

OVER KELLET PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held at the Over Kellet Village Hall on Tuesday, 11th February 2025 at 7.15pm

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

In attendance: 9 members of the public.

24/089 Apologies For Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Mathew Towers.

24/090 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 14th January 2025

The Clerk reported that an amendment had been made to the previously circulated draft minutes to recognise that Councillors had agreed to consider at a future meeting the provision of public open space in the Kellet Gardens development.

Resolved: That, subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday, 14th January 2025 be approved and signed without further amendment.

24/091 Declarations of Interest

None

24/092 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
24/01412/FUL	Erection of five silos. Lower Addington Farm, Birkland Barrow Road, Nether Kellet. Councillor Johnson expressed a view that the proposed silos were, in the long-term, environmentally friendly and sustainable, saving a large amount of road transport. It was acknowledged that there would still be a noise. County Councillor Williamson reported that she had been in communication with several Swarthdale residents, who remained very upset over the lack of action on the previously issued planning enforcement order. Resolved: Following discussion, Councillors agreed that a response be submitted, not objecting to the proposal, but expressing ongoing concerns over noise from the milling operation and acknowledging the comments made by Swarthdale residents regarding lack of enforcement action on the previous installation.
25/00120/FUL	Erection of dormers to front and rear, installation of roof window to front, demolition of existing garage and lean-to, erection of two storey side extension, new porch to front. La Panne, Craggs Hill, Over Kellet. Resolved: No comments to be submitted

2) Planning Authority Decisions

The Clerk presented an update report, which was accepted and noted by Councillors. There had been no new planning decisions made since the last meeting

Resolved: That the Clerk's report is noted

3) Other Planning Matters

Redwell Inn – Self-Storage Containers and Glamping Pods.

A resident enquired about progress with planning enforcement at the site, expressing concerns over the extent and adequacy of the action being taken, with particular concerns regarding power supplies, waste water and sewage discharge arrangements.

Following discussion, Councillors agreed that the resident should be authorised to liaise directly with City Councillor Sommerville on this matter.

24/093 Nether Kellet Road Bus Stop

A resident had raised concerns about the adequacy waiting area at the Nether Kellet Road stop for buses to Carnforth opposite the entrance to Church Bank. The resident's concerns were that the waiting space is generally only about 65cm in width, and is limited in length, therefore not meeting expected standards and creating a safety hazard

for bus users. It was suggested that options to widen and extend the waiting area should be explored.

County Councillor Williamson advised that she had consulted County Highways, who had advised that, structurally it would not be possible to do anything to extend the area back from the bus stop.

Councillors and members of the public discussed the matter, concluding that there was no realistic opportunity at present to extend the waiting area. It was agreed that arrangements should be discussed with Stagecoach for passengers to wait on the opposite side of the road until the bus arrives and for the driver to wait until they had had the opportunity to safely cross the road and board the bus. County Councillor Williamson agreed to make enquiries via the County Council's arrangements with Stagecoach.

24/094 Consultations

The Clerk reported that the following consultation invitations had been received recently:

- a) Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) consultation on Standards called "Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England"- This consultation seeks views on introducing measures to strengthen the standards and conduct regime in England and ensure consistency of approach amongst councils investigating serious breaches of their member codes of conduct, including the introduction of the power of suspension. Deadline 28th February 2025
- b) Lancaster City Council, via an agency organisation, Opinion Research Services (ORS). Consultation seeking information to inform the development of a Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA), and the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) for 2025. As a part of these assessments, Parish Councils were being asked to complete a survey for both the GTAA and the SHMA. Deadline is the end of March 2025.

24/095 Public Discussion.

Footpaths (esp FP0124009)

A resident commented that FP0124009 continued to be covered by fallen leaves, making it hazardous. The Chairman agreed to ask the Lengthsman to clear the footpath.

The Chairman also reported that he was due to meet with the Lengthsman to arrange work on the surface of this footpath using reclaimed highways materials to be provided by Lancashire County Council.

Pavement Parking on Capernwray Road

A Capernwray Road resident expressed thanks to the Parish Council and County Council for work to alleviate the recent flooding on the road. The resident then went on to express further concerns about the continued parking of vehicles on the new pavement by the Kellet Gardens housing development. Councillors agreed that a letter be sent to the owners of the Tithe Barn about the matter and the Police be advised of the ongoing issues.

Action: The Clerk will write to the owners of the Tithe Barn about the matter and will update the Police of the ongoing issues.

24/096 Information Only Updates:

Clerk's Report:

Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTROs)

- a) An Urgent formal notification had been issued for the closure of Kellet Lane, Over Kellet from 29th January to 18th February 2025, this required for repairs to damaged Kellet Lan canal bridge. Councillors discussed the recurring incidence of damage to the bridge and County Councillor Williamson agreed to enquire about the potential for further vehicle weight restrictions to be implemented.
- b) An initial notification had been issued for the closure of part of Nether Kellet Road and The Ginnel, Over Kellet, from 7th to 16th April 2025, this to enable Network Plus to excavate approximately 65 metres of track in the carriageway, to install and joint cable for Low Voltage reinforcement works for Electricity North West.

Members' Reports:

1. LALC.

The Chairman and Councillor Josie Candlin had attended an informal meeting at Morecambe Town Hall on Wednesday, 15th January. The scheduled formal LALC meeting had been cancelled without notice and an informal meeting had taken place amongst those who turned up. Matters discussed had included: Police matters, including recent crime trends; issues surrounding CCTV, dashcams and doorbell cameras; cycleway markings, pedestrianised areas and regulation of e-bikes.

2. Quarries.

No new information to report. Still waiting to hear details of a new manager at Leapers Wood Quarry (Tarmac).

3. Allotments.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted Lancaster City Council about the lease renewal process (the current lease expires at the end of March 2025). The City Council had advised that several allotment leases were due for renewal and the lease agreements had been sent to external solicitors for review before commencing the renewal process. In the meantime, existing leases would hold over on the same terms until either party brought it to an end.

4. Village Hall.

A meeting of the Village Hall Committee was scheduled for Monday, 3rd March 2025.

Councillor Moody advised that a new 'Theatre Extravaganza' play was being prepared for 28th and 29th March 2025, details to be advertised in the March issue of Over Kellet View.

5. Lengthsman.

The Chairman is due to meet with the Lengthsman to arrange work to repair the surface of footpath FP0124009 using reclaimed road rubble to be provided by Lancashire County Council.

6. Biodiversity and Environment.

Councillor Johnson reported increased interest in the installation of more bat boxes. The Parish Council is also considering arrangements to provide a new information board at The Dub; plans and costings are being developed for the Council to consider.

7. Other Matters.

Councillor Josie Candlin reported that the future of Over Kellet View magazine was currently 'at risk', with the current editors not being able to continue with the role. A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, 12th February 2025 to discuss options for the future.

City and County Councillors' Reports:

County Councillor Williamson had nothing further to report. Her Parish Update newsletters were now being delivered by hand to each property in the parish.

24/097 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Payee & Detail	£
Over Kellet Village Hall – Hire of Hall on 14 th January 2025	14.00
Derek Whiteway – Parish Clerk salary and expenses, January 2025	243.95
HMRC – PAYE deductions, January 2025	61.20
Resolved: That the above accounts are approved for payment	

24/098 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Council meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 11th March 2025 at the Over Kellet Village Hall, commencing at 7.15pm.

The meeting closed at 8:42pm

Clerk of the Council

Derek Whiteway

Chairman

Matthew L. Jones

Date: 11th March 2025