

Minutes of the Kempsey PACT meeting held at Kempsey Community Centre on Tuesday 19th March 2019 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: (25) Joy Clee (Acting Chairman), Trevor Geens (Chairman Parish Council), Cllr David Harrison, Jan Harrison, Lesley Cox, Bob Stokes, Dave Bevan (Parish Councillor), Margaret Gillies, Chris Marshall, Elspeth Marshall, Linda Jenkins, Peter Thompson (Chairman Kempsey PPG), Simon Bott (Parish Lengthsman), Mike Biddle, Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association), Neil Stevens, Roy Padden, Kathleen Padden, Nikkie Fish, Peter Scurrrell, Sue Cownie, Wendy Coen, Newton Coen, Roy Clarke, Marian Walters.

- 1. Introductions:** The Acting Chairman, Joy Clee, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Everyone then introduced themselves.
- 2. Apologies:** Terry Ward (Chairman), PCSO Martin Butcher, Bryony Baynes (Headteacher KPS), Rev Mark Badger, Cllr John Michael, Melody Baker-Joyce, Sharon Baker-Joyce, Brian Hewlett, Nancy Morris, Ian and Helen Fenton.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting** held on Tuesday 15th January 2019, having been circulated, were agreed.

Police report: PC Paul Kennedy said the police cover 21 parishes in the Malvern Hills area and the key issues involve youths and speeding. With regard to speeding, he said it was often local people who were caught and he encouraged everyone to spread the word and observe the speed limits. The Safer Roads Partnership has put in place a structured speed **enforcement** programme, operating within strict, self-imposing guidelines. They manage and deliver a range of **education**, training and publicity programmes throughout the year, targeted at priority groups of road users who are identified as being at greatest risk of harm, based on casualty and collision data. **Engineering** matters are the responsibility of a team of traffic advisors who give advice on current and proposed highway schemes together with traffic management and safety matters. In reply to a question as to how police time is allocated, bearing in mind Kempsey is the biggest parish in the area, Paul said they go where there is the highest risk of trouble. He asked that parishioners alert the police on 101 if there is a particular hot spot. He added that only a small number of local young people offend, and it was unfortunate that there are no facilities for them in the village. TG said the Parish Council had tried to set up a youth club and BMX course, but parishioners objected and stopped the plan. Rev Mark Badger had sent this report which was read out: *I have spoken to some of the young people that have been identified as a problem – they were actually very polite and forthcoming. They were very open to the idea of providing a space to meet and hold activities. I have asked the Parish Council today, to arrange a multi-agency meeting to discuss how to work together to best address the issue. I am also meeting with my fundraising advisor to look at funds to support some targeted youth work. I would ask the community to support a partnership between the Parish Council, the church and the Motov8 charity to provide a space in the village where we can provide a supervised space where young people can meet and engage in positive activities. I will then re-approach contacts in order to provide a facility and staff for delivery.*

4. Reports:

County Council: No report as Cllr Middleton was not present.

District Council: Cllrs David Harrison gave an update on the southern link dualling which will be under construction until Christmas 2021. This should not cause travel problems as the new road will be constructed separately alongside the existing one. Several footbridges are to be built over the new road. Severn Trent are putting in a duct for pipes so the Norton Road is at present closed and this is causing major traffic problems. The County Council say cross hatching cannot be put on the roundabout but keep clear signs will be erected. DH asked that people email him with any complaints and after deleting their names, he will forward them to the CC. The derelict house in Church Street needs to have a court order before it can be removed. It could be another year before roads on the Linden Homes site are surfaced. Taylor Wimpey have started work on their roads and residents have to mow the grass pavements in front of their homes. The children's play area on this site is dangerous and the Parish Council needs to be advised of this problem. Taylor Wimpey are keen to start on their further development as soon as possible. The land transfer has gone through and negotiations with the developers and land owners are under way.

Parish Council: Trevor Geens said the Annual Parish meeting will take place on Monday 20th May with a guest speaker, John-Paul Campion, the Police Crime Commissioner. He is willing to answer questions, but would prefer they were submitted before the meeting. These should be emailed to the Parish Council please. The PC had sent a letter to the Chief Constable regarding concerns about the escalation of criminal activity and anti-social behaviour in Kempsey and this led to a meeting with the police sergeant on Tuesday 26th February. The sergeant explained that emergencies are dealt with by patrol officers from Worcester or Malvern. Special Constables are not allocated to the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Community Protection Notices and ASB warning letters are being issued more frequently, and since the installation of the CCTV camera installed near the Lychgate, there was no longer any trouble in that area. The sergeant was not sure how long it would remain there as it was needed in other areas in the district. The Parish Council will consider whether they could afford to financially support their own camera which would still be monitored by Malvern. The sergeant suggested that all requests for additional pedestrian crossings over the A38 in Kempsey are collated by the Parish Council and used as a lever with the Highways Department who say there is insufficient need for them. There is no evidence that recent burglaries are being committed by local people. The sergeant said compared with other areas we were getting away very lightly regarding criminal activities and anti-social behaviour. A Property Marking Day is to be held on Thursday 25th April at Kempsey Youth Centre between 3.00 and 7.00 pm.

A new woodland tower has been installed in the children's playground.

The land on which the new Community and Sports Facilities Centre is to be built has to be formalised before work can begin. As soon as this is completed there will be full consultation with the parish on all development on the new community land. Taylor Wimpey will put in passing places along Pixham Ferry Lane and a footpath will be laid behind the hedge from the bus stop to Old Road South. This will have

seating, lighting and litter bins along its length. At the moment there are no plans for lighting along Old Road South.

5. **Neighbourhood Watch:** Nikkie Fish said a Facebook Neighbourhood Watch group had been set up on the Saxon Meadow estate and she would appreciate the support of the Parish Council which TG said would be no problem. She would like to meet other NW co-ordinators within the village as communication is vital, so it was hoped that groups would be set up on the Linden Homes and Taylor Wimpey estates. TG said any NW group could hold meetings in Room 1 in the Community Centre free of charge.
6. **School and Church reports:** There was no school report, but Bryony Baynes, the Headteacher would welcome anyone who wanted to ask any questions. The report from Rev Mark Badger was read out earlier in the meeting – see item 3.
7. **Forthcoming elections:** Elections for District and Parish councillors will take place in May. TG said there would be seven vacancies on the Parish Council and it was hoped that new residents would be represented and the PC would benefit from younger people standing for office. When asked for how much commitment was involved, TG explained that a Parish Council meeting is held on the second Monday of each month and there are five committees. Each councillor has to sit on at least one committee. Commitment was essential as each councillor has to pull their weight.
8. **Litter picking:** The next litter pick in on Sunday 24th March at 1.45 pm after which coffee, tea and cakes will be provided by David and Jan Harrison.
9. **Any other business:** TG had received an email from Bryony Baynes saying the school has now opened its own food bank to support some local families. DH said that in January MHDC had approved to add £30K for food bank funding, so BB should get in touch with him. **MW will let her know.**
10. **Date of next meeting:** To be advised after consultation with Terry Ward, the Chairman.
11. **Next litter pick:** To be advised.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.