

OVER KELLET PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance: 8 members of the public.

21/115 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies for absence were received from City Councillor Stuart Morris.

21/116 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY 2022

It was **RESOLVED** that, subject to the inclusion of an item relating to the Kellet Road pavement, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on **Tuesday, 8th February 2022** be approved and signed.

Matters Arising:

1) Minute 21/106(1) – Public footpaths

The Chairman suggested that the displaced signpost at the Nether Kellet Road end of footpath 1-24-FP9 could be attached to the SpID post. This was agreed and the Chairman agreed to ask the Lengthsman to attend to the matter.

Action: The Chairman will ask the Lengthsman to attach the displaced finger post to the Nether Kellet SpID pole.

2) Minute 21/106(2) – Post Office Outreach Service.

Early reports were that the service was operating effectively, although fairly quiet. It was agreed that further promotion would be helpful.

Action: The Clerk will include a promotional message in the Council's report for the April issue of OK View.

3) Minute 21/106(3) – Dog Fouling

The Clerk advised that arrangements had not yet been made for the City Council's Dog Warden to visit the village. Further information was required on fouling 'hotspots' and what the Council expected from the Dog Warden.

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

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4) Minute 21/110 – Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

It was noted that Fellside Homes had now planted trees on the triangular grassed area adjacent to the Church Bank to Greenways footpath 1-24-FP12. It was agreed that the Council could still ask Fellside Homes if they would consider dedicating this area and trees to commemorate the Jubilee.

A resident suggested that a commemorative tree could be planted in the Village Hall grounds. It was also suggested that the Woodland Trust might be consulted on an appropriate species for the location. Councillors agreed that the Village Hall should be consulted on this suggestion.

Action: The Clerk will write to Fellside Homes to ask if they will consider dedicating the triangular grassed area and trees adjacent to footpath 1-24-FP12 to the Platinum Jubilee.

The Clerk will also write to the Village Hall Committee to ask if they will consider planting a tree in the Hall grounds.

5) Minute 21/112(2) – Stiles in disrepair

The Chairman reported that the condition of the stiles on footpath 1-24-FP13 from Nether Kellet Road to Lower Addington was under review. It was noted that a resident had reported two damaged stiles to the County Council, who had no immediate plans to review their condition.

Action: The Council will continue to review the condition of stiles on footpath 1-24-FP13 with a view to securing appropriate repairs where possible.

6) Minute 21/112(3) – Kirklands Road pavement obstructions

Councillors and residents agreed that vehicles obstructing the pavement at the foot of Kirklands Road and the accumulation of waste material on the pavement and road continued to be an issue. A resident commented that hedge growth along the border of the property was now adding to the obstruction.

Action: The Clerk will write to the homeowner concerned about public safety issues being created at this location.

7) Minute 21/112(4) – Kellet Road pavements

The Clerk advised that he had reported the overgrown condition of the pavement to the County Council and requested that action be taken to restore it to its full usable width.

21/117 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

No further declarations or changes to existing declarations were made.

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21/118 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
22/00151/FUL	<p>Demolition of existing conservatory, construction of a new conservatory to rear elevation, and erection of a first floor extension to the front elevation. 8 Woodlands View, Over Kellet.</p> <p>Resolved: No comments to be submitted</p>
21/01424/FUL	<p>Demolition of three existing outbuildings and erection of a dwelling to form managers accommodation (C3), creation of raised terraces, erection of an outbuilding and installation of drainage infrastructure. Redwell Inn, Kirkby Lonsdale Road, Arkholme.</p> <p>Resolved: No comments to be submitted</p>
22/0038/TCA	<p>Acer Species (T1) - thin and reduce by 25% and reduce to previous pruning points, Silver Birch (T2) - thin and reduce by 25% and reduce to previous pruning points. 1 Greenbank Cottages, Kellet Road, Over Kellet.</p> <p>Resolved: No comments to be submitted</p>
22/00073/FUL	<p>Retrospective application for retention of an agricultural building with associated hardstanding areas, access track, and soakaway. Green Pastures, Capernwray Road, Capernwray.</p> <p>Resolved: A response is to be submitted objecting to the building on the grounds that it is not in accordance with previously submitted plans and has the appearance of an industrial rather than an agricultural structure.</p>
22/00237/CCC LCC/2022/0006	<p>County Council Consultation request for the variation of condition 1 of planning permission LCC/2016/0061 to allow for continued operation of the concrete batching plant until 21 February 2034, with all buildings, plant and associated equipment being removed and the site restored by 21 February 2035. Dunald Mill Quarry, Long Dales Lane, Nether Kellet.</p> <p>Resolved: No comments to be submitted</p>

21/119 UPDATE ON PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

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21/120 WITHERS CHARITY

The Chairman reported a proposal for the appointment of a resident as Trustee to the Withers Charity. Councillor May questioned whether the vacancy for a trustee needed to be advertised within the Parish and applications/nominations invited for the position.

Action: The Clerk will clarify and put in motion the appropriate procedures for inviting nominations and appointing a trustee to the Charity.

21/121 PARISH PLAN

(1) Noticeboards

The Chairman reported that a replacement noticeboard, to be placed in the Village Green recreational shelter, had now been received. The Lengthsman would be asked to install the noticeboard.

Action: The Chairman will arrange with the Lengthsman for the new noticeboard to be installed in the recreation shelter.

(2) SpID

The Clerk reported that, following a period of intermittent operation over the winter, the SpID was now fully operational, and the battery was showing as fully charged. Councillors agreed that no further action be taken at this stage regarding procurement of a spare battery or charger, but that the Council needed to be mindful of the issues during the winter and periods of short daylight hours.

(3) Road Safety Issues

Following the visit of the Andy Pratt, the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) Chairman to the February meeting, the Chairman had attended an online presentation by the LRSP on the Community Road Watch scheme. Following discussion, Councillors agreed that the Council should take up Mr Pratt's offer to visit the Parish again at a suitable future date.

21/122 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION & INFORMATION ONLY UPDATES:

REPORTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

(1) Potholes and road surface issues

Two residents advised that they had reported to the County Council a significant pothole on Nether Kellet Road near the Eagles Head public house. Consulting the County Council website, the Clerk confirmed that there was a 'live' report (fault ref W671545 from 26/02/2022) at this location as well as one that was noted as having been attended to.

Action: The County Council's progress with fault ref W671545 will be monitored.

A resident reported that road surface patching work on Nether Kellet Road near Kirk House had deteriorated further.

Action: The status of this work will be investigated and monitored.

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A resident and Councillor Metcalfe reported that markings on Kirkby Lonsdale Road near Winder Garth had now gone. It was thought that the markings had indicated a dip in the road that required remedial work.

Action: The status of this issue and planned work will be investigated.

A resident reported that there had previously been a 'SLOW' sign painted on the Nether Kellet Road (for vehicles approaching the village centre) was now worn away. Councillors agreed that the County Council should be asked to reinstate this sign.

Action: The County Council will be asked to reinstate the 'SLOW' sign on the Nether Kellet Road.

(2) **United Utilities work on the Village Green**

The Chairman and Clerk reported that they had discussed with the Lengthsman the damage caused to the Village Green by a recent United Utilities (UU) job. The Lengthsman is assessing the damage and will provide the Clerk with an estimated cost of remediation. The Clerk will then issue a report and claim to UU.

Action: The Council will liaise with the Lengthsman to ensure the Village Green is appropriately restored and that a claim for compensation is issued to United Utilities.

(3) **Footpath 1-24-FP9 (Nether Kellet Road to the Chapel, Kirkby Lonsdale Road)**

A resident asked if anything could be done about the surface of footpath 1-24-FP9 which is badly deteriorated in many places. Councillors agreed that action was necessary but that resurfacing the path would be beyond the Parish Council's means. The Clerk advised that the appropriate course of action would be a report to the County Council PRow Team to seek their advice and request repair work.

Action: The Clerk will liaise with Councillor Metcalfe to produce a report to the County Council PRow Team and request that the footpath is resurfaced.

CLERK'S REPORT:

(4) **Application for a DMMO, Sands Lane.**

The Clerk reported that the County Council was consulting on a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) application from the British Horse Society for a Public Bridleway to be added to the Definitive Map for a path/route connecting Kirkby Lonsdale Road and Nether Kellet Road at Kirk House via Sands Lane. Councillors agreed that the application should be supported in principle but expressed concerns about safety risks at both ends of the proposed route. On balance, Councillors felt that the route would be more suited to a Public Footpath for pedestrians than a bridleway permitting riders and cyclists.

Action: The Clerk will submit a consultation response expressing the Council's support in principle, but setting out Councillors concerns over safety issues and a view that the route is more suited to a public footpath designation than a bridleway.

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(5) **Ukrainian Refugee Relief.**

The Clerk had received an email from the City Council advising of a fundraising page established to help provide relief to the many Ukrainians seeking refuge in Lancaster's Polish twin town of Lublin (sited close to the Ukrainian border). A news post with full details is now on the Parish Council website at <https://overkelletpc.org/ukraine-lublin-refugee-appeal/>

(6) **City Councillor representation**

Councillors were aware that Nether Kellet Parish Council had lodged a formal complaint with the City Council about the conduct of the Ward Councillor, Stuart Morris. Considering this, and Over Kellet Parish Council's own experiences, the Clerk asked if Councillors wished to take any further action at this stage. Following discussion, Councillors agreed that a further letter should be sent to Councillor Morris stressing the value of, and asking for, his active support when requested.

Action: The Clerk will write to City Councillor Morris stressing the value to the Parish of his input as Ward Councillor, and asking for his active support when requested.

MEMBERS' REPORTS:

(7) **LALC.** The Chairman advised that local LALC meetings were to be resumed.

(8) **Quarries.** Councillor Johnson's report into the results of the recent survey was now on the Parish Council website and hard copies would be provided on request. Councillor Johnson reported that vibration figures for recent blasts were well within limits but that air over-pressure readings were close to guideline levels. Councillor Johnson suggested that the quarry operators might be asked to make a presentation to a future meeting to explain the readings and in particular the air over-pressure impacts.

Action: The PC will request that the differences between ground and air pressure waves and their significance be included in the Community Engagement element of the application for the extension of the quarry operating period.

(9) **Allotments.** Nothing to report.

(10) **Village Hall.** Nothing further to report.

(11) **B4RN.** Nothing to report.

(12) **Lengthsman.** The Lengthsman had provided an update on activity along with his invoice and timesheet for February 2022. It was noted that a previous suggestion that the Lengthsman might dispose of grass cuttings as compost at the village allotments had yet to be progressed.

Action: The Clerk will write to the Chair of the Allotments Association requesting that arrangements be made to enable the Lengthsman to dispose of grass cuttings at the allotments.

The Chairman reported that crocuses planted on the Village Green in memory of former

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Parish Chairman John Cooper were now in bloom. It was proposed to install a commemorative plaque on the recreation shelter at the Green.

(13) **Other Matters.** No further matters were raised.

CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

County Councillor Williamson reminded Councillors about the 'Highways Special' Parish and Town Council Conference being held at County Hall on Saturday, 19th March.

21/123 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Payee & Detail	£
Mike Ashton - Lengthsman Services, February 2022	181.92
Over Kellet Village Hall – hire of room on 8 th February 2022	14.00
Derek Whiteway – Parish Clerk salary and expenses, February 2022	212.78
HMRC – PAYE deductions, February 2022	52.20
Dennis Barnfield – Mower Service and Repairs	565.04

Resolved: That the above accounts are approved for payment

21/124 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 12th April 2022 at the Over Kellet Village Hall, commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm

Clerk of the Council



Chairman



Date: 12th April 2022