

OVER KELLET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 9th February 2021 at 7.15pm using Zoom video conferencing

Present: Councillor Graham Agnew – Chairman
Councillors Stephen Atkins, Derek Johnson, Martin May and Jean Metcalfe
County Councillor Phillippa Williamson
Derek Whiteway (Parish Clerk)

In attendance: Peter Clinch (Over Kellet View) and 2 members of the public.

20/089 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

No apologies for absence were received.

20/090 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 12th JANUARY 2021

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on **Tuesday, 12th January 2021** be approved and signed without further amendment.

Matters Arising:

(1) **Min 20/081(1) Replacement of illegally removed trees.**

Councillor Atkins reported that new residents had recently moved into the Tithebarn, adjacent to the affected site, and might not be aware of this ongoing issue

Action: The Clerk is to contact the County Council and City Council to arrange a meeting with Councillors to pick up on this issue.

(2) **Min 20/081(3) DMMO Application for a new Bridleway, Lord's Lot Road.** The Clerk reported that a letter had now been sent to the County Council regarding the proposed DMMO.

(3) **Min 20/081(5) Flooding in the Parish.** Councillors discussed again the issues surrounding the recurrent flooding on the Kirkby Lonsdale Road at Restarigg. County Councillor Williamson had been in contact with both the County Highways and the City Planning Enforcement teams, and had written to the City's Chief Executive in an attempt to have landowners remove the bunding that appears to be causing the problems.

(4) **Min 20/081(6) School Lane.** The Chairman reported that the School's headteacher had written to the City Council and the Diocese regarding maintenance of the lane and that matters were now in hand.

(5) **Min 20/081(7) Winter conditions and gritting boxes.** The Chairman advised that he had recently, through County Councillor Williamson, reported the condition of the Parish's grit bins and requested replenishment where necessary. County Councillor Williamson had advised in her February 'Parish Update' newsletter that the following link is now available for residents to report online any issues regarding the maintenance or stocking of grit bins.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/winter/gritting/grit-bins>

OVER KELLET PARISH COUNCIL

20/091 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillors May declared an interest in planning application 20/01463/FUL, which relates to his own property.

20/092 NEW PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

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

Application No:	Description
20/01463/FUL	<p>Erection of a part two storey, part single storey, front, side and rear extension and erection of a detached garage. 15 Church Bank, Over Kellet.</p> <p>Resolved: No response was submitted.</p>
20/01464/FUL	<p>Erection of a single storey rear and side extension. 'Otago' 15 Kirklands Road, Over Kellet.</p> <p>Resolved: No response was submitted.</p>
20/01373/FUL	<p>Change of use of agricultural land to site 27 static caravans with alterations to land levels, creation of an access track, amenity areas, hardstandings and installation of a package treatment plant. New England Caravan Park, Capernwray Road, Capernwray, Carnforth.</p> <p>Noting that the caravan site itself lies in Borwick CP, Councillors discussed the potential impacts of the development on Over Kellet, including increased traffic and possible environmental issues relating to the proposed package treatment plant. Possible economical benefits to the village were also acknowledged.</p> <p>Resolved: No response to be submitted.</p>
21/00128/AD	<p>Agricultural determination for excavation works to create 4 small ponds. Swarthdale Cottage, Swarthdale Road, Over Kellet.</p> <p>Whilst having no objection to the application, Councillors discussed the possible benefits of having one of the ponds fenced off to allow its natural ecology to develop. Councillor Johnson advised that he would submit this suggestion in a personal response to the application.</p> <p>Resolved: No response to be submitted.</p>
21/00129/AD	<p>Agricultural determination to change 2 mono-pitch buildings to one dual pitch building. Swarthdale Cottage, Swarthdale Road, Over Kellet.</p> <p>Resolved: No response was submitted.</p>

OVER KELLET PARISH COUNCIL

Application No:	Description
20/01462/FUL	<p>Demolition of two existing stable buildings and erection of three single storey buildings for use as office (Class E) and training facilities (Class F1) with staff facilities building and stable block. Addington Lodge Addington Road Nether Kellet.</p> <p>Whilst acknowledging that the application site lies within Nether Kellet CP, Councillors discussed the potential implications for Over Kellet. Councillors felt it important to comment on this development, which is associated with developments of the chicken farming business at Lower Addington Farm, which the Parish Council has consistently resisted.</p> <p>Councillors expressed concerns over the apparently commercial development in a rural setting and the potential for this to lead to further development in the future, not only of this particular site, but the overall business, including the adjacent chicken farm. Concerns were discussed relating to sustainability issues and traffic impacts</p> <p>Resolved: Councillor Metcalfe and the Clerk will draft a response objecting to the application and setting out the Parish Council's concerns.</p>

20/093 UPDATE ON PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk presented a report updating the status of previous planning applications. The report was noted.

Councillor May provide a verbal update on currently undecided applications, including those relating to proposed developments adjacent to Church Bank and Greenways and the Nether Kellet Road.

20/01072/REM, 20/01073/FUL and 20/01220/VCN – Land South East of Church Bank.

Councillor May reported that there had been a strong public response to the applications to erect 22 houses adjacent on the site adjacent to Church Bank and Greenways and welcome interest was being shown by the Environment Agency and Wildlife Trust. Thanks to representations made by County Councillor Williamson, it was confirmed that, if recommended by officers for approval, the three applications would be brought before the Planning Committee for decision.

20/01246/FUL – Erection of 9 dwellings, land South-West of Church Bank Main Road.

Councillor May reported that no further changes had occurred regarding this application. The Chairman advised that as yet undeclared plans for the developers to create a road between this and the other Church Bank site had been recognised by the City Planners.

20/094 PARISH PLAN

(1) **Goosegate Plaque**

The Chairman reported that the plaque was still to be installed.

OVER KELLET PARISH COUNCIL

(2) **SpID Data**

The Clerk presented a report into data collected from the Kirkby Lonsdale Road SpID since its installation in June 2020. The reports confirmed conclusions reached from earlier readings about traffic volumes, speeds and reactions to the SpID. The main conclusions included:

- 89% of 'incoming' vehicles are observing the 30mph speed limit, with the average (median) speed being 23mph. 11% of vehicles are recorded as exceeding the limit;
- 58% of 'outgoing' vehicles are observing the speed limit, with a median speed of 27mph. 42% of vehicles are recorded as exceeding the limit, with 14% recording speeds over 35mph;
- The maximum speeds of outgoing vehicles demonstrate some worrying instances of speeding, some in excess of 70mph and many occurring during the middle of the day. No definite trends have yet been identified for these recordings.

Following discussion, Councillors agreed that the results should be used to compile a report to the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership to seek support in addressing the concerns and risks identified.

Resolved: The Clerk will prepare a report to the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership to seek its support in addressing the concerns and risks identified.

20/095 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION & INFORMATION ONLY UPDATES:

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

- (1) Councillor May raised an issue over a substantial increase in dog fouling on the open space at Church Bank and the surrounding footpaths. Following discussion, Councillors agreed that the issue needed to be highlighted and action taken to discourage this anti-social behaviour.

Resolved: The following actions were agreed:

- 1) The Chairman will prepare some signs to be displayed in the area, to a design previously used;
- 2) The matter will be reported in the Parish Council section of the March issue of OK View;
- 3) Councillors will seek to obtain evidence of any fouling, including photographs where possible; and
- 4) The Clerk will contact the City Council Dog Warden for advice on any further measures that may be taken.

OVER KELLET PARISH COUNCIL

CLERK'S REPORT:

- (2) **Lancashire Best Kept Village (LBKV) Competition 2021.** The Clerk reported that an invitation had been received for the Parish to participate in the 2021 LBKV competition. Judging this year would be carried out virtually. After consideration, Councillors agreed unanimously not to enter the competition on this occasion.

MEMBERS' REPORTS:

- (3) **LALC.** The Clerk reported that LALC were running a series of online training courses in the coming months. Councillor Johnson had expressed an interest.

Action: The Chairman agreed to consider the proposed programme and consider whether attendance would be beneficial.

- (4) **Quarries:** The Chairman had no new blasting activity to report, although Leapers Wood Quarry had received a recent letter from a resident about the strength of some blasts.

- (5) **Allotments:** Nothing to report.

- (6) **Village Hall.** Nothing to report.

- (7) **B4RN:** Work appeared to have been completed on 'the ginnel' (connecting Kellet Road at the Gables with Nether Kellet Road at Hall Cottage).

- (8) **Lengthsman:** No further matters reported.

- (9) **Other Matters.**

a) Kirkby Lonsdale Road Post Box

Councillor Metcalfe reported that the resident in whose wall the post box was previously located, had referred the matter to the MP for Morecambe and Lunesdale. It was understood that the MP had written to royal Mail about the failure to provide a replacement post box. The Clerk advised that he had once again emailed his contacts at Royal Mail about the matter but had received no reply. Councillors agreed unanimously that the matter should be escalated.

Action: The Clerk to liaise with Councillor Metcalfe in submitting a complaint to Royal Mail top management about the issue.

CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

- (10) County Councillor Williamson had no further matters to report. The Chairman thanked Councillor Williamson for her comprehensive 'Parish Update' newsletter.

20/096 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Payee & Detail	£
Derek Whiteway, Parish Clerk Salary, January 2021	174.46
HMRC – PAYE January 2021	41.60

Resolved: that the above accounts be paid.

OVER KELLET PARISH COUNCIL

20/097 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 9th March 2021, using Zoom video conferencing, commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm



Clerk of the Council



Chairman

Date: 3rd March 2021