

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9 January 2023 at 7:30 pm, at the Parish Council Offices, 1 London Road, Kegworth

Present: Cllrs P Gatt, M Hawskworth, A Priestley, C Sewell, H Stanney, R Sutton , H Williams, also Clerk D Griggs, and three members of the public.

01/23 **Apologies for Absence:** None

02/23 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Hawskworth declared an interest in minute 13/23, as a member of the King George V Playing Fields Committee.

03/23 **Chairman’s Announcements (for information only):** It was announced that the Clerk had received confirmation she had passed the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA) qualification on 16 December 2022. The Council congratulated the Clerk on this achievement. The chairman reminded councillors about the East Midlands Airport Future Airspace consultation and asked councillors to get involved. The chairman thanked the Clerk for enabling the Kegworth Air Crash Memorial Service on 8 January and for dealing with a burglar alarm issue in December. He also thanked councillors for volunteering for the Great Winter Get Together events arranged for later in the month.

04/23 **Review Current Position with Regards to Filling the Council’s Vacant Seats:** It was reported that there had not been any further expressions of interest in the vacancies.

05/23 **Public Participation:** Members of the public did not wish to speak on items on the agenda.

06/23 **Police Report:** PC Martindale gave an update on crimes in Kegworth for the month. There had been four crimes, one theft of parcels from a doorstep, two thefts from a village shop, and one of criminal damage to a motor vehicle. He acknowledged that car cruising was still a problem in the area and advised this was a county-wide problem and not just a problem in Kegworth. There had been four car meets over the period 26 December 2022 to 7 January 2023. Units had attended and dispersed the cars. Any members of the public with car registrations, dash cam footage or video images should provide these to the Police for investigation via 101, or to PC Martindale directly. Councillors resolved to write to send a letter to the Chief Constable, the Police & Crime Commissioner, and Leics County Council about the ongoing issues. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley, unanimously agreed.

07/23 **Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 5 December 2022:** Councillors resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting 5 December 2022. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed.

08/23 **Receive an Update on the Bus Registration Changes (if any) and make any Necessary Decisions:** Cllr Sutton gave an update on the situation, advising that the Skylink service had been temporarily reinstated to run Monday to Friday only until the end of the financial year. It was resolved to set up an online petition and distribute a leaflet encouraging use of the service, with a covering note from the Parish Council and for Cllrs Sutton and Williams to meet with Notts representatives about it. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Gatt, 6 in favour, one abstention.

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09/23 **Consider an Additional Donation Bank on the Village Hall Car Park:** Councillors resolved not to have an additional donation bank on the village hall car park. (4 against, 3 for)

10/23 **Consider Any Response to the Revisions to Rushcliffe Borough Council's Consultation on the Proposed LDO for Ratcliffe on Soar Power Station:** It was resolved to respond stressing the importance of maintaining cross-county boundary public transport links and connectivity with EM Parkway for villages in Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire and to request that the traffic management study for local roads includes roads in and around Kegworth. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley, unanimously agreed.

11/23 **Finance:**

- a. The Council's expenditure against cost centre budgets year to date was reviewed and total bank balances were noted of £249,391.90 as at 4 January 2023.
- b. It was proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Williams and unanimously resolved to approve the following accounts for payment:

Invoice Date	Payee		Amount inc VAT £
01.12.22	Midshire Business Systems Ltd	Telephone Charges	6.79
05.12.22	Craig Miller	Window Cleaning November 2022	14.00
01.12.22	Amazon	Fire Blanket	12.84
06.12.22	2Commune	Website Hosting, Support & Annual Licence	858.00
12.12.22	British Gas Lite	Gas Charges - Parish Office	46.19
12.12.22	Nest Pensions	Staff Pension Contributions	277.86
12.12.22	S Cox	Travel Expenses	2.60
18.12.22	Greenwash Derby	Bus Shelter Clean	20.00
19.12.22	Midshire Business Systems Ltd	Telephone Charges	6.79
21.12.22	J A Kent Services Ltd	Grounds Maintenance Contract	1271.10
22.12.22	Barclaycard	Newsletter Printing & Mulch for Sideley Park	358.03
22.12.22	Personnel Advice & Solutions	Personnel Services	120.00
28.12.22	British Gas Lite	Gas Charges - Parish Office	46.19
28.12.22	Staff	Staff Salaries & National Insurance Contributions	2919.62
29.12.22	SWALEC/SSE	Electricity Charges - Parish Office	48.07
31.12.22	Nat West Plc	Bank Charges	15.00
04.01.22	John Tyers Electrical	Removal of Christmas Lights	840.00
26.11.22	Waterplus	Water Charges - Cemetery	2.17
23.12.22	Waterplus	Water Charges - Parish Office	17.80
05.01.23	Practical Gardening	Sideley Park Garden Maintenance	240.00
09.01.23	D Griggs	Wreath for Air Crash Memorial Service from Frederikas	60.00
04.01.23	Smart Platform Rental Ltd	Cherry Picker Hire	498.00
		Total	£7,681.05

- c. Cllr Hawskworth confirmed he had carried out a check of the bank reconciliations for Quarter 3 (October to December) and reported no issues.
- d. It was resolved to support the expenditure budget of £219,992, as agreed at the December meeting (minute 203/22c), with a precept request of £126,950, the latter being expected to generate a per household Band D precept of £94.39, a 0.074% increase on 2022/23. The increase was smaller than anticipated due to the tax base figure increasing to 1345 (from 1281 in 2022/23). Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Williams, unanimously agreed.
- e. Councillors resolved to purchase as many hanging baskets as was needed from Plantscape, with watering, delivery/installation, removal and collection included, at the price given in their quote AM221101KEGWORTH DATED 1 November 2022, as long as the total cost remains within the budget agreed. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Stanney, unanimously agreed.

- f. Councillors resolved to approve the quotes from Sintec Electrical Ltd and Alan Barnacle for the installation of a new section of armour cable for the floodlighting in St Andrew's churchyard. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley, unanimously agreed.

12/23 Consider Correspondence from *OneKegworth* and make any Necessary Decisions: It was resolved to support the Christmas Market for 2023 by paying the invoices for the security stewards and the portable toilets, but to review costs with *OneKegworth* in October 2023 (to fit in with the Council's budget setting timelines) before making a decision for the following year. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Stanney, 5 in favour, 2 abstentions. It was also resolved to ask *OneKegworth* to provide a clear account of how the £750 paid by the Parish Council as a grant in December 2022 had been used. Proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley, unanimously agreed.

13/23 Agree Membership of a Working Group to Consider Past and Emerging Issues Relating to the Council's Field in Trust (King George V) and Agree Response to Email about Extension to the Cricket Club Pavilion: Cllr Hawksworth had declared an interest in this as a member of the Playing Fields Committee. He left the room for this agenda item. It was resolved that Cllrs Priestley, Williams, Stanney and Sutton would be members of the working party considering issues relating to the King George V field. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Sutton, unanimously agreed. It was also resolved to give permission for the extension to the cricket club pavilion. Proposed by Cllr Priestley, seconded by Cllr Stanney, unanimously agreed.

14/23 Note Receipt of a Response to the Council's Freedom of Information Request Regarding Properties with Council Tax Exemption and Agree Actions: Councillors noted receipt of a response to their request. They noted anomalies in the data that required clarification and unanimously resolved to write to the District Council asking for written clarification or a meeting to go through the data.

15/23 Extension of the Meeting: It was proposed by Cllr Sutton, seconded by Cllr Priestley and unanimously resolved that the meeting continue beyond 9.30pm.

16/23 Planning:

- a. Planning applications were considered by councillors and it was resolved to make no comment on 22/01869/ADC – Display of replacement internally illuminated projecting hanging sign, Heritage Centre, 52 High Street . It was resolved to object to planning applications 22/01710/FUL – Change of use of an existing annexe to short-let accommodation, 38 Bridge Street, and 22/01939/VCUM – Erection of 3 no. office buildings, access, car parking, landscaping and associated works approved under planning permission 18/02227/FULM without complying with Condition 15 so as to allow for an alternative timescale for submission and approval of access details, EM Point Finger Farm Site J23A M1 Castle Donington, with arising comments agreed for submission.
- b. Councillors noted that permission had been granted for application 22/01548/FUL, 3 Marriott Court, change of use of private dwelling to small HMO for 4 people.

The meeting closed at 9:35 pm.

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