

## **Minutes of the Kempsey PACT meeting held at Kempsey Youth Centre on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 12.30pm**

**PRESENT:** (21) Terry Ward(Chairman), Trevor Geens (Vice-Chairman Parish Council), , Lesley Cox (Parish Paths Warden), Simon Bott (Parish Lengthsman), Susan Bott, Mike Biddle, Ian Fenton, Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association, Martin Allen (Parish Councillor), Bob Bowley (Parish Councillor), Neil Stevens (Parish Councillor), Julie Stevens, Peter Scurrrell, Wendy Coen, Newton Coen, John Baker, Jo Chown, Ann Smith, Roy Clarke, Martin Butcher (PCSO), Marian Walters.

- 1. Introductions:** The Chairman, Terry Ward, welcomed everyone to the Kempsey Youth Centre and thanked them for attending. Everyone then introduced themselves.
- 2. Apologies:** Bryony Baynes (Headteacher KPS), Rev Mark Badger, Peter Thompson (Chairman Kempsey PPG), Brian Hewlett, Helen Fenton, Chris Waller (Chairman of Parish Council), Maxine Hemming. Belated apologies were received from Cllr John Michael.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting** held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019, having been circulated, were agreed.
- 4. Reports:**

**County Council:** No report as Cllr Middlebrough was not present.

**District Council:** No reports as neither District Councillor was present.

**The Police:** PCSO Martin Butcher said there had been one non-dwelling burglary since the March meeting. The ASB in the vicinity of The Rocky had peaked at the end of last year, and the camera installed above the bench has had a positive effect. Reports of people entering the disused greenhouses behind Rookery Road has resulted in the owners installing cameras. This could remain an on-going problem until the owners decide what to do with the land. The importance of having a police presence walking around the village was emphasised.

**The School:** BB sent this report which was read out by MW

*Approximately two months ago we were approached by the local authority with a request to increase our PAN (published admission number) to 60 over the course of the next 6 years. This is not to enable us to take more pupils from out of catchment. Rather, it is to accommodate the many children who are moving into Kempsey and the surrounding area within our catchment. The "known children data" indicates that over the next four or five years there will be upwards of 50 to 60 children requiring admission into our primary school. These are children living within the catchment who are known to the local authority at the moment so, with increased building or movement into the village that number could be even higher. In September 2019 we will be admitting 59 pupils. In order to ease the strain on the school we have been asked to go to 2 form entry which will mean single year group classes throughout the school eventually. We are starting this in reception next year and all of key stage one will be single age year groups. To help with this the local authority is providing us with additional section 106 money to build a further two classrooms and to increase the size of the school hall. The two new classrooms will be built onto the heights, our new block, and will not significantly impact on playground or field space. We plan to*

*do some work along the side of the school to pave that and gain back any additional playground space that might otherwise have been lost. We desperately need to increase the size of the hall because even with our current pupils it is a very tight squeeze getting everybody in let alone when parents or the community join us for events. This building work will take place over the course of next year, with planning permission possibly beginning in October, and ending in time for September 2020. I need to stress that this is in response to the numbers of pupils moving into the catchment and is not to take peoples from out of catchment. We are looking at the changes to the parking area in front of school to accommodate more parking spaces and will continue to encourage parents to walk to school. I realise there may well be questions on this and, as I said, will be in school from tomorrow and happy to answer any questions either in person or via email. Marian knows my email address and will happily give it out to anyone. I must also stress that this is an exciting time for our school. We are a vibrant thriving community. Our parents are supportive and proactive in helping the school and our pupils are a real credit to the school and the local community. As I have said at many meetings in the past, please do come and visit us and see all that we do. Our monthly Kempsey cafes for the "older generation " are particularly popular and you are most welcome to join one of those. Or, just pop in and let me show you round school. We are very proud of everything that is going on and I know you would be too.*

Lengthy discussion followed with questions being asked as to why there were further classrooms being built after it had been said that there would be no further building after the last three classrooms were added last year. How many children attending the school live outside the catchment area? Again the parking problems were brought up and MA said the present site should be sold for development and another more suitable location chosen on which to build a school more suitable for purpose. TG said there was a need to identify a suitable site and keep it free from future housing development. LC suggested that maybe other people could help with the walk to school arrangement which at the moment relies on staff giving up their time to carry this out. MW said she would mention this to BB and suggest LC speaks personally to BB. MW and JC said anybody concerned about any issues should speak directly to BB.

**The Vicar:** MW read out the following message from Rev Mark Badger.

*MB has received a letter of support from the Parish Council in regard to the airing of a portacabin at Plovers Rise for Youth work. MB is netting with an experienced 'detached youth worker' this week to discuss engagement with a targeted group of individuals. Applications for funding need to be submitted - and I hope to have provision in place before the school summer holidays.*

TG will speak to MB regarding planning permission.

**Parish Council:** TG said eight people stood for election in May and five positions were filled by co-option. Two meetings had so far been held and committees are in the process of being set up. 52 people had attended the Annual Parish Council meeting when the guest speaker was the Police Crime Commissioner, John Campion. Agreement has been reached on the land on which the new Community and Sports Facilities centre will be built, so after a 6-week period, the land will be owned by the Parish Council. Architects and construction firms will then be approached for design ideas and it will be at least three years before the project is completed. Grants can be applied for once the land is owned by the Parish Council. Owners of the derelict house in Church Street have been fined but nothing has been done to demolish it, so it's back to the beginning again. The Parish Council can do nothing as it has to be dealt with by MHDC. Post Office Lane will be closed at times in August for patching work to be done. The A4440 will be closed on various dates for installation of two new bridges. TG asked that if anyone had suggestions for the name of the SW Urban extension development, to inform the Parish Office. A public transport consultation will be held during August.

5. **Rural Footpaths:** Lesley Cox said she was waiting for the County Council to erect finger posts and her aim was to get all the walks in the green Kempsey Walks book up and running as soon as possible. There are 63 miles of footpaths in the parish and all issues have been reported and are being addressed. LC and her partner regularly strim any paths which are overgrown and she again asked that any problems should be reported to the council website [http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/126/public\\_rights\\_of\\_way](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/126/public_rights_of_way) Her plan is to have a walk published in each issue of the Klinks magazine.
6. **Neighbourhood Watch and Smart Water:** A question was asked as to whether or not Neighbourhood Watch still exists. PCSO Martin Butcher said not in its original format, but Nikki Fish has set up a group on the Saxon Meadows development. He added that Warwickshire Police and West Mercia Police have developed a Community Messaging Service which encourages all members of the community to sign up to receive community alerts. The aim of these messages is to inform all members of the community about what is happening in their area and how they can better protect themselves and their property from harm. To register go to <https://westmercia.police.uk/register> He said if the Parish Council support this, it might bring funding for Smart Water. Cllr Paul Middlebrough will talk with the County Council and police about liaison with the Highways Dept when the motorway is closed.
7. **Litter picking:** TW said the last litter pick on 24<sup>th</sup> March was a great success. He would like to see even more people turning up at the next one and hopes we could offer a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit to helpers.
8. **Any other business:** Mike Biddle said Severn Trent bill households for water and foul water drainage, but people living in properties built before 1974 should not be charged if they can show that surface water off the roof is going into a soakaway.
9. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, venue to be advised.
10. **Next litter pick:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm meeting at the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 1.55pm.