

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PAROCHIAL ELECTORS HELD ON
MONDAY, 23rd APRIL, 2007 AT 7.30 P.M. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present :- Mr. R. Ellis, in the Chair;

Mr. N. Atkins; Mrs. K. Biddle; Mr. N. Brookes; Mrs. E. Calvert; Mrs. P. Gerrard;
Mr. D. Harrison; Mrs. A. Hart; Mrs. M. Howes-Jones; Mrs. J. Jones; Mr. J. Michael
and Mr. T. Ward.

Also Present :- Mr. R. Bullock, County Councillor; Mr. M. Biddle and Mr. H. Morris, District Councillors; Sergeant L. Cresswell and Community Support Officer L. Papps. A total of 11 parochial electors were also present.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. J. Clee and P.C. A. Naulls.

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting of Parochial Electors which had been held on Monday, 24th April, 2005 had been previously circulated to all present.

2. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman's Annual Report was the same as his report for the Annual Newsletter.

3. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR

The audited statement of accounts for 2006/2007 had been previously circulated to each house within the Parish. There were no questions on these accounts.

4. REPORT FROM LOCAL BEAT OFFICER

Sergeant Cresswell reported that the structure of local Policing had recently changed and that Ms Tracy Caldwell had been appointed as a Community Support Officer. She would be out and about in two months time. If the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was to work, it would need support. He presented crime statistics for the Parish and commented that the Police hoped to see a significant reduction in crime in the next year. He concluded by stating that speed enforcement was a matter which he would be looking into and that he would be visiting the areas of concern.

5. REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Mr. Bullock pointed out that he attended all Parish Council Meetings so matters requiring his attention were dealt with on a month-to-month basis. The arrangements for the various Highways Partnerships had changed and the staff for the new County Highways Partnership were now located at Newlands and at County Hall. The site for the proposed pedestrian crossing on the A.38 should now go ahead once the development at Main Road was finished.

6. REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Mr. Biddle reported on various planning matters including changes to the Settlement Boundary, changes to the Local Development Framework and the new Planning Policy Statements. He was able to report that the new footpath in Old Road South had finally been completed.

In presenting his final report, Mr. Morris thanked everyone who had assisted with litter picking and stated that he had enjoyed his 8 years as a District Councillor.

7. DISCUSSIONS ARISING FROM THE REPORTS

Mrs. K. Biddle of 7 Brookside asked whether Community Support Officers and Street Scene Wardens would be trained in the use of speed guns? Sergeant Cresswell responded.

Mrs. Jones of 23 Kings Hill asked if there were any proposals for wheelie bins being supplied to each household? Mr. Morris replied that this would probably happen in about 4 years time.

Mr. N. Brookes of 4 Hillside asked the District Councillors why they had supported the planning application for the children's play area at Broomhall when it would result in development in the green corridor between Kempsey and Worcester, it had been opposed by the Parish Council and it was being made for a site in Kempsey by a Parish Council from another District? Mr. Biddle explained that the play area would be available for use by Kempsey parishioners and that he had always supported any opportunity to provide play facilities. Mr. Brookes asked if there had been an increase in the number of incidents since the clocks were altered resulting in lighter nights. Sergeant Cresswell was not able to comment.

Mr. M. Legg from Kerswell Green asked where it was proposed to locate the box which would be used for the completed forms for the P.A.C.T. scheme? Sergeant Cresswell advised that the Original Stores would be used. Mr. Legg also thanked the Police for arranging the meeting about the speed of traffic at Kerswell Green.

Mr. D. Harrison of 8 Brookside pointed out that most people had all-inclusive phone bills and had to pay for any calls using an 0845 prefix when telephoning the Police. He asked whether it would be possible for the Police to be contacted on an 01905 number? Sergeant Cresswell confirmed that the Police could be contacted on 01905 – 725779.

Mr. R. Padden of Brookside asked about the size of the area which was covered by the Community Support Officer. C.S.O. Papps pointed out that he covered 18 different parishes.

Mr. N. Brookes of 4 Hillside expressed his concerns about the dangerous state of Sandy Lane which was nearly impassable as a result of soil on the surface and a huge pothole. Mr. Bullock agreed to look into this problem.

Mr. R. Bullock asked whether there were any proposals to have a bowls green at the Playing Field? The Chairman pointed out that a planning application had been submitted for one at the Playing Field but was withdrawn. The situation was that there was currently no space available.

Mrs. L.Jenkins of 10 Brookend Lane asked whether the recent audit which had been carried out by consultants acting on behalf of the District Council had shown the lack of space for additional facilities at the Playing Field? Mr. Harrison, the Sports Association Secretary reported that he had met with the consultants in September, 2006 but at that time there did not appear to be any need for extra space.

Mr. N. Brookes of 4 Hillside who cycled to work in Worcester complained that when the overhanging hedges adjacent to the A.38 were cut back, the cuttings had been left on the pavements.

Mr. D. Harrison of 8 Brookside asked why it had not been necessary to apply for planning permission for the large illuminated information sign which had recently been erected at the entrance to Worcester City on the A.38? Mr. Bullock agreed to look into this matter.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Morris for his service as District Councillor during the past 8 years.

There being no further matters, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.47 p.m.

Signed at the next ensuing meeting of
Kempsey Parish Council

Chairman of such next ensuing meeting