 4 people (Use Class C4) - 72 Huffer Road, and [24/00086/TPO](#) - Works to Fell 72 no. dead or dying Pine Trees protected by TPO 211 and 9 no. Ash Trees protected by TPO 209 (Protected by Tree Preservation Order) - East Midlands Gateway Development, Ashby Road, Castle Donington (Re-consultation).
- b. It was noted that the planning application and listed building consent for 34 London Road, Kegworth, had been approved, and the planning application for 7 Pleasant Place had also been approved.

The meeting closed at 9:45 pm