

Minutes of the Kempsey PACT meeting held at St Mary's Church Kempsey on Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 12.30pm

PRESENT: (42) Terry Ward (Chairman), Trevor Geens (Chairman Parish Council), Cllr Paul Middlebrough (WCC), Martin Allen (Parish Councillor), Bryony Baynes (Headteacher KPS), Rev Mark Badger, Dave Bevan (Parish Councillor), Chris Gillies, Brian Hewlett, Dr Chris Marshall, Elspeth Marshall, Barry Jenkins, Kirsten Jenkins, Ian Fenton, Helen Fenton, Peter Thompson (Chairman Kempsey PPG), Simon Bott (Parish Lengthsman), Susan Bott, A Tandy, John Baker, Barbara Dunkley, Gerry Abbott, Val Dobbins, A Fish, N Fish, Margaret Davies, Paul Leopold (Chairman Malvern Hills District Police and Community Care Consultative Group), Peter Scurrrell, Martin Smart, Sue Cownie, Pauline Ranson, Pam Gerrard (Parish Councillor), Tony Denny, Wendy Coen, Rob Gardner, Alex Matthews, Bob Bowley, John Dare, Roy Clarke, Tim Dodge (Parish Councillor), Rosie Dodge, Marian Walters.

- 1. Introductions:** The chairman, Terry Ward, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Everyone then introduced themselves.
- 2. Apologies:** PC Paul Kennedy, PCSO Martin Butcher, Cllr David Harrison, Jan Harrison, Lesley Cox, Bob Stokes, Cllr John Michael, Melody Baker-Joyce, Sharon Baker-Joyce.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting** held on Tuesday 4th September 2018, having been circulated, were agreed.
- 4. Reports:**

Kempsey Primary School: Bryony Baynes, the Head teacher, gave a detailed report in which she said the school was doing exceptionally well. It was part of the HUET academy which included Hanley Castle High School, Hanley Swan Primary School and Welland Primary School which joined on 1st January 2019. A talk on Autism was well received at a recent INSET day. Another speaker gave a positive *feeling good about yourself* message to children as the mental health of children is a main focus for all schools and many primary school children are prone to what they see on social media. Everyone was welcome to visit the school to look around the three new classrooms and meet Girafficus Baynicus, who was purchased in the recent sale to raise funds for St Richard's Hospice. The Bishop of Worcester blessed him and Harriet Baldwin, MP, officially opened the new classrooms. It was a truly memorable occasion. BB assured everyone that the school was doing everything possible to eliminate the perpetual traffic problems in the vicinity of the school, but the matter was beyond the school's control. They are hoping to introduce a programme of junior traffic wardens who would be supervised and could speak to people who park inconsiderately, but they would not have any authority to ticket or enforce people. Cllr Martin Allen said he was trying to get the WCC Highways Dept involved. Three proposals are being considered; a one-way system, lower speed limits and new parking measures. PCSO resources are stretched and there are only four traffic officers based in Malvern. BB said the Community Cafes held in the school and

aimed at involving the older generation, are proving very popular and successful. BB was thanked for the school choir's attendance at the Remembrance Day commemoration evening. In reply to a question about the percentage of pupils living outside the catchment area. BB didn't have an exact figure, but felt that the parking problem was mainly due to the number of working parents, rather than parents coming from outside the village. Again, the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit was brought up as it is the Department of Transport's policy to introduce this limit in the vicinity of all schools. BB was thanked for her very welcome report.

County Council: Cllr Middleton said the state of the roads in the Linden Homes and Taylor Wimpey developments remained a headache for the residents who had, in effect, paid for the roads in the purchase price of their homes. The roads will not be adopted by the County Council until the sewers and drains conform to Severn Trent standards. The roads in the David Wilson development will not be adopted by the County Council as residents paid an ongoing maintenance levy when they purchased the properties. A County Council consultation will take place on 1st February regarding the Tarmac site for mineral extraction, and more gravel will be extracted on the left hand side of the A38 with a conveyor belt built below the A38.

PM said the scheme to dual the Southern Link road had been approved and preliminary work is under way. The embankment and new bridge should be completed by Easter 2020. The stretch from the Ketch roundabout to Whittington is not quite finished. Two new footbridges are to be constructed, one to serve the new houses and the other to provide a footpath and cycleway to the new Parkway station at Norton which is moving towards completion. Trains are programmed to stop at the new station in May. The station will have 500 parking places and served by buses and there will be ticket machines and a shop on site.

District Council: Neither of our MHDC councillors was present so no reports were given.

Parish Council: TG said the Parish Council was striving to improve community facilities all the time. The Youth Centre has had new acoustic panels installed which has improved the sound quality. There will be no increase in the precept this year and the Parish Council is liaising with MHDC to come to an agreement over use of the proposed new Community Centre and Sports Hall at Pixham Ferry Lane and the 106 agreement is close to being signed. Consultations will take place later this year once the go-ahead is given. Money has been received to tarmac the footpath between Meadow Close and the Linden Homes development. It is planned to install white gates and roundels in Brookend Lane in the near future to alert motorists that they are entering a built-up area. This will hopefully reduce speeding. More litter bins have been installed around the village which are emptied 2 or 3 times a week by MHDC. TG thanked Terry Ward and PACT members for participating in the litter pick last Sunday. A letter is to be sent to the Chief Constable expressing concerns over the rise in crime in Kempsey and copies will also be sent to our MP and the West Mercia Crime Commissioner.

Youth Recreation facilities: Rev Mark Badger said it was not new young people who were causing problems in the village. There are three youths who have lived here for some time and are known to be trouble makers. There are no facilities in Kempsey for children over 9 years of age despite the efforts of many people to

provide a suitable area. TG agreed that we need to provide facilities and this requires the support of parishioners. Too many people assume that any group of 3 or more young people means trouble, but this is often not the case and they really do need somewhere where they can congregate. Every area already suggested has been thwarted by local residents.

Police and Neighbourhood Watch: There was no police report due to the absence of police officers and the PCSO, but PCSO Martin Butcher had sent MW a short report which was read out.

You should have received monthly Parish Newsletters from the SNT updating you on the crime figures for burglary and theft offences and ASB. Reviewing the newsletters from the past 3 months (October through to December) and adding the running totals for January (notable among which are the 3 dwelling burglaries which took place on the 11th January) we get the following numbers for Kempsey Parish in the last quarter:-

<i>ASB incidents</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>Burglary dwellings</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Other burglaries</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Thefts</i>	<i>7</i>

During the summer there was a significant increase in youth related ASB offences centred on The Rocky and adjacent churchyard, and also around Plovers Rise playing fields. A problem solving plan was set up to document incidents and focus work on tackling the problems. Patrols of both areas were stepped up and there has been a significant decrease in incidents in recent months. It is recognized that part of the reason is the shorter days and poorer weather but the SNT continues to bear down on ASB, by engagement and enforcement as appropriate. The SNT has also liaised with Worcester Councils Youth Outreach Team, whose workers have carried out additional patrols of the affected areas. As a further measure, the SNT and Malvern Hills District Council have erected a CCTV camera that covers the area between The Rocky and the church yard.

Report from Footpath Warden: Lesley Cox, the volunteer Parish Paths Warden, reports that she has now walked nearly all the footpaths and bridleways in the Parish. She has done some clearance of vegetation and way marking and hopes that people will find many of the rights of way useable. Missing fingerposts, some larger areas of clearance, work in relation to some bridges and the fitting of some waymark posts will be undertaken in due course by the County Council. Lots of local people already use the rights of way regularly and Lesley hopes that more people will enjoy getting out and about in our Parish. It is possible to report any issues relating to the rights of way on the council website:

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/homepage/126/public_rights_of_way

Please note that, due to the widening of the Carrington Bridge, the Severn Way will be shut in that area and walkers diverted while the work is carried out.

5. **Litter picking:** TW said 10 people turned up for the recent litter pick and he thanked all the volunteers for doing a very good job. MHDC were keen to join PACT in one of their litter picks, and TW suggested they help with the on-going problem of litter along the A38 and nearby lanes. Members were in favour of this so TW will speak with MHDC and hopefully a joint litter pick can be arranged for March/April time. A photograph was shown of signs and barriers left behind by contractors after road works had finished. These could be reported as fly tipping if there is evidence of which company left them.
6. **Any other business:** Paul Leopold was pleased to announce that Mrs Fish, a resident on the Saxon Meadows development, had started a new Neighbourhood Watch scheme on the estate. He added that the more people who became involved, the better.
7. **Date of next meeting:** To be advised when we know which venue we will be using.
8. **Next litter pick:** To be advised.

The meeting closed at 2.35pm.