

PRESENT: (19) Terry Ward (Chairman), Joy Clee, Newton Coen, Wendy Coen, Ann Patrick (Parish Council), Sgt Ian Blanchard (West Mercia Police), Pat Whitehead, Marian Walters, Melodie Baker, Bob Bowley (Parish Council), Paul Leopold (Chairman Malvern Hills District Police and Community Consultative Group), Peter Scurrall, Margaret Davies, Mike Biddle (Neighbourhood Plan Chairman), Sue Raymond (Action for Children Riverboats CC), Roy Padden, Kath Padden, Sandra Edwards.

The chairman, Terry Ward welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

1. **Apologies:** Roy Clarke (Parish Lengthsman), Pam Gerrard (Parish Council), Sarah Ransome-Williams (West Mercia Police), Adam Rea (Malvern Hills District Councillor), Sharon Joyce (Neighbourhood Watch), Bryony Baynes (Headmistress Kempsey Primary School), David Harrison (Malvern Hills District Council), Jan Fowler, Sue Cownie, Chloe Wild (Fortis Housing), Bob Stokes, PCSO Martin Butcher (West Mercia Police), John Michael (Chairman Parish Council), Andrea Halford, Val Dobbins, Trevor Geens (Parish Council).
2. **The minutes of the meeting** held on Tuesday 29th April 2014, having been circulated were agreed as being a true record.
3. **Matters arising:** Wendy Coen wished to minute her thanks to Roy Clarke (Parish Lengthsman) for cutting back the dangerous tree near the doctor's surgery. Lengthy discussion took place regarding the amount of hedges and shrubs overhanging the footpaths throughout the village. This has been an on-going problem for a few years and it was felt that the Parish Council should take more robust action to force owners of offending hedges etc to cut them back. The Parish Council Environment Committee is holding a meeting in the near future and people were encouraged to attend to voice their concerns about the hazardous conditions caused by overgrown hedges. In some places road signs were obscured by trees and bus drivers were unable to see the bus stop signs. **Post meeting amendment: The Environment Committee meeting is to be held in the Community Centre on Tuesday 29th July at 7.30 pm.**
4. **Finance Report:** David Harrison has passed over all the possessions of PACT to Terry Ward who will list the contents and report his findings at the next meeting. The purchase of small litter pickers for children is to be considered. Nothing has been spent so the balance remains the same as before - £226 held by Kempsey Parish Council on our behalf.
5. **Police update:** Sgt Ian Blanchard was pleased to report that crime was at an all-time low in the Malvern Hills district. Parking remained a problem near the doctor's surgery and in and around Post Office Lane and Ellsdon. Sarah Ransome-Williams was working with the school but she has too large a work load to issue tickets for parking offences. Terry Ward asked if maybe PCSO Martin Butcher could speak to people parking cars irresponsibly. The Parish Council can take the parking issue to the Safer Roads Partnership which works closely with West Mercia Police. Sgt Blanchard said to report any instances of litter dropping to Gordon Morris at MHDC. It was illegal to perform wheelies on the playing fields car park, but Sgt Blanchard said witnesses need to have evidence of the time, registration numbers etc. Concern was also expressed about problems being caused by the large delivery lorries off-loading provisions at the Spar shop. Maybe Sarah Ransome-Williams or Martin Butcher could have a word with Bob Singh.

Paul Leopold gave an update on Neighbourhood Watch. The Police/NW relationship in Malvern Hills was an example for other areas to follow and the new messaging system will

make NW even more effective. He would be willing to give a presentation to encourage new residents to become members of NW and Terry Ward said this was something to be encouraged. Sgt Blanchard explained how to follow local crime reports on Twitter and on the Malvern Hills NW website. There is also an amazing amount of boat crime much of which is not reported.

6. **Neighbourhood Plan update:** Mike Biddle said there is a potential £1.9 million coming from developers which will give an opportunity to develop more community facilities. Tighter controls are now in place on extending historic buildings. The results of a recent questionnaire which asked for parishioners' preferred sites for a new community centre and playing field are now being collated. MB had contacted the owner of land near the doctor's surgery who was prepared to talk about the possibility of having a community centre built there. The Lioncourt developers want the open area within the development run by a management group who would be responsible for its upkeep. This needs to be thrashed out with the Parish Council who has agreed to take on board maintenance of other play areas.
7. **Local Planning Update:** Ann Patrick reported that a full planning application has been put forward for 76 houses at the top of Post Office Lane. The Parish Council has objected and a very pro-active East Kempsey Action Group is campaigning against the proposed development. Another planning application has been put forward for 31 houses at Kings Hill. AP said it was vital that residents object to both these sites. Concern has been expressed about damage being done to the footpath by contractor's lorries entering the site behind the Community Centre. The developers are aware of this and have agreed to put right the damage when the site is completed.
8. **Community Communication:** Terry Ward said the present Parish Council website is useless as a news channel and that PACT and the Parish Council need to take the issue seriously. He compared it with the Parish Magazine website which is a living notice board and regularly updated to give news of current events etc. Internet usage has increased considerably and our community needs to take this on board. It is time to have open debate and discuss problems we all face in day to day life. It was reported that mothers get together at a Children's Centre to discuss any problems and it was suggested that other groups do a similar thing and feedback to PACT on any issues.
9. **Litter Pick:** Terry Ward was very impressed with the way the Cub scouts had carried out a recent Litter Pick as part of their formal meeting. Seventeen took part and each will be given a certificate. Maybe other groups could be encouraged to do likewise. The Litter Pick on 19th July had been well worth doing despite the dreadful weather and Terry thanked those who turned up.
Date of next Litter Pick: Saturday 18th October at 10.00 am at the Community Centre.
10. **Any other business:** None.
11. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 21st October 2014 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Many thanks to the members who provided biscuits and for clearing up.

The meeting closed at 1.55pm

Terry Ward
Chairman