

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at 7:30pm
Monday 05th December 2022.**

Councillors in attendance: Jo Butler (JB), Rachel Blood (RB), Alex Baker (AB), Derek Heiron (DH), Charlie Blood (CB), Victoria Coward (VC), Jos Saunders (CE)

Parish Clerk: Michelle Andrew (MA)

1.	Apologies for Absence Ian Pulley (IP)	
2	Declarations of interest. None	
3	Public Forum No members of the public present	
4	Feedback and information sharing with Cheshire East Councillors	
Noted	Cheshire East Councillor Jos Saunders was present at the meeting.	
Noted	Neither Cheshire East Councillor JS nor Parish Councillor RB have received any updates regarding the possibility of applying for a grant for the playground.	
Action	RB will chase in the New Year if nothing is heard in the meantime.	
Noted	Clerk received a response from Cheshire East Highways stating the locations that the Parish Council had requested grit bins be returned to (3 locations around the village) by Cheshire East no longer met the criteria for grit bins. Clerk then followed up by asking whether Cheshire East would provide the grit if the Parish Council were to purchase their own grit bins.	
Action	No response was received. Clerk will chase again.	
Noted	Councillor JB mentioned that Cheshire East would need to approve any locations for grit bins even if the Parish Council were to purchase their own due to health and safety reasons. Clerk will make this enquiry to Cheshire East Highways.	
5.	PCSO comments	
Noted	PSCO had been made aware of concerns from residents about a motorhome appearing on Kishfield Lane in the village. She has looked into this and there is little that can be done because the motorhome is on private property.	
Noted	Further action can only be taken with the landowner's permission.	
Noted	PCSO next surgery is 9 th December 6-7pm.	

6. Approved	<p>To agree as a true record, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th October 2022</p> <p>Approved 5 FOR</p>																																		
7. Approved	<p>Finance</p> <p>a. Payments to be authorised by the council BACS</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 580 1265 925"> <tr> <td>Clerk Salary November</td> <td>£179.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk Expenses – Paper</td> <td>£ 13.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Smallwood - Cleaning</td> <td>£142.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Blood – Expenses – Royal British Legion Wreath</td> <td>£ 20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Blood – Expenses – Hall Decorations</td> <td>£201.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D Heiron – Expenses – Hall Lights</td> <td>£116.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Morgan Fire Protection Ltd</td> <td>£156.33</td> </tr> <tr> <td>I Pulley – Expenses – Replacement Outside Lights</td> <td>£332.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£1,162.40</td> </tr> </table> <p>6 FOR</p> <p>Cheques None issued or waiting to be cashed.</p> <p>b. Bank Statement Reconciliation</p> <p>Bank accounts at the end of October 2022</p> <table data-bbox="336 1294 746 1402"> <tr> <td>Current Acc</td> <td>£35,751.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Renovation Acc</td> <td>£37.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL =</td> <td>£35,788.68</td> </tr> </table> <p>Bank accounts at the end of November 2022</p> <table data-bbox="336 1552 746 1659"> <tr> <td>Current Acc</td> <td>£35,062.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Renovation Acc</td> <td>£37.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL =</td> <td>£35,099.32</td> </tr> </table> <p>Direct debits paid in October 2022</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 1805 1131 1888"> <tr> <td>BT</td> <td>£ 45.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water Plus</td> <td>£ 24.62</td> </tr> </table>	Clerk Salary November	£179.82	Clerk Expenses – Paper	£ 13.50	L Smallwood - Cleaning	£142.18	R Blood – Expenses – Royal British Legion Wreath	£ 20.00	R Blood – Expenses – Hall Decorations	£201.23	D Heiron – Expenses – Hall Lights	£116.96	Morgan Fire Protection Ltd	£156.33	I Pulley – Expenses – Replacement Outside Lights	£332.38	Total	£1,162.40	Current Acc	£35,751.44	Renovation Acc	£37.24	TOTAL =	£35,788.68	Current Acc	£35,062.08	Renovation Acc	£37.24	TOTAL =	£35,099.32	BT	£ 45.12	Water Plus	£ 24.62
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<p>8.</p> <p>All Noted</p> <p>Approved Action</p>	<p>Further discussions regarding the Budget 2023/24 and precept request.</p> <p>Clerk informed council that email correspondence had been received from Cheshire East stating that the Parish Council will not be able to set their own precept for 2023/24 due to the Community Governance Review that has extended Kettleshulme Parish Council to include Lyme Handley. Instead, Cheshire East will set the precept for 2023/24 at £11,640, the same as 2022/23.</p> <p>Clerk expressed concern to Cheshire East that this did not take into consideration huge increases in gas and electricity, increase to staff salary or the current rate of inflation. For the precept to remain the same could leave the Parish Council severely out of pocket.</p> <p>Clerk also informed the Council that, in response to these concerns expressed by many councils effected by the change, Cheshire East have determined that there is statutory provision for the proposed precepts to be changed.</p> <p>Cheshire East have asked the Parish Council to provide a figure in which they believe the Precept should be.</p> <p>After discussions regarding the significant increases that the council are facing during the 2023-24 period, it was concluded that a precept of £16,770 would be in line with forecast outgoings. Approved 6 FOR.</p> <p>Clerk will complete and return the paperwork received by Cheshire East.</p>											
<p>9.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>To assess hall hire charges for 2023.</p> <p>Deferred to next meeting.</p>											
<p>10.</p> <p>All Noted</p>	<p>To discuss options for milk deliveries in the village.</p> <p>Jackson's Dairy have informed residents that they are no longer able to offer a door-step milk delivery service to the village.</p>											

Action	<p>Clerk made contact with Jackson's who stated the reason for this was due to driver shortages, as well as unforeseen price rises and operational cost increases.</p> <p>Jackson's have offered a 1 drop bulk delivery service however councillors believe it is the door-step delivery that residents want.</p> <p>A resident has been in contact with another dairy company to enquire about the possibility of offering a door-step delivery service around Kettleshulme.</p> <p>Councillors were keen on this option and discussions concluded a twice weekly service would be sufficient.</p> <p>Clerk will follow up and if an agreement can be reached, information will be shared with residents and online.</p>	
11. Approved Action Noted Noted Action	<p>To note any correspondence received</p> <p>Clerk received 2022-23 NALC pay scales to be implemented from 1 April 2022 - SCP 5 at £11.21 per hour was approved. 6 FOR. Clerk will email this new information to Autela and copy in Chairman JB.</p> <p>Notification received of external auditor appointment for 5 year period 2022-23 to 2026-27 as PKF Littlejohn LLP. This remains the same as the previous period.</p> <p>Email from a touring comedy sketch show (previously featured at Kettleshulme Memorial Hall in 2009 and 2012) enquiring about interest in hosting their new 'post-pandemic' show sometime over the next 18 months. Councillors were keen to find out more information and so Clerk will reply to email requesting more details.</p>	
12. Noted	<p>To consider Planning applications received</p> <p>Clerk received notification that an appeal for application NP/CEC/1221/1304 is an agenda item for the Peak District planning committee this month and asking if any representations wish to be made from the council. Councillors are unavailable to attend.</p>	
13. All Noted	<p>Reports from Community Events working party.</p> <p>A pop-up café was held on November 26th which went well. The Kett 100 Christmas Party went ahead on Saturday 3rd December. It was very well received and some nice comments were passed on to all volunteers involved in hosting the event.</p>	
14. All Noted Action	<p>Update on adding an 'Events Payment' page to the KPC website.</p> <p>Links and payments seem to be working but Councillor VC was not able to verify the account due to a missing link on the webpage to enable verification.</p> <p>Clerk emailed Sum Up, the card payments provider, to change the user information from the previous Clerk. No response yet received that this request has been completed. Clerk will chase.</p>	

15.	To discuss maintenance of the hall and garden.	
Noted	Replacement LED lights have now been fitted down the side of the hall. Clerk mentioned how wet the post was getting in the post-box. Councillor JB suggested adding some wire mesh to the bottom of the post-box to act as a stand for the post so it does not drop to the bottom where the water is.	
Noted	Councillor AB has sourced a gardener who is willing to tend to the garden twice a month over the summer months.	
Noted	The gate is in need of repair down the side of the hall. It is coming away from the wall.	
16.	To further discuss options for making improvements to the playground on the village field.	
	See Item 4.	
17.	To discuss hall lettings.	
Noted	A couple of parties have been booked / taken place recently.	
18.	Update on ownership paperwork for the village hall.	
Noted	Deferred to next meeting.	
19.	Update on progress in trying to acquire grit bins for the village.	
	See Item 4.	
20.	To further discuss Flooding Issues in the village.	
	No further updates to report.	
21.	Items for future meetings	
	None	
22.	Items for information	
	None	
21.	Date and time of the next meeting	
Noted	Monday January 16 th 2023 @ 7.30pm.	

The meeting concluded at 8:27 pm.