

PARISH OF OVER KELLET
Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at the
Over Kellet Village Hall on Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 7.15pm.

Present: Councillor Graham Agnew – Chairman
Councillor Stephen Atkins (items 39-45)
Councillor Martin May
Councillor Jean Metcalfe

Derek Whiteway (Parish Clerk)

In attendance: Seventeen members of the public

19/39 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Councillor Derek Johnson, County Councillor Phillippa Williamson and City Councillor Michael Mumford.

19/40 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th JUNE 2019

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Parish Council, held on **Tuesday 11th June 2019** be approved and signed.

Matters Arising:

- a) **Min 19/28(d) Painting of the Kissing Gates.** Painting of all 7 gates had now been completed and the Clerk had written to the Community Payback team to thank them for their work.
- b) **Min 30(2) Diversion of Public Right of Way, the former Chicken Sheds, Cockle Hill.** The Clerk had sent a consultation response to the County Council, who replied providing assurance that issues of the gradient of the path and the ownership of Maggie Eglin Lane were being considered. Also that the existence of a large soak-away on the proposed path would be notified to the developers.
- c) **Min 19/30(4) Over Kellet District Horticultural Society.** The Clerk has written to the City Council asking whether the Parish Council might be permitted to plant trees on the Church Bank open space. The Clerk advised that the Parish Council had powers to permit a section of the Village Green to grow wild if it so wished. It was questioned and discussed whether doing so might create a hazard to road users.

Action: That further consideration be given to 'wilding' an appropriate section of the Village Green, subject to further advice being sought and an acceptable risk assessment being produced.

- d) **Min 19/30(8) Introduction of 20mph Zones.** The Clerk reported on an email from County Councillor Williamson which set out the current arrangements and processes operated by Lancashire County Council and the Police regarding traffic speed management. This confirmed that the introduction of a 20mph zone was still possible, but only following a detailed assessment of activity/incidents and in the context of other available measures (SpIDs, road-watch, signage, etc). It was noted that a move to introduce local road-watch volunteers appeared to have stalled over the last 6 months. A resident suggested that the Parish might consider purchasing a speed gun to help with traffic management in the parish.

Action: The Clerk to contact the local PCSO to check on the position regarding the proposed road-watch volunteers for the village and investigate the feasibility of further road-watch activity.

19/41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No changes to Councillors' declarations of interest were reported.

19/42 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION & INFORMATION ONLY UPDATES: REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

- (1) **Village Website.** A resident reported that a page on the Village website was out of date and still showing the old membership of the Parish Council.

Action: The Clerk to investigate and arrange for the information to be corrected or removed.

- (2) **Felling of roadside trees.** A resident reported that three mature lime trees on the highways verge on the Capernwray Road adjacent to the Tithe Barn and no 1 Hall Garth Gardens had been felled. The Clerk reported that enquiries had revealed that the work had been ordered by County Highways, the trees had been subject to a Tree Preservation Order and that the City Council had not received any application for the work to be done.

Action: The Clerk to lodge a planning enforcement complaint with the City Council and seek advice on what remedy might be available if the work was judged to be unlawful.

CLERK'S REPORT:

- (3) **Publicity of Quarry Blasting Operations**

The Clerk had received an enquiry from a resident asking whether the scheduling and timing of quarry blasts could be publicised via the Parish Council website and/or OK View. A response from the Quarry Management had advised that arrangements with their blasting contractors meant that timings are only known a week in advance at best and are still subject to late changes. This would rule out OK View as an effective source of publicity. There is the potential for publicising via the website, but its effect would be limited by the number of people actively using the website.

Action: The Clerk to confirm whether the Quarries are willing to share schedules on a weekly basis and if so, arrange for suitable posts to be made on the website. Also, that the existence of these posts be advertised to residents in the September issue of OK View.

MEMBERS' REPORTS:

- (4) **LALC.** Nothing to report.
- (5) **Quarries:** The Chairman and Clerk were following up on arrangements for a representative of Lancashire County Council and possibly Aggregate Industries (AI) to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.
- (6) **Village Hall.** Nothing reported.
- (7) **B4RN:** Work is ongoing. No detailed arrangements were reported.
- (8) **Lengthsman:** Councillor Metcalfe reported that the Lengthsman had continued to help greatly with work in preparation for the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition (LBKVC). As we are in the middle of the growing season, and the Lengthsman's busiest period, any 'special' projects would not be a priority at this time.

Action: A resident's offer to produce a photo survey and report into the parish's footpath surface conditions was gratefully accepted.

Councillor Atkins queried whether residents would be happy for the cobbled area at the village well to be treated with weedkiller.

Action: Councillor Metcalfe to ask the Lengthsman to arrange for this area to be treated.

CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

- (9) No further reports were received from City Councillor Michael Mumford or County Councillor Phillippa Williamson.

19/43 WIN PAVELYN AWARD 2019

The Clerk advised that arrangements needed to be made regarding the judging and presentation of the Win Pavelyn Award for 2019, for the 'best kept garden' in the parish.

Action: Councillor May volunteered to act as judge for the award, with the assistance of his mother-in-law, the judging to be carried out during July and August and the winner to be invited to the September meeting of the Parish Council to be presented with the trophy.

19/44 PARISH PLAN – UPDATE

(1) **Village Gateways**

No further update since the last meeting.

Action: That the Chairman and Councillor Metcalfe would review the plans and proposals in the light of comments received from County Highways.

(2) **Village Hall Bus Shelter**

Councillor Metcalfe reported that the now redundant passenger information equipment on the bus stop pole had started to emit a buzzing noise. It is understood that the Parish Council has the authority to remove the display equipment and the solar panel power source. The Clerk advised that he was consulting the County Council on the use of this pole as a potential SpID site.

Action: The Clerk to confirm that the Council has authority to remove the redundant equipment and arrange its removal.

(3) **The Dub**

No further update since the last meeting. An assessment of the pond by the Lancashire Wildlife Trust is scheduled to be undertaken in the Autumn once the summer plant growth has receded.

(4) **Speed Indication Devices (SpIDs)**

The Clerk reported that a new SpID was now on order and due to be delivered in the next two weeks. Consultation with County Highways was ongoing in respect of future SpID locations.

(5) **Goosegate Plaque**

Councillor May reported that a response was awaited from the chosen supplier and he would follow this up. Estimated cost of the plaque was currently £400.

19/45 NEW PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

The following planning applications were considered. It was resolved to respond as set out against each individual case.

Application No:	Description
19/00602/FUL	Construction of a canal mooring, creation of an associated car park and alterations to existing access. Kellet Lane Bridge, Kellet Lane, Over Kellet. Resolved: That no comments be submitted.
19/00545/HYB also 19/00769/EIR	Hybrid application comprising a full application for proposed alterations to land levels and associated access, and outline application for up to 8,400sqm of employment floor space (Use Classes B1(c), B2 and B8) with associated access. Land North of Kellet Road, Over Kellet. Resolved: That a response be submitted to the City Council objecting to the proposed development on similar grounds to those for a previous application on this site and specifically referring to <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The development being on land designated as 'countryside area' in the Local Plan;• The availability of suitable alternative sites within the locality;• Traffic and pedestrian safety considerations through increased use of the highway;• Impacts on the landscape, including the provision of adequate screening of the site; and• A failure of the applicant to consult the Parish Council on the proposals.
19/00595/FUL	Erection of a 2 storey front/side extension incorporating a Juliet balcony to the rear, erection of a single storey rear extension, creation of a terraced area to the side and alterations to existing vehicular access. Green Pastures, Capernwray Road, Capernwray. Resolved: That a response be submitted to the City Council objecting on the grounds that the proposal appears to use existing agricultural land as garden/orchard for the extended property.
19/00753/OUT	Outline application for the erection of two dwellings and associated access. Field Adjacent to Woodlands View, Over Kellet. The application was discussed at length, with several residents vigorously opposing the application and raising concerns over the proposed development. No statements were made by residents in favour of the application. Councillors encouraged residents to express their views in personal letters to the City Council and provided advice on the consultation

		<p>process and the rights of individuals to attend and speak at Planning Committee.</p> <div><p>Resolved: That, taking account of the extent and strength of feeling expressed by residents, a response be submitted to the City Council objecting to the proposed development, referring to:</p><ul style="list-style-type: none">• The visual impact of the development and its implications for the heritage of the village;• The loss of existing grazing land;• The long-term detrimental visual effect of planting screening trees;• Traffic and access issues, particularly in relation to the design of the entrance at the head of Woodlands View.</div>								
19/00820/FUL	<p>Creation of an access track. Swarthdale Farm Stables, Swarthdale Road, Over Kellet.</p> <div><p>Resolved: That no comments be submitted.</p></div>									
19/0090/TCA	<p>Removal of select Ash branches and removal of dead Cherry tree. Mere Fell, The Green, Over Kellet.</p> <div><p>Resolved: That no comments be submitted.</p></div>									
<p>19/46 UPDATE ON PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS</p> <p>The Clerk presented an update on planning decisions, which was noted.</p>										
<p>19/47 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS</p> <table><tr><th>Payee & Detail</th><th>£</th></tr><tr><td>Village Hall Committee – Hire of Hall, 11/06/19</td><td>14.00</td></tr><tr><td>Derek Whiteway, Parish Clerk Salary and Expenses, June 2019</td><td>210.97</td></tr><tr><td>HMRC – PAYE June 2019</td><td>50.20</td></tr></table> <div><p>Resolved: that the above accounts be paid.</p></div>			Payee & Detail	£	Village Hall Committee – Hire of Hall, 11/06/19	14.00	Derek Whiteway, Parish Clerk Salary and Expenses, June 2019	210.97	HMRC – PAYE June 2019	50.20
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<p>19/48 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 10th September 2019, commencing at 7.15pm at the Over Kellet Village Hall.</p>										

Clerk of the Council

Chair

Date: