

Minutes for the meeting of Kelloe Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 7.00 pm at the Phoenix Centre

- 25.45 **Present** Leanne Griffiths, Julie Davis, Joy Richardson and Brenda Turnbull.
- 25.46 **In Attendance** Cllr Jan Blakey, Cllr Kyle Genner and Stephen White (Parish Clerk)
- 25.47 **Apologies for Absence** – Jodie Cairns, Selina Kirk, Gary Hutchinson.
- 25.48 **To receive declarations of interest** – None.
- 25.49 **Opportunity for Matters Raised by Members of the Public before the meeting.**
None
- 25.50 **Minutes** of the Council Meeting on 10th September – Agreed and signed.
- 25.51 **Matters arising** – No matters arising.
- 25.52 **County Councillors Report** - Jan Blakey reported that there had been antisocial behaviour in Woodland Crescent. A wasp's nest had been removed at the Miner's Corner. There was a problem with some of the artefacts on the Miner's Corner; they need attention. The land belongs to the church.
- 25.53 There was a meeting of the Highways Committee to be held on the 16th which Jan would be attending. This would be where there would be a decision on traffic calming measures in the village. The Council wishes to see these proposals modified and is therefore opposed to the present plans.
- 25.54 **Finance and Responsible Financial Officer update** –
- 25.55 Accounts update for 2025/26 circulated. All the bank statements were signed.
- 25.56 **Tender for the Ground Maintenance Contract** - This was awarded to Andrew Robson Gardening Services.
- 25.57 **Issues** - Delay in installation of the sensory boards for the playpark - Steve to chase up further and ask for them to be installed.
- 25.58 **Issues:** A resident concerned about the silver birch tree in the ashes area of the Cemetery. Agreed that a letter should be written to a resident who expressed concerned about it – The Council felt that it was unable to remove tree.
- 25.59 **Updates A.** Update on the Fraud case. Former laptop collected - Steve taking to Coxhoe to see if password can be released. He was hoping that it would have the Cemetery spreadsheet showing location and current situation which each plot for which we only have a paper copy.
- 25.60 **B. Allotments** – Nothing to report.
- 25.61 **C. Cemetery** – RWT Fabrications to go ahead repairing and painting the Cemetery gates. The Council happy with quote. There was a discussion about the rubbish bins by the cemetery gates and who is clearing them.
- 25.62 **D. Remembrance Sunday.** Wreaths to be delivered to Phoenix Centre again this year. Jan will speak to the quarry re the buzzer. There was a need to confirm the availability of the Bugle player.
- 25.63 **E. Parish Christmas Tree.** Agreed that this should be up and ready for the 30th November. Steve to sort out the arrangements for setting up the Christmas Tree and the lights. The Council is planning to have an official switching on of the lights with Carol Singing on 30th November with hot drinks after at the Davey Lamp.
- 25.64 **Issues** There was a discussion, and it was agreed for the chair to have a laptop for Council business.
- 25.65 **Issues:** Bushes at the bottom of the bank towards the school still not cut back.

25.66 **Issues:** Julie proposed and it was agreed that we should have a flagpole in the village similar to other local villages. The plan would be to install it at the cenotaph. We need to confirm who owns the land to get permission and to confirm the need to get planning permission. Steve to follow up.

25.67 **Issues:** Julie to confirm details about a new notice board. She was hoping to bring pictures and estimates to the next Council meeting. We need a solid one which will not get damaged.

25.68 **Correspondence** – An email was discussed about the green area between Kelloe and Quarrington Hill.

25.69 **Planning Applications** – None

25.70 **Any Other Business** – There was concern about off road bikes at Bowling Green – the police and warden had been involved – the Council has not heard from warden and there was no visit from the police.

Stephen White

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