

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2007 AT 7.30 p.m. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY  
CENTRE**

**Present** :- Mr. D. Harrison, in the Chair

Ms. M. Baker; Mrs. K. Biddle; Mr. K. Blackwell; Mr. N. Brookes;  
Mrs. C. Campbell; Mrs. P. Gerrard; Mrs. A. Hart; Mrs. J. Jones; Mr. M. Legg;  
Mr. J. Michael and Mr. T. Ward.

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

**Apologies for absence** were received from Mr. N. Atkins. No reason was offered for his non-attendance.

**6143 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Ms. Baker declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item 11(b) – this was a report of a delegated decision in respect of MH 904/07.

As Secretary of Kempsey Sports Association, Mr. Harrison declared a personal interest in respect Agenda Item 13.

Mrs. Campbell declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Items 9(h) and 9(i) relating to correspondence about Kempsey Baptist Chapel

**6144 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 9th July, 2007, having been previously circulated to the members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**6145 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE**

The Minutes of the Community Centre Committee held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2007, having been previously circulated to the members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**6146 PREVIOUS MINUTES– RECOMMENDATIONS AND ITEMS FOR UPDATE**

There were no recommendations or items for up-date.

**6147 COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT ON LOCAL ISSUES**

Mr. Bullock referred to the problems with vehicular encroachment over the triangles at Pixham Ferry Lane, Kerswell Green and Napleton and advised that he was willing to give £2,000 of the personal allowance he received from the County Council towards having kerbs placed around each triangle. The Parish Council thanked him for his generous offer.

**6148 DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT**

Mrs. Walters reported that the Citizens Advice Bureau visited Kempsey for one hour on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. The Clerk was asked to include this in the Magazine Extract.

Mr. Biddle reported that Sir Michael Spicer had seen the flooded areas and would be pressing for a flood relief scheme for Kempsey. His attention was drawn to various problems with Hatfield Brook. The Clerk was asked to include this matter on the Agenda for the September Meeting. Mr. Biddle also agreed to ascertain how much money being levied for flooding would be spent in Kempsey during the next three years.

**6149 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

(a) **MHDC – Adoption of New Model Code of Conduct**

The members noted the dates of the training sessions. .

(c) **DeFRA – Consultation – Implementation of Part1 of Commons Act, 2006**

The Parish Council passed this matter to the Commons and Hams Committee Chairman.

(d) Mr. C.J. Styles – Parking at Kings Hill

The Parish Council resolved to refer this matter to the County Council.

(f) WSE Ltd. – High Voltage Line across Normoor and Ashmoor Commons

The Parish Council passed this matter to the Commons and Hams Committee Chairman.

(g) Clement Keys – Annual Return for 2006/2007

The Parish Council noted that an un-qualified audit opinion had been given.

(h) Mrs. J. Lewis and (i) Mr. & Mrs. Jones – Kempsey Baptist Chapel

Mrs. Campbell had previously declared an interest in this matter but did not leave the room whilst it was discussed. The Parish Council agreed that the letters should be attached to the existing file in respect of the Baptist Chapel for future reference when any further planning application was received.

(j) MHDC – Section 106 Agreements – Letters from Solicitor and Planning Officer

The Parish Council were not satisfied with the responses received and agreed to re-iterate their request to have input in the very early discussions about Section 106 Agreements.

(k) WCC – Planning permission for Reclamation Site at Norton

The Chairman reported that he had read the document which contained 42 planning conditions.

(m) South Worcs. Joint Core Strategy – Issues & Options – Feedback

The Clerk was asked to point out that the letter was dated 26<sup>th</sup> July, was not posted until 31<sup>st</sup> July, was posted by second class post and, consequently was not received until 2<sup>nd</sup> August. The response to the letter had to be made by 3<sup>rd</sup> August so the Parish Council had only been given one day in which to make any comments

(n) (o) (p) (q) Mrs. J. Smith, Mr. R. Allsopp, Mrs. L. Jones & Mr. D. Corns – Hatfield Brook

The Clerk was asked to refer these emails to the Environment Agency.

**6150 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

(a) Crown Area Bus Stop – Amenities Area

The Parish Council noted that a response was still awaited from the County Council.

(b) Taylor's Lane – One Way System

The Clerk reported on the meeting with Mr. Wallace from the County Council. The proposed one way system had now been abandoned due to the postponement of the Powick Bridge works.

(c) MHDC – Lengthsman -Litter Picking in Kempsey

The Parish Council noted that the Agreement for a further three-month scheme on a pro-rata basis with the District Council had been signed by the Clerk and Chairman.

**6151 PLANNING REPORT**

(a) For Report:-

MH 1173/07 and MH 1174/07 – The Talbot Public House – Creation of extra covered external drinking area (Full and Listed Building Consent) – Objection to both applications.

(b) Planning Comments to MHDC under Delegated Powers

MH 962/07 – Selbourne Meadow, Napleton Lane – New secure garage, workshop and store (Full) – No objections but some concerns

MH 904/07 – 23 Old Road North – Enlargement of existing ensuite bathroom and provision of first floor dormer (Full) - No objections

MH 1001/07 and MH 1002/07 – Draycott Lodge, Main Road – Extension to form garden room and pool house (Full and Listed Building Consent) – No objections

**6152 COMMONS AND HAMS COMMITTEE REPORT**

(a) Delegated Decision re Common Gate Post

The Committee Chairman reported that the gate post at Common Farm entrance to Kempsey Common had been snapped the post off. An estimate in the sum of £250 had been obtained for the supply and installation of a new hard wood post and, under delegated powers, this had been accepted by the Parish Council Chairman, the Parish Council Vice-Chairman and Clerk in consultation with himself. The Parish Council formally approved

this expenditure.

(b) Report on Site Meeting at Kerswell Green

The Committee Chairman gave a brief report on the site meeting.

(c) Cattle on Ashmoor Common

The Committee Chairman outlined the problems which had arisen as a result of cattle escaping from Ashmoor Common. In future, the Parish Council agreed to write to the adjoining landowner whenever residual grazing was being offered on Ashmoor Common.

(d) Annual letter to Commoners

The Committee Chairman reported that the annual letter had been sent by Recorded Delivery to residents living adjacent to commons. Some residents had not complied with some aspects of the letter so a follow-up letter would be sent where appropriate.

**6153 RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Progress reports on (a) Fencing around children's play area and (b) Fencing on Playing Field

The Parish Council had previously asked that a written progress report should be available from the Committee Chairman on these two matters which had been deferred from the June and July Meetings. The Committee Chairman reported that she hoped that she now had all the information which was needed to submit grant applications for the fencing.

(c) RoSPA Report on Play Area

The Committee Chairman reported that she had read the comments made in this document. Some of the tiling under the play equipment was lifting and would need to be stuck down again for which an estimate would be needed.

(d) Flying of Model Aircraft and Playing of Golf on Playing Field

The Committee Chairman reported the concerns of Playing Field users about the risk of being hit by either a model aircraft or a golf ball. The Parish Council resolved that both of these activities should be banned. The Clerk was asked to obtain an estimate for 4 signs to be erected at each of the entrances to the Playing Field and in the Pavilion. As a temporary measure, she was asked to provide laminated signs. The Clerk was also asked to include this matter in the Parish Magazine Extract.

**6154 COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Committee Chairman reported that following on from the recent meeting, a roof inspection had been arranged for 20<sup>th</sup> August.

(a) Delegated Decision re Decorating Works in Foyer

The Committee Chairman reported that only one contractor had submitted estimates for (a) the decoration of the Foyer and the new storage cupboard and (b) the front canopy area. Other contractors advised that they were not available during the two weeks when the Nursery was closed and Room 1 was not needed. The two estimates totaled £873.00. Under delegated powers, these estimates had been accepted by the Parish Council Chairman and the Clerk in consultation with himself. They had been mindful that this would cause the least inconvenience to their tenant and that nearly all the budgeted sum for Community Centre maintenance in the current financial year remained un-spent. The Parish Council formally resolved to approve this expenditure and also noted that the sum of £15.85 which they retained on behalf of the former Community Centre Committee would also be used towards the painting of the new store cupboard.

**6155 FLOODING IN KEMPSEY**

The Chairman presented a report on the main issues of the recent flooding and thanked everyone who had helped in any way. Mr. Brookes felt that a list should be compiled by the Parish Council of vulnerable people and that there should be a meeting to discuss the various problems and issues. Mr. Ward made a request for any photographs of the floods to be made available to the Parish Council for inclusion on the Parish Website. The Clerk was asked to include this item in the Parish Magazine Extract.

**6156 CLOSURE OF THE LOCAL AMBULANCE CONTROL CENTRE**

The Chairman reported on the proposal to close the local Ambulance Control Centre at Bransford and to have the calls transferred to either Stafford or Brierley Hill. The Parish Council unanimously resolved to write a letter to the NHS Trust expressing their concerns to this proposal as they considered that even with new data and technology, local knowledge was absolutely essential. They were concerned to hear of delays of up to 6 minutes in emergency calls being answered at the Stafford Control Centre, felt that this was totally unacceptable and that it could result in loss of lives.

**6157 NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Clerk reminded those present that the District Council had arranged a training session on the new Code of Conduct. The Parish Council resolved to consider the new Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils, including section 12(2), with a view to adopting it at their September Meeting.

**6158 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS/RECONCILIATION OF BALANCES TO 31/7/07**

The receipts and payments/bank reconciliation to 31st July, 2007 had been previously circulated to the members. The Clerk reported that Ms Baker had inspected the accounts for this particular period and had found everything to be in order

**6159 CONFIRMATION OF ACTION**

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

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

Mrs. S. Cordell – Community Centre Cleaning to 9.7.07 - £50.00

New Farm Grounds Maintenance – Playing Field Mowing - £105.74 (inc. £15.74 VAT)

**6160 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The Parish Council resolved to authorise payment of the following accounts :-

Mrs. A.P. Halford - Petty Cash for July - £64.22

Clement Keys – Annual Audit - £470.00 (inc. £70.00 VAT)

City of Worcester – Fix new dog bin - £29.38 (inc. £4.38 VAT)

BT – Office Phone - £106.75 (inc. £15.23 VAT)

Mrs. S. Cordell – Community Centre Cleaning to 6.8.07 - £37.50

High Green Farming Ltd. – Grass Topping - £637.44 (inc. £94.94 VAT)

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.28 p.m.**

Signed at the next ensuing meeting of  
Kempsey Parish Council

Chairman of such next ensuing meeting

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2007**

**DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**

**Mr. Philip Jones, Elgar Drive** – Do the Parish Council, as owners of the Playing Field, accept that they have a responsibility to surrounding residents in respect of the noise and nuisance affecting us? Complained about noise during the early hours of the mornings from both males and females who congregated around the Play Area. Empty Vodka bottles and beer cans suggested evidence of alcohol consumption. Had phoned the Police to complain but had received no feedback. A wooden post in the hedge had been set on fire on another occasion so he had phoned the Police again. Again had no feedback from the Police.

**Mr. Peter Scurrell, Elgar Drive** – Had previously had his brand new caravan vandalized. Police had not been able to identify those responsible as no fingerprints.

**Ms Louise Priest, Church Street** expressed her thanks to the Parish Council for their help during the floods.

**Chairman, Mr. David Harrison** read the statement submitted by the Police who could not attend the meeting

- 1) Thanked the parish Council and parishioners for their efforts during the floods
- 2) Reported a high Police presence over a 6 – 8 week period but this would now slow down
- 3) Reported convictions in respect of acts of vandalism