

OVER KELLET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at the Over Kellet Village Hall on Tuesday, 9th April 2024 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillor Graham Agnew – Chairman
Councillors David Burns, Josie Candlin, William Candlin, Derek Johnson, Liz Moody and Mathew Towers.
Derek Whiteway (Parish Clerk)

In attendance: 5 members of the public.

24/001 Apologies For Absence

Apologies were received from City Councillor McGowan and County Councillor Williamson.

24/002 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 12th March 2024

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 12th March 2024 be approved and signed without further amendment.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

1. Minute 23/125(4) Highways Weed Spraying & Maintenance.

Following a referral by Councillor Williamson, Lancashire County Council had replied with information regarding scheduled weed spraying work for 2024. Councillors agreed to monitor the service provided.

2. Minute 23/130 Village Hall request for maintenance work.

Councillor Moody advised of discussions held with representatives of the Village Hall. Work is required to clear side of the Village Hall gardens and weeds around the building at the rear (facing Leaper's View). Details of the work are required, but it was felt that volunteers should be able to maintain the area following clearance.

Councillors agreed that the Lengthsman should be asked to look at the task and advise.

Action: The Lengthsman will be asked to inspect the site and advise on the work required.

3. Minute 23/133(1) Post Box.

The Chairman reported that he had sent an email to the City Council's Conservation Team regarding a lack of consultation over the post box having been painted black. A response was awaited. The Chairman had also spoken with the new owners of the property, who had indicated they were happy for the post box to be repainted and re-opened.

24/003 Declarations of Interest

None.

24/004 New Planning Consultations

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

Application No:	Description
24/0054/TPO	T1 and T2 - Sycamores - Crown reduction by 30% Shenstone, The Green, Over Kellet. Resolved: No comments to be submitted
24/0064/TCA	T1 - Fell, T2 (Beech) - general tidy, T3 (Oak) - 1/3 reduction, T4 (Beach) - general tidy and 1/3 reduction, T5 - Thinned and reduced T6 (bank of trees) - general tidy. Shenstone, The Green, Over Kellet. Resolved: No comments to be submitted
24/00314/FUL	Erection of 5 dwellings and garages, construction of internal access roads, driveways and associated landscaping. Old Hall Farm, Kirkby Lonsdale Road, Over Kellet. Councillor Johnson suggested that the planners should be asked to start implementing DM44 relating to biodiversity gains, by incorporating a requirement for bat boxes and swift boxes into the development. Doing so was an opportunity for the enhancement of a suitable habitat. Resolved: No objection in principle. But ask that the Planners use the opportunity to require measures to be incorporated to implement policy DM44.
24/00308/FUL	Installation of three windows to the south elevation. Unit 6 Oakwood Way Carnforth Business Park Carnforth Resolved: No comments to be submitted

2) Other Planning Matters

Self-Storage Containers at the Redwell Inn. It was noted that hedges had been planted along the site boundary. There were 4 containers in place at the moment. Councillors agreed that City Councillor Sommerville should be consulted.

Action: City Councillor Sommerville will be asked for an update.

Kellet Bridge Farm site. The Chairman advised that questions over lorry movements from the site were not yet resolved. Councillor Burns reported that articulated lorries had allegedly been entering the village from that area in the early hours of the morning, carrying cattle to take to the slaughterhouse.

The Traffic Commissioners had advised that they can grant permission for traffic movement, but that permission for the site was a matter for the County and City Councils. Councillors agreed that County Councillor Williamson should be asked to look into the matter again.

Action: County Councillor Williamson will be asked to again look into the Council's concerns.

24/005 Planning Authority Decisions

The Clerk presented an update report, which was accepted and noted by Councillors.

Resolved: That the Clerk's report is noted

24/006 80th Anniversary of D-Day.

Councillor Josie Candlin reported that she had emailed the village bell ringer, Jubilee Bells co-ordinator, St Oswald's Church and the School about the D-Day anniversary. It was agreed that a short item in OK View would be helpful, and the Council should support the idea of an event involving ringing the bells.

Councillor William Candlin reported back on the availability and cost of beacons and lanterns being marketed for the event. Councillor Johnson suggested that alternatively, residents could be encouraged to produce their own lanterns and make a donation to appropriate charity. Councillors favoured this suggestion.

Councillors agreed that the Council should strongly request a ringing of the bells to mark the event.

Action: The Council will request a ringing of the bells to mark the anniversary.

24/007 Footpaths.

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to residents about foliage overhanging the footpath from Bay View to Kirkby Lonsdale. The residents were aware of the issue and that work was required. Councillor Burns offered to assist the residents if required.

It was noted that the newly designated Bridleway on Sands Lane is now live on MARIO maps.

The Chairman advised of an estimate of £5.6k obtained for resurfacing work to the Kirklands footpath. The Clerk advised that this could not be met from current Council fund balances. Councillors agreed that this information and a request for attention be sent to Lancashire County Council.

Action: The County Council will be asked to inspect the footpath and consider the estimate obtained by the Parish Council. Other sources of funding for the work will be investigated.

The Chairman had also received an estimate of £500 for work to repair the cobbled corners of the Village Green. Councillors agreed that clarification was needed of the extent of the work and whether road closures might be necessary.

Action: The contractor providing the estimate will be asked to clarify the extent of the proposed works and whether any road closure/traffic management services would be necessary

24/008 Local Delivery Scheme and Biodiversity Small Grants Scheme

Councillor Johnson reported that he had visited most of the applicants for a bat/swift box and he was liaising with a group established by Carnforth Town Council. Information on suppliers and the cost of boxes was being gathered. The village handyman had indicated that he would be able to fit the boxes.

24/009 Designation of an Asset of Community Value (ACV)

The Council's application for designation of the Eagles Head as an ACV had been submitted on 14th March. An acknowledgement had been received on 25th March with no indication of the likely timescale for decision.

24/010 Civility and Respect Project.

After a brief discussion, Councillors resolved not to take any action on the project.

Resolved: That no action be taken on the Civility and Respect project

24/011 Adjournment For Public Discussion and Information Only Updates:

Reports and Questions from Members of The Public:

Bus Service during closure of Nether Kellet Road. The Chairman had corresponded with County Councillor Williamson on the cancellation of the bus service during the road closure. Councillor Williamson had agreed to enquire whether any alternative arrangements could be made to ensure an ongoing service.

Action: The Council will liaise with County Councillor Williamson to seek a solution to the temporary cancellation of the bus service.

Clerk's Report:

Nothing further to report

Members' Reports:

1. LALC.

A meeting of the Local Area Committee had been called for Wednesday, 22nd May at Morecambe Town Hall at 7.00pm. In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Josie Candlin volunteered to attend.

Action: Councillor Josie Candlin will attend the meeting of the Local Area Committee on Wednesday, 22nd May.

2. Quarries.

The Chairman had attended a Quarry Liaison meeting on 13th March 2024. Minutes were awaited.

Public Meeting in the Village Hall on 3rd April. 15 people had attended the event and the organisers had been pleased with the turnout. The Quarries are to produce a non-technical summary of impacts and mitigations, etc. A link to the document(s) will be added to the Parish Council's website.

3. Allotments. No feedback had been received from the recent district-wide allotments study by LESS. All the Over Kellet allotments were currently taken, with a waiting list in place.

4. Village Hall. Nothing further to report.

5. Lengthsman. The Chairman reported that he was discussing with the Lengthsman arrangements for installing the picnic benches on Church View.

6. Other Matters.

It was noted that a 30mph speed limit sign opposite the Millennium Stone on the South side of Kellet Road was damaged and needed repair.

Action: The damaged 30mph speed limit sign opposite the Millennium Stone on the South side of Kellet Road will be reported to County Highways.

City and County Councillors' Reports:

None received.

24/012 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Payee & Detail	£
Over Kellet Village Hall – Room Hire on 12/03/2024	14.00
Over Kellet Village Hall – Post Office Outreach Service Room Hire, December 2023 to March 2024. 16 days x 2 hours/day	112.00
Mike Ashton. Lengthsman Services, February – April 2024	48.00
Derek Whiteway – Parish Clerk salary and expenses, March 2024	337.80
HMRC – PAYE deductions, March 2024	84.40
LALC – 2024/25 Subscription	189.84
Cllr GA – expenses. Emergency Plan resources/fuel	10.28

Resolved: That the above accounts are approved for payment

24/013 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 14th May April 2024 at the Over Kellet Village Hall, commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Clerk of the Council

Chairman

Date: