

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting at 7:30pm
Monday 19th February 2024.**

Councillors in attendance: Derek Heiron (DH), Charlie Blood (CB), Victoria Coward (VC), Rachel Blood (RB), Alex Baker (AB), Ian Pulley (IP), Jos Saunders (CE-JS)

Parish Clerk: Michelle Andrew (MA)

1.	Apologies for Absence.	
Noted	Jo Butler (JB), Hayley Whitaker (CE-HW)	
2.	Declarations of interest.	
Noted	Councillor AB provided Invoices for BACS payment approval of materials and labour for the fascia board replacements on the village hall.	
3.	Public Forum.	
	No members of the public present.	
4.	Additional feedback and information sharing with Cheshire East Councillors.	
All Noted	<p>CE-JS informed Councillors of a recent Cheshire East Budget Update meeting where CE will apply to the Department of Levelling Up for exceptional financial support due to an overspend by CE Council of 13 million which has used their reserves.</p> <p>Cheshire East Council Tax is expected to rise by 4.99% in April 2024.</p> <p>Household Waste & Recycling Centres in Bollington and Poynton are proposed for 'mothballing' with closures of both sites likely from April 2024. Concerns raised that this will increase fly-tipping in the area.</p> <p>Green Bin Charges are likely to rise to £59 per year for 2024/25.</p> <p>A Boundary Review, looking at ward boundaries within Cheshire East is likely to propose that Kettleshulme & Lyme Handley Parish Council will be under Disley Ward from the next election in 2027.</p>	
5.	PCSO comments.	
All Noted	<p>PCSO was not in attendance at the meeting.</p> <p>Next Surgery is scheduled for Thursday 22nd February 6-7pm.</p> <p>PSCO informed Clerk that there are currently no plans to stop the Surgery in Kettleshulme, held once every 3 weeks.</p> <p>There were reports of a door-to-door salesman on Feb 2nd. Was noted as polite and not aggressive.</p> <p>An RTC due to bad weather on Feb 8th. Residents have been in touch with Councillors about one of the vehicles still not having been removed from the scene. This may cause further accidents as the vehicle is on a narrow</p>	

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6.	To agree as a true record, the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 22nd January 2024.																			
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8.	To discuss the renewals of the annual insurance policy for the Village Hall.																			
Noted	Clerk has received a renewal from Zurich Insurance for the Village Hall at a cost of £1,098.93. This is an increase of 5.5% on the previous year.																			

Approved Action	Councillors agreed that this is a reasonable increase based on current inflation – approved 6 FOR . Clerk will issue BACS payment for the Policy renewal before the expiry date of 24/03/24.
9. Noted Approved Action	To agree the renewals for the website domain and emails. Clerk informed Councillors that the kettleshulme.org domain is due for renewal as well as the SMTP Access and Starter Hosting. These come to a total of £391.66 + VAT for renewal of the domain for 10 years and the SMTP and Starter Host for 2 years – approved 6 FOR . Clerk and VC will arrange for these to be renewed before they expire on 11/03/24.
10. Noted Action	To agree the Kettleshulme Community Resilience Plan. Clerk has made the changes as agreed at the previous meeting. Clerk will check residents listed are happy to remain listed then publish Plan on Website and email copies to those listed as holders of the plan.
11. Noted Action	To discuss updates on improvements to the playground on the village field. No further updates have been received from ANSA. RB will chase ANSA to see where the process is now at.
12. Noted Approved	To discuss the option of purchasing a secure housing for the defibrillator located at the village school. It had previously been mentioned by RB that the school had a spare defibrillator, but it was only available during school opening times as it was locked away. Councillors agreed to purchase a housing for this so it could be secured to the outside wall of the school and be available even when the school was closed. The cost for this was estimated at £500. RB confirmed that the responsibility for maintenance costs of this defibrillator would remain with the school - approved 5 FOR .
13. All Noted Approved	To note any correspondence received. BT Broadband to increase between 7 and 9% from April 1 st . Lyme Park update received informing of their decision to withdraw planning application for the proposed relocation of the visitor car park after concerns raised. The gardener for the village hall informed Clerk he is no longer able to carry out work for the Council due to an exciting new job opportunity. Councillors wished him well and will now seek a new gardener. Antivirus for the Clerk laptop is due to expire. The price for renewal for 12 months is £19.99 inclusive of VAT – approved 6 FOR .

14.	To consider Planning applications / decisions received. None received.	
15. All Noted	Reports from Community Events working party. a. D-Day 80th Anniversary Celebration No additional plans to report yet. b. Remembrance Day 2024 Plans to apply to temporarily close the road for a Remembrance Day service will be looked at from May time.	
16.	To discuss the burial of the Kettleshulme Village time capsule. Defer to next meeting.	
17. Noted Approved	To discuss maintenance of the hall and garden. a. Fascia Boards ARC Baker plans to begin the work in March. Clerk will transfer £4,251 from the Reserve account to the Current account to cover the invoices provided - approved 5 FOR. b. – e. Defer to next meeting.	
18. All Noted Approved Noted	To discuss hall lettings. Kettleshulme Spunch Running Event are looking for a group to provide refreshments in the hall during their event on March 10 th . Due to the event being on Mother's Day, Councillors are unavailable for this and have suggested the WI may be able to help. Rise & Wild Yoga on Friday mornings have cancelled their bookings for the time being. RB has received the hall key back and this will be given to CB – approved 5 FOR. A new yoga instructor has expressed an interest in booking the hall for classes.	
19.	Update on ownership paperwork for the village hall. No updates.	
20. Noted	Updates on Road Maintenance in the village. a. Drainage issues No updates. b. Winter gritting diary The contractor has been doing a great job of keeping on top of any ice and snow issues so far. This will continue to be assessed.	

21.	Items for future meetings. No items.	
22.	Items for information. No items	
23. Noted	Date and time of the next meeting. Monday 18 th March 2024.	

The meeting concluded at 8.35 pm.