

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY, 2010 AT 7.30 p.m. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY
CENTRE

Present: - Mr. T. Ward, in the Chair

Ms. M. Baker; Mrs. K. Biddle; Mr. N. Brookes; Mr. K. Blackwell;

Mrs. C. Campbell; Mrs. P. Gerrard; Mrs. A. Hart; Mr. D. Harrison; Mr. M. Legg

Mrs. H. Willcox and Mrs. J. Jones.

Also present: - Mr. R. Bullock, County Councillor; Mr. M. Biddle and Mrs. M. Walters,
District Councillors,

Apologies for absence were received from Mr J. Michael

6776 At the request of the Chairman to show a mark of respect a minutes silence was held for Mr R Halford who had sadly passed away (Husband of The Parish Council Clerk).

6777 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

As someone holding registered grazing rights in respect of all commonable areas other than Kerswell Green Common, Mr. Hamson declared a personal, possibly prejudicial interest in respect of the Commons and Hams Committee Report at Agenda Item 12 and item 9 (b) (c) (d) (e) & (f).

6778 OPEN FORUM

It was proposed by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Gerrard and resolved that Standing Orders be suspended for the Open Forum. Notes from this part of the meeting are annexed to the Signed Minutes. At the end of the Open Forum the Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

6779 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 11th January 2010, had been previously circulated to the members. On the proposal of Mrs. Hart, seconded by Mrs. Gerrard the Minutes were confirmed by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman.

6780 PREVIOUS MINUTES - RECOMMENDATIONS ANP UP-DATES

(a) Parish Council

There were none.

6781 COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT ON LOCAL ISSUES

Mr. Bullock reported on County Council's transport proposals to North Western Link Road. He reported on two possible routes for the potential completion of the ring road around Worcester, the north-west link road between Crown East roundabout and Claines roundabout, complete with a new river crossing.

Mrs Biddle asked if yellow signs warning people it was a 30mph limit could be placed in the Kerswell Green area of the parish. This idea was criticised by Mr Bullock who thought they would be unnecessary and would also destroy the appearance of the village.

Miss Baker questioned Mr Bullock concerning the amount of rubbish on a section of the A38 from the Ketch Island to the bus stop.

6782 DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Biddle commented on some interim planning documentation which can be viewed on the internet 'ManualforStreets'.

Mrs Walters reported on the Playground signs erected in Windmill Lane which were causing concerns.

6783 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence, both for report and for information had been made available for inspection by Parish Council Members between 7.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

(a) MHDC – Health & Safety at Work- Community Centre

Inspection to take place in the next few months

(b) MHDC- Access Licence- The Paddocks, Stonehall Common

Mr Harrison left the room whilst this matter was discussed.

(c) Mrs S Norcott – Access Licence – The Paddocks, Stonehall Common

In a position able to sign the agreement

(d) WSE Ltd – Maintenance of overhead lines at Ashmoor & Normoor Commons.

Permission has been granted to remove trees.

(e) The Planning Inspectorate – Works on Common Land -Kempsey Common

Exempt from rules and regulations

(f) Natural England – Higher Level Stewardship Agreement- Ashmoor Common

Now in a position for the contract to be signed.

(g) Bellinger Design- Landscape – Invoice

To be offset against Parish Plan Working Party Funds

(h) MHDC- Tree Preservation Order- 21 &25 Old Road South

TPO No plans available.

6784 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

(a) Estimates Baynhall Bus Shelter – Demolition and refurbishment

The Parish Council proposed to demolish the bus shelter near the Baynall Garage on the A38.

The sign for the bus stop and a seat will remain. The bus shelter which has windows missing, a rotten roof with missing tiles and guttering will be removed.

The cheapest quote for replacing the shelter was £1300 while the cost for demolishing it altogether is £600.

The vote to remove the shelter was passed by just 5 votes to 4 after some parish councillors suggested people needed protection from the elements.

It was suggested by County Councillor Mr Bullock that Upton did not want one of its bus shelters and needed to find a home for it. The Parish Council will investigate whether they can make use of the Upton bus shelter.

6785 PLANNING REPORT

(a) Comments made to Malvem Hills District Council

MH 089/10 – 73 Main Road – Certificate of lawfulness for proposed use for single storey building within the cartilage of the existing site (CPU)

There were strong objections to the proposals and recommend refusal.

(a) Although the building is now single storey, it is approx 1.4 times the footprint of the building previously proposed.

(b) The building line on the south between No 71 and No 73 extends to within 2 metres of what was described in the earlier application as a “thick tree-like boundary” The tree officer’s statement that hornbeam tree canopies extend 4.7metres from the boundary and the RPA (Root Protection Area) extends 3 metres from the building line suggests there is a problem that has been overlooked by the proposers.

(c) The application shows no increase in allowance for parking. At the present time vehicles frequently park on the A38 and on nearby residential roads. No indication that improvements will made to the access from the A38.

(d) On-going problems with the sewage system in the immediate area – will the system be able to cope with an extra large building?

(e) No indication of the materials and finishes to be used.

(f) Concerns that the proposed building, if allowed, should be used for domestic purposes only as an annex to the main house, and not for business purposes (e.g. B&B etc).

MH 093/10 – Land to the rear of 5 Florence Close- Residential development of 7 dwellings (Full)

Reasons for objections:-

- (a) It was noted that the technical notes for Halcrow (pages 2 and 4) are missing and as these relate to the principal change from the plans previously approved; this is a matter of great concern. The non-realignment of the A38 and the reasons given for the radical change of requirement between 2007 and 2010 are not explained. The A38 is an increasingly busy road and the greatest care must be exercised with visibility splays and we object to the application on these grounds.
- (b) The details of the existing houses in Florence Close are omitted. No 5 Florence Close has on the overall scheme. The number of vehicles accessing and parking by the existing properties, and the effect of these vehicle movements on the accessibility of the proposed houses is not made clear.
- (c) The width of the road must be checked as in most places it is only 4.2 metres wide and the path only an additional 1 metre. We do not understand how the new road can be 4.75 metres wide plus 1.85 metres for a path – particularly where the existing lamp standard is situated.
- (d) Only one street light is shown (the existing one). We believe that the whole area of the development should be lit to County Council standards
- (e) Section 106 agreement. Design Statement section 5.2 removes reference to bus shelters, but a pedestrian crossing should be provided as this would provide access to the Playing Field and Play areas at Plovers Rise. The full contents of any 106 agreement must be visible to and agreed by the Parish Council.

6786 COMMONS AND HAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Harrison had previously declared a personal and possibly prejudicial interest in this report and left the room.

In the absence of Mr J Michael the Chairman reported on the following:-

1. The HLS agreement for Ashmoor Common has been received at the Parish Council Office and is awaiting the Parish Clerk's signature whereupon the plan can be implemented.
2. Natural England have emailed the specification for the new fence at Ashmoor Common for us to request quotes from interested contractors. It is hope a start date will be implemented prior to the new financial year so that Natural England can include this on their 2009/10 budget analysis
3. The posting work on Kempsey Common has been successfully completed and is having the desired effect but there are still some people parking between the posts and the ditch. It is recommended that two signs are purchased to attach to each gatepost bearing the legend 'No Parking on the Common' vehicular access only to the caravan site and Lyndon House or words to that effect.
4. The specification for ditching work on Normoor Common – specifically to that area by the pond and the dwellings at Kerswell Green have been agreed and we are awaiting quotes for the work to be done.
5. An agreement has been signed with Eon to allow a contractor onto the eastern part of Normoor Common to remove tree branches growing close to the power lines crossing the common. Work to commence in line with Natural England Guidelines.
6. Ditches crossing the common which are the responsibility of the council require dweeding and this will be done during the course of the summer and all culverts will be cleared thoroughly.

6787 RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

(a) Pavilion Works Mr Blackwell gave a report on the associated works required. Two quotations were received. It was proposed by Mr Blackwell to accept the lowest tender of £560 from Simon Davis. This was seconded by Mr Harrison and agreed in favour by all members to accept.

6788 COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE REPORT

(a) Estimate for Roofing Repairs

Three estimates had now been obtained in respect of roofing repairs. It was proposed by Mr Ward seconded by Mr Harrison the Parish Council resolved to accept the estimate from SMP Builders for £3750 inclusive of VAT.

(b) Mr Harrison to investigate applying for a grant for community centre projects for improvement works.

6789 CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY UPDATE

The Chairman reported on:-

(a) County Council Budget Presentation – 2.5% increase on Council Tax

£45 million cuts over the next 3 years.

(b) Malvern Hills District Council Budget presentation February 22nd at 7pm

(c) First payment of £6.72 from the courts in respect of anti-social behaviour

(d) FLAG Decision

(e) Pact Meeting

(f) Word of thanks and appreciation to The Parish Clerk's assistants for their help and support at this difficult time.

6790 KEMPSEY POST OFFICE UPDATE

The Parish Council would like to secure a service counter for the new Post Office. To authorise expenditure up to £2180 plus delivery to purchase Post Office Counter and equipment. This was proposed by Mr Ward and seconded by Mr Harrison and agreed by the Parish Council to purchase the counter.

Mr Ward has been making enquiries concerning the structure of the Post Office and has been viewing suitable steel cabins.

The vetting process is underway for the sub post master.

6791 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS/BALANCES TO 31/1/10

The receipts and payments/bank reconciliation to 31st January 2010 are to follow.

6792 CONFIRMATION OF ACTION

The Parish Council ratified payment of the following urgent accounts which had been made under delegated powers:-

Staff salaries for January as shown on the list circulated to Members and annexed to the Signed Minutes

6793 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

On the proposal of Ms. Baker seconded by Mr. Michael the Parish Council resolved to authorise payment of the following accounts :-

Mrs. A.P. Halford - Petty cash for January - £19.55

Bellinger Design – Landscape Consultancy Services - £625.10 (inc.VAT £93.10) To be paid from Parish Plan Working Party Funds.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.08p.m.

Signed at the next ensuing meeting of
Kempsey Parish Council

Chairman of such next ensuing meeting