

Kinnerley Parish Council

Minutes of the **Meeting of Kinnerley Parish Council** on **25th November 2024** at **Kinnerley Parish Hall**.

Present: Cllrs Nick Barclay, Mandy Chapman, Mark Cuthbert-Brown, Charles Green (Chairman), Richard Greening, Desmond Hudson, Lorraine Jones, Maurice Jones, James Peto, Sharon Quayle.

In attendance: 21 member of the public, Cllr Vince Hunt (Shropshire Council) and Ian Cruise-Taylor, Parish Clerk

1. **To note apologies for absence:** Cllr Alan Lewis
2. **To note declarations of interest and consider requests for dispensation:** Cllrs Desmond Hudson and Lorraine Jones declared an interest in relation to proposals regarding Kinnerley Shop and associated developments; Cllr Mandy Chapman declared an interest in planning application 24/04120/OUT, although none of these declarations had a pecuniary element.
3. **To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th October:** for signature by the Chairman. Council approved the minutes for signature.
4. **Public participation session**

One member of the public queried whether the Kinnerley shop would continue if the proposed development did not go ahead, and the owner indicated that efforts would be made to ensure that it did.
5. **Parish matters**
 - a) **To receive a report from Unitary Councillor:** Cllr Vince Hunt (Shropshire Council) reported that
 - The withdrawal of staff and services from Shirehall was underway to be completed by early January
 - 2 members of staff had received awards under the National Social Care Awards scheme
 - there had been a marginal improvement in the Council's financial position
 - the Council had been advised that a White Paper was being consulted on regarding the future arrangement of unitary authorities with proposals for Combined Authorities, introduction of elected mayors and removal of the Police and Crime Commissioner role, moving those responsibilities into the Combined Authority, which could bring with it changes to the relationship between health services and local government
 - the Shropshire Local Plan proposals had been halted by Inspectors

Councillors commented on the new system for accessing recycling depots, which while generally positive, might benefit from a more streamlined booking process.
 - b) **To receive a report from Clerk, to include action log – and agree any next steps:** Council noted the report
 - c) **To receive a report back on any developments regarding flooding and agree any next steps:**
 - although Storm Bert had caused widespread flooding, no reported flooding of properties
 - the planned work on Molverley Bridge had been completed

- the Severn Valley Water Management Scheme will provide consultation drop-in events in the coming weeks
- it was agreed to engage Shropshire Council and Environment Agency in discussions about enabling residents to be updated about water levels at the Dunket Sluice

d) To receive a Police report:

- i. Presentation and discussion led by Inspector Claire Greenaway. Inspector Greenaway identified speeding (especially near the Kinnerley School) but on rural roads in general, Anti-Social Behaviour and substance misuse as three key topics and invited:
 - the council to view a video on County Lines,
 - to note that there had been no reports of ASB, and encouraged councillors and members of the public to report any incidents
 - to provide information about specific locations where speeding is prevalent so that police resources including cameras can be deployed to best effect
 - to engage with the Rural and Business Crime Officer regarding any agricultural vehicle issues

e) To report any Highways or other parish matters:

- i. To receive an update regarding Freedom Fibre: Council noted the further discussion with Freedom Fibre and the proposed public meeting on 28th November
- ii. To note a report back from discussions with representatives of Kinnerley Parish Hall regarding outdoor adult gym equipment and Halston Field Gate/access: Council noted that there had been agreement to work collectively with the public on plans to install new equipment; and to install a new accessible entrance next to the current gate and to re-instate the stile. It was agreed that joint working groups with members of the public and the Parish Hall where appropriate was a good way forward on the Council's future plans
- iii. To approve the use of the playing field for the Kinnerley Beer Festival May 25: Council agreed to this proposal
- iv. To determine a response to the Government's consultation on remote/hybrid meetings and proxy voting: Council agreed to delegate authority to the Parish Clerk to respond on the basis of opposing proxy voting and generally in favour of greater flexibility for councillors to attend meetings remotely
- v. Clerk to seek an update on faulty streetlights
- vi. Council noted the cancellation of hearings for the Shropshire Local Plan
- vii. Council agreed to explore the possibility of a defibrillator in Pentre.

6. Planning – see appendix A

a) **To receive a presentation regarding proposals for the Kinnerley Shop (taken within the meeting after item 3 of the agenda):** Council received a presentation on development proposals concerning the Kinnerley Shop, proposed café, community space and dwellings. In discussion, Councillors:

- confirmed that this was the second most popular site for development within its neighbourhood plan and confirmed their support for the continuation of a shop in the village
- drew attention to concerns about the impact of the development on road safety and parking due to the increase in vehicular traffic;
- sought clarification regarding the future of the shop as a post office, which was confirmed by the owner;
- queried the density of the proposed dwellings, whether the application met the Council's neighbourhood plan and whether the number of proposed dwellings was correct
- noted that the shop may be considered in the future to be run as a community asset and

- suggested the owner/architect hold a public meeting
- b) **Planning decisions for information** - noted
- c) **Planning applications/appeals for decision** - To consider and determine response(s) see appendix A
- d) **To delegate authority for determining responses to planning applications to the Chairman, relevant ward councillors and Parish Clerk:** Council approved the proposed delegation.

7. Financial Matters:

- i. Council noted Receipts to end of October 2024: none
- ii. Council approved Payments: see appendix B
- iii. Council approved Bank Reconciliation, see appendix B
- iv. Council received an update regarding the setting up of a deposit account and agreed to proceed using Unity Trust while exploring CCLA
- v. Council noted the nationally agreed pay award (£0.62p per hour), backdated to 1st April 2024
- vi. Council agreed to secure quotes for the replacement of the noticeboard at Knockin Heath/Dovaston
- e) **To delegate authority for dealing with urgent financial matters and payments to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Parish Clerk:** Council approved the proposed delegation.

- 8. Items for consideration at the January meeting – not for discussion or debate at this meeting:**
- 25-26 budget
 - Developments in relation to Kinnerley Shop

- 9. Date and time of next meeting – 27th January 2024, 7 p.m., Kinnerley Parish Hall**

Chairman.....

Date.....

a) Planning Decisions for information:

- i. **24/03320/LBC:** Cross Keys Inn, Kinnerley, Shropshire, SY10 8DB
Proposal: Conversion of the existing roof space to provide 2No units of self-contained tourist accommodation involving the insertion of roof windows in the existing roof slopes
Decision: Withdrawn
- ii. **24/03432/FUL:** Trafford Lodge, Dovaston, Shropshire, SY10 8DP
Proposal: Conversion of loft space into living accommodation including installation of 5no. dormer windows, a new window and Velux window
Decision: Grant Permission

b) Planning applications for decision:

- i. **24/04281/OUT:** Land at Greenfields Farm, Maesbrook,
Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 4No dwellings (all matters reserved)
Decision: No objection but Council agreed to make representation regarding the impact on traffic and road safety
- ii. **24/04072/FUL:** The Heathwaen, Kinnerley Road, Kinnerley, SY10 8DA
Proposal: Extensions and alterations to dwelling
Decision: no comment
- iii. **24/04120/OUT** Land South of B4398 Maesbrook Shropshire.
Proposal: Outline application residential development the erection of 4No. detached dwellings
Decision: No Objection, but Council agreed to make representation regarding the impact on traffic and road safety

i. Known payments for approval at the November 2024 meeting

Lyreco		paper	21.42
Pritchards		grounds m'nance	935.14
AEDDonate		Kinnerley pads	161.99
KPH		Room hire	20.00
HMRC		Tax	430.40
Clerk		Pay (incl backpay)	646.52
Unity		bank charges	6.00
Total			2,221.47

ii. Bank Reconciliation to 31st October 2024

Financial year ending 31st March 2025

Date: 31/10/2024

£

CASH BOOK

Opening balance 1 April 2024	51,366.31
Add: Receipts to date	43,764.92
Less: Payments to date	21,312.38
Closing balance per accounts to date	<u><u>73,818.85</u></u>
Balance per Unity Trust bank statement as at 30/09/24	73,818.85
Less: any un-presented cheques	
	0.00
Add: any un-banked cheques	
	0.00
Total reconciled balances	<u><u>73,818.85</u></u>