

# Over Kellet Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### held at Wilson's Endowed C of E Primary School Over Kellet

**Those Present:** Cllrs. Mr Nick Ward, Mrs Margaret Fowler, Mr Martin May, Mrs Rebecca Lauder, Mr Stephen Atkins; Mr Michael Watson (Clerk); County Cllr Mrs Phillippa Williamson, Mr Bob Bailey & 16 others

1 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr. Mr Graham Agnew & City Cllr. Mr J Roger Mace

2 **Minutes for the last meeting: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017**, (previously circulated with agenda and by email as provisional) were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

3 **Matters arising from the minutes not otherwise covered by the agenda:** None

4 **Correspondence:**

(a) A survey on behalf of Lancaster City Council had been completed in respect of provision of open spaces within the village including allotments.

(d) **Items for circulation:** *Countryside Voice & Fieldwork Winter2017 (CPRE), Walney Extension off-shore wind-farm extension newsletter Oct'17*

5 **Planning Applications:**

(a) 16/01572/OUT: Outline application for the erection of 15 dwellings and creation of new access etc. for the late James Cottam (senior) will @ land to the south-east of Church Bank ~ **Awaiting Decision**

(b) 17/01050/OUT: Outline application for the development of 55 residential dwellings for Mr Stephenson @ land to north of Old Hall Farm LA6 1DA~ **Awaiting decision but understood that permission has been granted following meeting of the City Council on 11<sup>th</sup> December.** A number of councillors had attended the planning meeting together with a number of local residents. All were disappointed that their concerns had seemingly been ignored. It was felt that little could now be done but the chairman was to draft a letter to city planning regarding the inadequacy of pedestrian access from the site to the facilities of the village. **ACTION CLLR.WARD** A resident had made a submission in which it was intimated that there were a number of residents who did not oppose this application and that the parish council had not taken their views into account. It was felt that the criticism was unjust insofar as at the meeting when the proposal was considered many residents (30+) were in attendance and apart from the applicants all registered their opposition and this was reflected in the response from the parish council. (refer item 5j 13<sup>th</sup> September) A letter to be sent to the resident pointing out the reasons for the objections by the parish council and this letter is to be copied to the planning department. **ACTION CLERK**

(c) 17/01133/FUL: Erection of a car showroom (sui generis), maintenance workshop and preparation building (B2), display area, storage compound with associated access and landscaping for Parker and Parker Ltd @ land north of Kellet Road Over Kellet **Decision awaited**

(d) 17/01148/FUL: Erection of covered agricultural storage area and siting of caravan to provide a canteen and rest room for Mr Andrew Thompson @ field 9759 Kellet Lane Over Kellet ~ The caravan had been withdrawn from the application and **Permission has been granted by City Planners.**

(e) 17/01363/CU: Siting of 44 caravans for Mr J McCarthy @ Castle View Caravan Park Borwick Road Capernwray. Concern was raised regarding the size of the extension, which it was feared would lead to increased traffic movements. The possibility of the caravans being used for permanent residencies was raised even though the applicant had stressed that this would not be the case. A response to be sent to City planning including a request for regular proactive inspections of all caravan sites in the parish to ensure the conditions regarding holiday use only were being followed. **ACTION CLERK**

(f) 17/01351/FUL: Erection of an agricultural barn for storage of animal feed and machinery and creation of a new access road for Mr & Mrs D Harwood @ agricultural grazing land Kirkby Lonsdale Road. A response had already been sent to planning making various suggestions regarding planting of native trees and re-instatement of the stone wall alongside the B6254. Concern was raised regarding the size of the structure and safeguards to be placed regarding possible change of use in the future. **Decision now awaited**

(g) Confirmation of tree preservation order 630 (2017) @ Maggots Wood Caravan Park (refer 5f 10<sup>th</sup> October)

- 6 **LALC:** Reports from local Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November & AGM 18<sup>th</sup> November. In the absence of Cllr Graham Agnew no reports were available.
- 7 **Quarry Matters:** Nothing to report
- 8 **Lengthsman Report:** Cleared leaves at various locations. Concern raised regarding the broken wall in the narrows.
- 9 **Road Safety Concerns:** All outstanding issues had been acknowledged by County Highways with promises to report on. The excess growth at the junction of the A601M and B6254 would be cut back shortly. County Councillor Phillippa Williamson continues to act on behalf of the parish council and is to make further enquiries regarding the wall in the narrows. County Highways have intimated that it is not their responsibility but the Parish Council argue that as the wall abuts the highway that it is. A pot-hole on Nether Kellet Road close to the village Hall is to be reported. **ACTION CLERK**
- 10 **Emergency Plan** ~ Nothing new keep on for January meeting.
- 11 **Allotments:** Nothing to report.
- 12 **B4RN Community Broadband** ~ The work to connect more properties continues with four more on Kirklands now connected and over a third of properties in the village now having access to B4RN.
- 13 **Neighbourhood Plan:** Following the public meeting at the village hall on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.00 p.m. when the attendance was quite disappointingly low a further meeting is to be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> February before which it is to be hoped that an individual mail drop will be made as well as a further article in the Over Kellet View and posters in and around the village. Judging by experiences elsewhere in the district other communities that have prepared "plans" have had their extensive and expensive efforts been rejected by the City Council.
- 14 **Local Plan Consultation:** Dealt with last month (delete from future agendas)
- 15 **Vacancy for Position of parish clerk:** Bob Bailey who attended the meeting had been appointed to the position of parish clerk. The out-going clerk Michael Watson was delighted to receive a kind gift from the parish councillors in recognition of his service with Over Kellet Parish Council. The engraved thumb-stick would prove to be most useful although it looks too good to be used. He wished his successor well in his new role and would co-operate fully in the transition. The Chairman noted that during his nearly 13 years as Clerk he had never missed a council meeting and thanked him for his loyal service to the parish during this time.
- 16 **Christmas Tree:** Switch-on of lights to took place at C4.00 p.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> December with 100+ in attendance and carols were sung by the school children and those gathered. Thanks extended to all those who helped with the erection of the tree and to Aggregate Industries for supplying it. A letter of thanks to be sent to Al **ACTION CLERK** The tree is to be removed on the 6<sup>th</sup> January
- 17 **Report from City Councillor & District Councillor:** County Cllr Phillippa Williamson high-lighted the fact that she had a fund at her disposal for projects which was open to all legitimate organisations.
- 18 **Accounts to be paid**
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| (a) M J Watson ~ Honorarium Nov'17  | <b>£136.50</b>  |
| (b) M J Watson ~ Stationery, photo-copying, postage stamps (Jun 15 to date) Receipts supplied | <b>£164.27</b>  |
| (c) Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council Lengthsman contribution 2016-17 (2015-16 £1790)            | <b>£2468.31</b> |
| (d) Over Kellet Village Hall ~ Parish Council Neighbourhood plan meeting 21.11.17             | <b>£ 7.00</b>   |
| (e) Graham Agnew ~ Expenses ~ travel and parking for LALC AGM (refer 6 above)                 | <b>£ 29.60</b>  |
| (f) <b>Notification of external auditor arrangements for 2017-18</b>                          |                 |
- All accounts matters outlined above agreed and approved unanimously**
- 19 **Next Meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018**
- NB As has become traditional at the December meeting refreshments including mince-pies and cakes were supplied thanks to the chairman and Mrs Ward and help from other councillors on the night.**