

**Minutes for the meeting of Kelloe Parish Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.00 pm at the Phoenix Centre**

- 25.17 Present Leanne Griffiths, Julie Davis, Selina Kirk, Joy Richardson and Brenda Turnbull.
- 25.18 **In Attendance** Cllr Jan Blakey and Stephen White (Parish Clerk)
- 25.19 **Apologies for Absence** – Jodie Cairns, Gary Hutchinson.
- 25.20 **To receive declarations of interest** – None.
- 25.21 **Opportunity for Matters Raised by Members of the Public before the meeting.** One Allotment holder came to the meeting. To explain what he had done to improve his allotment. It was agreed that there would be a further inspection of the allotments in 3 months.
- 25.22 **Minutes** of the meeting of AGM and Council Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May – Accepted and signed.
- 25.23 **Matters arising** – No matters arising.
- 25.24 **Finance and Responsible Financial Officer update** – Accounts update for 2025/26 circulated. Steve asked for all the statements to be signed and reported that the current balance was £49,529.70.
- 25.25 First draft of the **Parish Clerk Job Contract** tabled for comments.
- 25.26 **Tender for the Ground Maintenance Contract** This would be sent out so that a decision could be made on a contract at the September Council meeting. It was agreed that the contract would be sent to interested parties and displayed on the Parish Notice Board.
- 25.27 **Update on the Fraud case** – Stephen to collect the very old Kelloe laptop which he had been informed was still held by the police.
- 25.28 Discussed Clerk needing new lap top due to the failure of his personal laptop. It was agreed for him to buy one.
- 25.29 Also query about Clerk's entitlement to receive employer pension contribution.
- 25.30 Issues: The problem of **congestion on Front Street** (shopping - garage - club area) Council noted that there were increasingly problems with congestion around the Garage on Front Street and Spa - Traffic regularly built up causing obstructions. The Working Mens Club are planning to make their car park private so this will add to the congestion.
- 25.31 Issues: Possible issue re Club and **Defibrillator** - A member of public was concerned that the hanging baskets have been taken away. They were put up as a goodwill gesture. No concerns reported from the Club Committee.
- 25.32 Issues: The Council thanked Russell Taylor for his excellent work repainting the **Tommies** and providing two new **flower stands** repairing and repainting the old ones. (A flower basket had been blown along with ones in other local villages. It had been sorted.)
- 25.33 Issues: **Display of Play boards.** Steve had checked and James Young reported that they were on the case.
- 25.34 Issues: Rat infestation in the village.
- 25.35 Issues: Julie is getting quotes for a new Parish Notice Board.
- 25.36 Issues: Concerns about Anti Social Behaviour in Ann Avenue.
- 25.37 Issues: Discussed a newsletter inspired by the old Church Parish Newsletter

25.38 Issues: Bushes at the bottom of the bank towards the school still not cut back.

25.39 **Allotments** – Already discussed.

25.40 **Cemetery** – Already discussed.

25.41 **Correspondence** - None

25.42 **Planning Applications** – None

25.43 **Any Other Business** – None

Stephen White

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