

Kempsey PACT Meeting

held at Kempsey Community Centre on Tuesday 7th June 2011 @ 7.30pm



Present Joy Clee, in the Chair;

Mike Biddle; Alan Biddle (Street Scene Warden MHDC); Andrew Hay (Kempsey Parish Council), Bob Bowley (Kempsey Parish Council), Michael Legg (Kempsey Parish Council), Colin Bunn, Jan Fowler, Gerry Abbot, Andrea Halford, Margaret Davies, Pat Whitehead, Ann Hart (Kempsey Parish Council), Pam Gerrard (Kempsey Parish Council), Ann Patrick, Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association), Terry Ward, Mel Baker, Kathy Walbridge, Kay Hopcutt (Kempsey Youth Club), Jane Wallin, Katrina Barnes (Rocking Horse Pre-School), Bob Bullock (Worcestershire County Councillor)

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Adrian Osborne (Headmaster, Kempsey Primary School), Christine Palethorpe (WCC Extended Children's Services), Charlotte Underwood (Kempsey Tennis Club), John Michael (Chairman, Kempsey Parish Council), David Harrison (District Councillor), Adam Rea (District Councillor), Roy Padden, Marian Walters, Kim Biddle, Sharon Joyce (Neighbourhood Watch), WPC Sarah Ransome-Williams, CSO Colin Davies and Sgt. Ian Blanchard.
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING** held on Tuesday, 8th March 2011 having been previously circulated were confirmed as being an accurate record.
3. **MATTER ARISING**
 - (a) **Overgrown hedges.** The meeting noted that there had been no action on some of the existing overgrown hedges and that new problem hedges were being reported. The suggestion is that the Parish Council inform parishioners that a list will be kept in the Parish Office of overgrown hedges. This will be forwarded to the County Council on a regular basis and they will be pressured by the Parish Council to take action.
 - (b) **Drains** Ms Baker reported that the drain at the top of Old Road North had been tarmaced over during recent road surfacing works. It had then had a white line painted over the newly laid tarmac. The problem had been rectified after she reported the matter to the County Council.
 - (c) **Litter Pick** This had been successful. The next litter pick will be carried out in late October or early November when grass on the roadside verges will be shorter.
 - (d) **Scrap Metal Collections** The Parish Council will be asked to include this matter in the Parish Magazine Extract warning parishioners to be careful about leaving property unattended/unsecured and reminding them that it was their responsibility to establish that whoever carried their rubbish away is properly registered to do so.
4. **PARISH PLAN WORKING PARTY — PLAY EQUIPMENT** It was noted that the new play equipment at the Playing Field had been installed - and had even been vandalized!
5. **ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND CRIME** In the absence of the Local Beat Officer, her report was read to the meeting by the Chairman. The Parish Council is to be reminded that she needs an update on Concerns and disappointment were expressed that, as the lead Partner, there was no Police representative present. The Police are to be informed that the meeting were not happy with this situation and they are to be asked for suitable lunchtime dates when an officer could attend a meeting in September. Once this information has been provided, a date would then be fixed for the next meeting. Following complaints about cars parking on, and

obstructing pavements in Old Road North, Plovers Rise and Oakfield Drive, the Parish Council are to be asked to include this matter in their Parish Magazine Extract. Residents will be asked to report any problems to the Parish Office, identifying the location and vehicle registration details. The Parish Council will be asked to forward the list to the Police with a request that the appropriate action is taken.

The Parish Council will also be asked to use the Parish Magazine to make residents aware of bogus operators claiming to act on behalf of a charity when collecting bags of clothing.

6. **AMENDMENTS TO BUS SERVICES** It was noted that there was a proposal to do away with the evening bus service between Kempsey and Worcester and concerns were expressed about the impact this would have on people returning home from work who relied on evening services. The Chairman agreed to speak at the Parish Council's Open Forum about this matter seeking support from the District and County Councilors and also the Parish Council.

7. **HOUSES TO BE BUILT IN KEMPSEY**

It was noted that the Parish Plan had been done 5 years ago and now needed to be updated as a matter of urgency. Mike Biddle reported that the District Council would be discussing the various development proposals which had been put forward at a meeting the following night. After a short discussion the Chairman agreed to contact CALC for informal advice about the necessary criteria for Parish/Neighbourhood Plans.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Jubilee Celebrations – Ideas will be needed.

Parking outside School – Alan Biddle reported that the District Council were looking into this problem.

Post Office – Mike Legg reported on the good comments in Worcester News and it was now up to the Parish Council to try to progress this matter.

Date of Next Meeting – to be advised.

Thank you to those that provided the drinks, and biscuits and also to Andrea Halford for taking the minutes..

Joy Clee Chairman