

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 3 June 2024 at 7:30 pm, at the Parish Council Offices, 1 London Road, Kegworth

Present: Cllrs M Hawsworth, A Priestley, R Sutton, W White, H Williams, also Clerk D Griggs, and three members of the public

87/24 Apologies for Absence: It was resolved to accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Forster and Sewell. Reasons given and approved. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton (4 for, one abstention).

88/24 Declarations of Interest: None

89/24 Chairman's Announcements: The chairman thanked the clerk for her recent work co-ordinating the removal of trespassers on Sideley Park. He reminded councillors to be mindful of the period of sensitivity during the pre-election period. He advised that the order of the meeting would be changed slightly to take the public participation items before the councillor co-option agenda item.

90/24 Public Participation: One member of the public spoke about the Long Lane quiet lane consultation which had been issued by the District Council. They reminded the Council that this lane was used by emergency vehicles during the Kegworth air crash response, so this should be considered when making any changes to the lane. Another member of the public asked what could be done regarding the numerous overgrown hedges in the village along footpaths. They were advised that maintenance of the hedges was the responsibility of property owners and issues could be reported to Leics County Council using their website. The third member of the public spoke in support of their co-option application.

91/24 Review Current Position re Filling Council's Vacant Seats and Agree Any Actions: It was resolved to co-opt Simon Langley-Evans to the Council. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr White, unanimously agreed. A second candidate did not attend the meeting. As there was a query regarding eligibility, it was agreed to defer a decision on this matter to the next meeting.

92/24 Police Report and Police Matters: The Police did not attend the meeting and no report was available. Councillors discussed the ongoing issues with car cruising in the village. They asked the Clerk and Cllr Sutton, as district councillor, to seek feedback from the District Council on the progress with the injunction. One councillor advised that there had been a recent problem with high-powered bike cruisers, which had been reported to the Police.

93/24 Receive Reports from the District and County Councillors: Cllr Sutton gave a report as district councillor. He advised that the District Council AGM had been held. He confirmed that a traffic survey counter was in place on Sideley. He advised that he had attended the Isley Woodhouse briefing and was happy to share information with anyone interested.

94/24 Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13 May 2024: Councillors resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2024 with an amendment to the last bullet point of minute 84/24, which would read: *'Proposed names are Kegworth South and Long Whatton, and Kegworth North and Daleacre Hill'*. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed.

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95/24 Agree Any Response to the Quiet Lane Consultation for Long Lane: Councillors were generally supportive of the scheme. They formulated a response to the consultation and asked the Clerk to submit the response as soon as possible.

96/24 Review Security of Council-owned Land and Agree Any Actions: Councillors reviewed the security of land owned by the Council. They considered the risk of trespassers and discussed the changes that had been made in response to the unauthorised traveller camp on Sideley Park. They resolved to make no further changes for the time being, but to review as necessary.

97/24 Review of Questions Raised at the Annual Parish Meeting and Agree Any Actions:

Q1: Request for information on what could be done about dog mess and owners not picking up - Councillors noted that a meeting had been arranged with the District Council to review the provision of bins generally in Kegworth. The Clerk had issued a reminder regarding dog fouling and the need to pick up via the Parish Council newsletter in May.

Q2: Request for no cycling pavement markings to be added to village pavements – This had been referred to the county councillor as it was not within the Parish Council’s power to paint such signs on the pavements.

Q3: Request for clarity regarding the rules of dogs being on a lead in Sideley Park - The Clerk had included an article in the newsletter drawing attention to the NWLDC Public Space Protection Order which covers the area. Councillors resolved to review the signage regarding dogs in Sideley Park.

98/24 Review Council’s Revised Financial Regulations as per Minute 80/24: Councillors reviewed the revised financial regulations document tabled by the Clerk, which was based on the NALC template April 2024. They agreed to change the tabled document to set the limit in Section 5.6 to £30,000 and to keep the Section 8 header (cheque payments) in, but to include a sentence to make it clear that the Parish Council does not use cheques. Councillors resolved to adopt the financial regulations with these amendments. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr White, unanimously agreed.

99/24 Receive a Report Regarding the District Council’s Decision to Move Various Expenditure from Special Expenses to the General Fund Budget and Agree any Actions: Councillors objected strongly to this double taxation and resolved to write to the Chief Executive Officer and S151 officer to request an urgent meeting to address the matter. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Langley-Evans, unanimously agreed.

100/24 Finance:

- a. The Council’s expenditure against cost centre budgets year to date was reviewed and total bank balances of £274,435.97 were noted as at 21 May 2024.
- b. Councillors noted the income received for the month and resolved to approve the following payments. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed.

Invoice Date	Payee		Amount inc VAT £
04.10.23	Sharp Business Systems	Photocopying Charges - Sept 2023 (invoice missing)	30.00
14.05.24	Water Plus	Water Charges - Parish Office	23.42
14.05.24	Water Plus	Water Charges - Cemetery	94.41
14.05.24	SSE	Electricity Charges - Church Floodlights	184.39
15.05.24	Barclaycard	Newsletter Printing	176.41
15.05.24	Nest Pensions	Pension Contributions	307.48
20.05.24	4Com Network Services Ltd	Phone & Broadband Charges	7.46
21.05.24	Castle Creative	Signage	191.00
22.05.24	Personnel Advice & Solutions	HR Services	120.00
23.05.24	North West Leics District Council	Welding Service - Sideley Park Gates	246.72
28.05.24	Staff	Staff Salaries & NI Contributions	3235.16
28.05.24	BowlerG	Grounds Maintenance	1900.00
29.05.24	Rentokil	Emergency Disinfection of Sideley Park	423.00
30.05.24	EDF	Electricity Charges - Parish Office	22.74
31.05.24	Play Inspection Company	Play Inspection	100.20
03.06.24	A Williamson	Refund of Allotment Bond Fee	25.00
17.06.24	UK Debt Management Office	PWLB Loan Repayment	7290.40
		Total	14377.79

101/24 Planning:

- a. Councillors considered the planning applications. It was resolved to make no comment on planning applications 24/00577/AIR - Installation of loading dock leveller - Royal Mail Building Beverley Road East Midlands Airport, Castle Donington, 24/00559/FUL - Demolition of garage and outbuilding and erection of one two-storey self building dwelling and formation of separate access/driveway - Welwyn Cottage, New Brickyard Lane, Kegworth, and 24/00646/FUL - Erection of two and single storey rear extensions, new windows in the front elevation, blocking up of front door and erection of retaining wall at the rear - 13 Dragwell, Kegworth.
- b. The Clerk did not have any decisions to report.

The meeting closed at 9:07 pm.

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