

# Kempsey PACT Meeting



held at Kempsey Community Centre  
on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013 at 12.30pm

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Present: (27) Terry Ward (Chair), David Harrison (District Councillor), Mike Legg, Paul Leopold (Chairman Malvern Hills District Police and Community Consultative Group), Melody Baker, WPC Sarah Ransome-Williams (Local Police Officer), PCSO Martin Butcher, Margaret Davies, Gerry Abbott (GA), Bob Bowley (Kempsey Parish Councillor Chairman), Val Dobbins, Colin Bunn, Trevor Geens (TG)(Kempsey Parish Council), Ann Patrick (AP) (Kempsey Parish Council), Brian Clarke (BC)(FLAG), Roy Padden, Kathleen Padden, Joy Clee, Mike Biddle (MB), Roy Clarke (Parish Lengthsman), Marian Walters, Jan Fowler, Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association), Edna Cope, Geraldine Daniels, Rachael Sturley (Youth Club), Sarah Walton (Riverboats Children's Centre)

The chairman welcomed everyone including several new attendees. Items may be taken out of order if some members have to leave early.

**1. Apologies:** Ann Hart (Parish Councillor), Andrea Halford, Andy Hay (Kempsey Parish Council), Sharon Joyce (Neighbourhood Watch), Pam Gerrard (Kempsey Parish Councillor), Mike Stevens (Kempsey Parish Council), Sgt. Ian Blanchard (Local Police Sergeant), Bob Bullock (County Councillor), Pat Whitehead and Adam Rea (District Councillor)

**2. The minutes of the meeting** held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012, having been circulated were agreed as being a true record.

### **3. Matters Arising.**

**a) Letters were written to various organisation – responses received**

- i) Footpath between Kempsey and Worcester needing to be cleaned as only 18 inches wide in places and should be 5½ feet. (letter to Cllr Bob Bullock but no response received)
- ii) The hedge bordering Windmill Lane/Hillside, along the A38 which was cut by Festival Housing should be cleaned up in the future. (Festival Housing)
- iii) Parking on pavements to be included in Malvern Hills District Council enforcement later in 2013 (Gordon Morris at Malvern Hills District Council)
- iv) Car Park at Doctors Surgery, Kempsey
- v) Increase of speed for Broadband for Kempsey to Super-fast (Cllr Adam Rea)
- vi) Thank Parish Council for £200 donation to PACT (to Kempsey Parish Council)

**b) A letter has been received regarding the speed of Traffic along the Southern Link (from Worcestershire County Council)**

**4. Police update:** crime figures had been issued at the Parish Council meeting. Grit had been taken from the grit bin on the entrance to The Limes. It must be reminded that members of the public should take registration numbers of vehicles and report as necessary. A vehicle description may be enough. To aid conditions when ice is about, then why not have a team to spread grit? It was reported that the grit bins within the parish had been refilled by the County Council after the previous bad weather. People can clear their own footpath – details are on the Parish Website. Ellsdon Rise needs a grit bin and is it possible to have the grit bin back in Post Office Lane? Can any excess money from our County Councillor be used for the purchase of grit bins. Invite Street Scene to the next meeting regarding dog mess and litter.

**5. Aftermath of the floods November 2012.** Brian Clark from FLAG reported that the main objective of FLAG is to alleviate flooding in Church Street, the Main Road, and surrounding area of Hatfield Rock. It was the control sensors that failed, not the pumps. Mark Sinton-Kent, Anthony Perry, and Mr Davies from the environment agency were all looking into this matter. It is hoped that a flood monitor watch team will be set up by FLAG along with an emergency response plan to link in with the Parish Council's emergency plan. Sarah Blenkin from the environment agency, and Mary and onon and on and on and on and on and on and on and on and on and on and Dhonau from FLAG victim support group have been helping both the FLAG group and also the members of the public that flooded. The environment agency are trying to sort out the problems and are reporting to Owen Paterson (the minister responsible) – need to fit into emergency Parish plan. FLAG require a reception centre and will be writing to the Parish Council to use room 1 at the community centre. The caravan site went underwater and also those properties down Lanes End and they must not be ignored. Watercourses should be clear, it is in everybody's interest to keep Hatfield Brook clear and it is the riparian owner's responsibility. It must be clear that any development within Kempsey, does not add any more water to Hatfield Brook

AP. Need a working party to clear the Brook. MB. Plovers Rise runs directly to the river for public water. Bills from Seven Trent for Kempsey should be exempt for surface water drainage. GA. It houses are built behind The Limes then will The Limes flood? MB. Pitt report has not been fully implemented yet.

**6. What needs to be done to promote the public awareness of the bodies represented in PACT?**

Reports are produced in the parish magazine and we need further information on the website and possibly in the Worcester news? Possibly send a report to the Worcester news. More attend Kempsey than most of the other meetings of PACT.

**7. What can/should be done to promote a positive image of Kempsey – website?** Need to promote Kempsey better. "Kempsey is a sought-after location" – we have FLAG, new church bells, emergency plan being developed. Kempsey need to raise the "feelgood factor" – it's one of the best villages in the country. BC. Good place but need more control over our destinies – need to lobby for good resources and infrastructure. AP. Need to get more people involved – publicise the Rocky. TG. Need to promote from within – neighbourhood plan need to promote this – need a new community village centre – parish working party needs to look for a site within the village.

**8. Any other business:**

- a) Neighbourhood Plan. – Mike Biddle is the new chairman of this – the neighbourhood plan has to be accepted by Malvern Hills district Council. 25% of C I L will go to the village if it has been approved by MHDC – if it has not been approved then only 15% will go to the village – please pass details of the neighbourhood plan to as many people as possible.
- b) The police matters group for Malvern is on hold at present – the new Commissioner (Bill Longmore) is hoping to restart these. –
- c) The next litter pick is to take place on Sunday, 17 March between 2 PM and 4 PM
- d) Balance held of £226-00 by Parish Council
- e)

**9. Date of next meeting:** provisional & Monday, 30 April 2013 in Room 1 at the Community Centre at noon for a 7.30pm start. (subject to confirmation nearer the time)

Many thanks to those members providing the biscuits, milk, making the tea and coffee, and most of all thanks for clearing up. The meeting closed at 2.08pm.

Terry Ward Chairman