

OVER KELLET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at the Over Kellet Village Hall on Tuesday, 8th February 2022 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillor Graham Agnew – Chairman
Councillors Steven Atkins, Derek Johnson, Martin May and Jean Metcalfe.
Derek Whiteway (Parish Clerk)

In attendance: 5 members of the public.

21/104 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Phillippa Williamson.

21/105 MEETING WITH THE CHAIR OF THE LANCASHIRE ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (LRSP)

The Chairman welcomed Andy Pratt, Deputy Police Commissioner and recently appointed LRSP Chair. Mr Pratt provided Councillors with a detailed and welcome account of how he is reviewing the LRSP to provide a more accessible and responsive service. He emphasised the inclusion of communities in future initiatives and had adopted a personal policy of not writing letters, preferring to visit and speak with bodies such as the Parish Council.

Mr Pratt provided several useful pointers to how the PC might seek to address ongoing concerns about traffic volumes, speed and dangerous driving and confirmed that he would be personally contactable to consider future issues and queries. The LRSP is seeking to refresh the Community Road Watch scheme, which had been in abeyance in recent years. An online briefing session on the CRW was being held on 17th February 2022.

Councillors and members of the public raised several local issues with Mr Pratt, who outlined what measures were currently available to help. Mr Pratt encouraged the Parish Council to submit any issues to the LRSP and refer them personally to him if Councillors feel it necessary.

The Chairman thanked Mr Pratt for attending and providing such a welcome introduction to his work with the LRSP. All agreed that the discussions provided scope for further consideration and liaison to improve road safety within the Parish.

21/106 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 11th JANUARY 2022

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on **Tuesday, 11th January 2022** be approved and signed without further amendment.

Matters Arising:

1) Minute 21/096(2) – Hedge overgrowth on public footpaths

Councillor Metcalfe reported that the Lengthsman has worked to improve the condition of footpath 1-24-FP9 between The Chapel on Kirkby Lonsdale Road and Nether Kellet Road and had removed the worst of the encroaching shrubbery. Further work will be necessary throughout the year and householders with gardens bordering the footpath are kindly asked to ensure their hedges are trimmed.

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Action: The Chairman will request a further message in OK View asking householders to tend to their properties' hedgerows.

A resident noted that the fallen signpost at the Nether Kellet Road end of the footpath had not yet been reinstated.

Action: Options for reinstating the fallen signpost will be discussed with the Lengthsman.

Councillor Metcalfe reported that the Lengthsman had also repaired the damaged steps on footpath 1-24-FP11 from Kirkby Lonsdale Road to Craggs Hill

2) Minute 21/096(4) – Post Office Outreach Service.

The Chairman confirmed that the service was commencing on Tuesday, 15th February 2022 and will operate from the Village Hall meeting room for two hours every Tuesday between 2pm and 4pm.

3) Minute 21/101(3) – Dog Fouling

A resident commented on the continuing problems of dog fouling within the village. Following discussion, Councillors agreed that a further visit by the City Council's Dog Warden should be requested.

Action: Councillors will liaise with the Clerk to provide a report to the Dog Warden on current issues and hotspots and ask for the Warden to visit.

4) Minute 21/101(5) – Quarries

Councillor Johnson reported that, following contact with the Leapers Wood Quarry manager, the problems leading to water accumulating on the water accumulating on the B6254 Kellet Road had been swiftly resolved.

21/107 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No further declarations or changes to existing declarations were made.

21/108 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
22/00043/FUL	Erection of a two storey rear extension, construction of a balcony and construction of a raised deck with external steps to the rear. 2 Longtons Cottages, Kirkby Lonsdale Road, Over Kellet. Resolved: No comments to be submitted

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Application No:	Description
22/00006/REF	<p>Planning Appeal – Refusal of application 21/00076/FUL. Change of use of amenity land for the siting of seven static caravans with associated amenity space and landscaping. Redwell Caravan Park, Kirkby Lonsdale Road, Arkholme.</p> <p>Resolved: No comments to be submitted</p>
22/00060/RCN 22/00061/RCN 22/00062/RCN	<p>Applications for the removal of a planning condition on planning permissions 01/00383/CU, 09/00988/CU and 97/00346/FUL (total of 149 units) to extend the opening season to 12 months per year. Old Hall Caravan Park, Capernwray Road, Capernwray.</p> <p>Resolved: No comments to be submitted</p>
22/00008/REF	<p>Planning Appeal – Refusal of application 20/01201/FUL Change of use of open space to site 3 static caravans, creation of caravan sales area, wetland and amenity areas, including laying of hardstanding, alterations to land levels and erection of retaining walls. Castle View Caravan Park, Borwick Road, Capernwray.</p> <p>Resolved: No further comments to be submitted</p>

21/109 UPDATE ON PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

21/110 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Chairman reported that an enquiry had been made about the possibility of organising a street party at the extended bank holiday weekend from 2nd to 5th June 2022, on Church Bank or (subject to obtaining permission) on the School field.

Following discussion of the practicalities and resources available, Councillors agreed that the Parish Council would encourage resident groups to plan events to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee over the extended bank holiday weekend. The PC would also be happy to support and advise residents on any arrangements and liaise with local Councils and other agencies if necessary.

A resident queried whether the Council had had any further thoughts about erecting a commemorative tree. Councillors and members of the public discussed several options, which were to be considered further, one of these being a location adjacent to the Greenways to Church Bank footpath currently being worked on by Fellside Homes.

Action: The Chairman will draft a letter to Fellside Homes seeking their views and possible support in erecting a Jubilee Commemorative tree on land bordering the Greenways to Church Bank footpath.

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21/111 PARISH PLAN

Due to time constraints, it was agreed that any further discussion on this item be deferred until the next Parish Council meeting.

21/112 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION & INFORMATION ONLY UPDATES: REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

(1) **Lighting levels within the village**

Councillor Metcalfe reported concerns about a general increase in external property lighting throughout the village and queried whether much of this was necessary or appropriate. Following discussion, Councillors agreed that the matter should be monitored as an environmental issue and considered for a future article in Ok View.

Action: Councillors will monitor external lighting levels within the village and consider whether an article in OK View on the associated environmental issues might be appropriate.

(2) **Stiles in disrepair**

A resident again reported issues over two dilapidated stiles on footpaths to the south-east of Church Bank. It was recognised that, given the County Council's policies for inspecting and maintaining Public Rights of Way, action to repair the stiles was unlikely in the short term. Councillors agreed to consider how best to address this issue.

Action: Councillors and the Clerk will investigate options for remedying the problem of the damaged stiles.

(3) **Kirklands Road pavement obstructions**

A resident reported concerns over vehicles and a skip obstructing the pavement and sand and other materials being washed on to the road on the bottom section of Kirklands Road. The concerns were thought to be associated with ongoing building works at one of the properties. Councillors agreed with the resident's concerns and agreed to write to the homeowner.

Action: The Parish Council will write to the homeowner about the concerns

(4) **Kellet Road pavements**

A resident reported that the pavement alongside the B6254 Kellet Road from the Millennium Stone to the junction with the B6601 was badly reduced in width in places by overgrowing verge. This made it difficult for pedestrians and particularly people with prams, pushchairs or wheelchairs. It was agreed that this should be reported to the County Council with a request for the pavement to be widened

Action: The Clerk will report the matter to the County Council and ask for overgrowing verge to be removed from the pavement.

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CLERK'S REPORT:

Nothing further to report.

MEMBERS' REPORTS:

- (5) **LALC.** Nothing to report.
- (6) **Quarries.** Councillor Johnson has produced a draft report into the results of the recent survey. The final report will be posted on the PC's website.

Action: Councillor Johnson and the Clerk will liaise to make copies of the report available to residents both electronically and in hard copy where required.

Councillor Johnson reported a very loud blast on 1st February 2022. He advised that the Parish Council is not able to report any complaints on behalf of individuals and that residents should contact the Quarry directly to report any complaints using the contact details given in OK View.

- (7) **Allotments.** Nothing to report.
- (8) **Village Hall.** Nothing further to report.
- (9) **B4RN.** Nothing to report.
- (10) **Lengthsman.** Nothing further to report.
- (11) **Other Matters.** No further matters were raised.

CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

County Councillor Williamson had recently sent through her monthly 'Parish and Town Council Update', which is now being published in full on the PC Website at <https://overkelletpc.org/county-councillors-updates/>

No further reports were received

21/113 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Payee & Detail	£
Mike Ashton - Lengthsman Services, January 2022	109.72
Over Kellet Village Hall – hire of room on 11 th January 2022	14.00
Derek Whiteway – Parish Clerk salary and expenses, January 2022	189.46
HMRC – PAYE deductions, January 2022	41.80
Tech-hub. Website hosting and domain renewal 2022	136.74

Resolved: That the above accounts are approved for payment

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21/114 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 8th March 2022 at the Over Kellet Village Hall, commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Clerk of the Council

Derek Whiteway

Chairman

Nathan C. Jones

Date: 2nd March 2022

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