

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2 October 2023 at 7:30 pm, at the Parish Council Offices, 1 London Road, Kegworth

Present: Cllrs B Mullaney, A Priestley, H Stanney, R Sutton, W White, H Williams, also Clerk D Griggs, and 3 members of the public.

152/23 Apologies for Absence: It was resolved to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Sewell, Hawksworth, and Saunders. Reasons given and approved. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed.

153/23 Declarations of Interest: None.

154/23 Chairman's Announcements: Cllr Priestley advised that he had met with the member of the public who had raised concerns about the cemetery grounds maintenance.

155/23 Public Participation: There were 3 members of the public present at the meeting, including County Councillor Trevor Pendleton. The President of the Bowls Club spoke and gave councillors a summary of the development plan for the Bowls Club in support of their request for the Parish Council to draw down the leisure contribution part of the Section 106 (S106) funding from the Persimmon development held by the District Council. A resident of Belton spoke about the East Midlands Airport training flights over the villages and asked for help with understanding current regulation and where to go for information.

156/23 Police Report: Police officers were not present at the meeting. One councillor expressed concern that there had been a delayed Police response to a recent incident. Councillors noted that the Police & Crime Commissioner was to hold a Public Meeting in the Village Hall on 9th October 2023 to discuss car cruising incidents which had been taking place on the A453.

157/23 Receive any Reports from District and County Councillors: Cllr Sutton said he did not have anything he wished to report as district councillor. Cllr Pendleton spoke as county councillor. He noted that the Police had been more proactive in dealing with the car cruising incidents and councillors were working within their own local council circuits to try and resolve the issue. He said he supported agenda item 13, to consider seeking a meeting with the County Council and District Council about highway and parking issues in Kegworth, and agreed to attend any meeting which might be arranged. He drew councillors attention to the forthcoming parking restrictions for Sideley to allow for lighting connection works and the emergency closure of footpath L67A from the Market Place to Whatton Road due to an unstable wall. He reminded councillors that Leicestershire County Council was the lowest funded county council in the country.

Two members of the public left the meeting.

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158/23 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 4 September 2023: Councillors resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 4 September 2023. Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Priestley, unanimously agreed.

159/23 Review the Latest Position Regarding Car Cruising on the A453 and Agree Next Steps: Councillors reviewed the latest position regarding car cruising on the A453. They noted the actions taken by the Police, which included the issuing of Section 59 tickets, the issuing of tickets for number plate offences, arrests for driving whilst over the prescribed limit of alcohol, and the seizure of vehicles from drivers for driving without valid insurance. Councillors acknowledged the responses given by the Police to councillor enquiries and noted the date of the Public Meeting which had been arranged with the Police & Crime Commissioner.

160/23 Consider a Draft Action Plan for the Council: Councillors resolved to adopt the action plan and to establish a working party to agree the full detail and timescales for each strand. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Williams (4 for, 1 against, 1 abstention).

161/23 To Consider Request from Kegworth Bowls Club re S106 Funding and Agree Any Actions: Councillors noted the original, intended use for the S106 funding had been to provide pitches within a new housing development which had gained planning permission, but the build-out for which had been on hold as the land had subsequently become blighted by the proposed HS2 route. As the situation regarding HS2 was complex and every-changing, councillors agreed they were not in a position to make a decision regarding the Bowls Club request at the time of the meeting.

162/23 To Review the Council Complaints Policy: The policy was reviewed and it was resolved to adopt without change. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley, unanimously agreed.

163/23 Formulate any Response to the National Highways Transport Survey: Councillors discussed the survey and noted its content.

164/23 Consider Seeking a Meeting with the County Council and District Council about Highway and Parking Issues in Kegworth: Councillors thanked Cllr Pendleton for his support in this matter and resolved that parish councillors should email the Clerk with highway and parking issues they would like to see addressed at such a meeting.

165/23 To Receive Annual Play Inspection Reports and Agree Any Actions: Councillors discussed the reports which had been circulated with the papers for the meeting. They noted there were no serious risk concerns. They asked the Clerk to go through the reports with the lengthsmen to agree what minor matters could be addressed by him as part of routine maintenance and to draw up a specific plan for any other matters, with costings, for consideration by the Council. They also asked the Clerk to survey the residents of Munnmoore Close to see how much the play area was used. Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed.

Cllr Pendleton left the meeting.

166/23 Finance:

- a. The Council’s expenditure against cost centre budgets year to date was reviewed and total bank balances of £256,422.25 were noted as at 21 September 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 £
05.09.23	Parkinson Dodson & Associates Ltd	Interim Payment for Church Wall	3600.00
07.09.23	Sharp Business Systems Ltd	Photocopying Charges - August	30.00
07.09.23	Eden Tree Care	Tree Works	720.00
11.09.23	British Gas Lite	Gas Charges - Parish Office	8.13
11.09.23	D Buxton	Cemetery Gardening	52.10
12.09.23	SSE SWALEC	Electricity - Parish Office	64.83
13.09.23	Miller’s Elite Window Washing	Window Cleaning	14.00
13.09.23	Nest Pensions	Pension Contributions	292.37
15.09.23	Barclaycard	Lenthsman’s Tools	139.00
15.09.23	J A Kent Services Ltd	Grounds Maintenance	1906.66
18.09.23	Eden Tree Care & Fencing	Tree Works in Whatton Road Park	540.00
18.09.23	4Com Network Services Ltd	Phone/Broadband Maintenance	7.49
18.09.23	Nest Pensions	Staff Pensions	292.37
19.09.23	D Griggs	Remembrance Day Wreath	20.00
20.09.23	LNC Property Developments Ltd	Parish Office Lighting	918.00
26.09.23	Personnel Advice & Solutions	HR Services	120.00
28.09.23	Staff	Staff Salaries & NI Contributions	3038.14
		Total	11763.09
Income			
01/9/23-27/9/23	Allotment Rents/Bond Payments		62.48
	Cemetery Income		100.00
	VAT		696.94
			859.42

- c. Councillors considered a quote to flail large areas of brambles from the cemetery extension land and resolved to accept the quote from Eden Tree Care for £1140. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed.
- d. Councillors considered a proposal for legionella risk management of all the Council assets and resolved to accept the quote from Second Element for £795. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed.
- e. Councillors considered a quote to re-install two benches in Sideley Park and resolved to accept the quote from Mark Cooke for £484.99. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Stanney, unanimously agreed.
- f. A quote from JA Kent Services to repair the football grassed area of Sideley Park had not been received by the time of the meeting. T H Heath had declined to quote as they did not want any additional work. A decision on this matter was deferred to the next meeting.
- g. Councillors resolved to ask LRALC to provide an internal auditor for the audit of the 2023/24 year. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley, unanimously agreed.

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- h. Councillors resolved to set up a working party to draw up a specification for the grass cutting contract for 2024 – 2027 and agreed members as Cllrs Sutton, Priestley, Williams, and Mullaney. It was also agreed to ask representatives from the Friends of Sideley Park, St Andrew’s Church and King George V field for comments.

167/23 Planning:

- a. Planning applications were considered by councillors. It was resolved to make no comment on applications 23/01155/FUL – change of use of dwelling to small HMO for 4 people at 12 Derby Road, 23/00250/FUL – conversion of outbuilding into dwelling including erection of single storey extension and new pitched roof, erection of new detached double garage and formation of separate access/driveway at Welwyn Cottage, New Brickyard Lane, and 22/01939/VCUM – Erection of 3 no. office buildings, access, car parking landscaping and associated works at the Finger Point Farm site.

It was resolved to object to planning application 23/01173/FUL – HMO for 12 people and external alterations at 1 & 3 Station Road – with arising comments agreed for submission.

- b. Cllr Sutton advised councillors that there had been a problem with one recent planning application as one of the neighbours had complained they were not properly consulted by the District Council.

The meeting closed at 9:30 pm.