

Kempsey PACT Meeting



held at Kempsey Community Centre
on Tuesday 21st February 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Joy Clee (Chair), Terry Ward, Marian Walters, Mike Legg (Parish Councillor), Bob Bullock (County Councillor), Paul Hobbs (Festival Housing), Pam Gerrard (Parish Councillor), Ann Hart (Parish Councillor), WPC Sarah Ransome-Williams (Local Police Officer), Sgt. Ian Blanchard (Local Police Sergeant), CSO Sally McPherson, Paul Leopold (Chairman Malvern Hills District Police and Community Consultative Group) Mel Baker, Sharon Joyce (Neighbourhood Watch), Sarah Walton (Riverboats Children's Centre), Jan Fowler, Margaret Davies, Pat Whitehead, Andrea Halford, Val Dobbins, Gerry Abbott, Bob Bowley (Parish Councillor), Rachael Sturley (Kempsey Youth Club), Martin and Angela Allen.

The chairman welcomed everyone. Items may be taken out of order as some members had to leave early.

1. Apologies: David Harrison (District and Parish Councillor), Adrian Osborne (Headmaster Kempsey Primary School), Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association), John Michael (Chairman Parish Council), Andy Hay (Parish Council)

2. Election of Chairman: Joy Clee announced she was stepping down as Chairman. **She proposed Terry Ward as her successor, this was seconded by Marian Walters and as there were no further nominations, Terry was unanimously elected as Chairman.**

Joy was thanked for being the inspiration and driving force behind the success of Kempsey PACT. She has been Chairman for five years and has worked tirelessly to encourage the involvement of the Parish Council, outside agencies and local residents.

3. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2011 having been circulated were agreed as being a true record.

4. Paul Hobbs introduced himself as the new Festival Housing Officer in the Kempsey area having taken over from Diane Grazier. Festival Housing manages The Firs and if anyone has any queries or problems Paul can be contacted on 01905 823100 or phobbs@festivalhousing.co.uk

4. Matters Arising.

a) Overgrown hedges: The problem still exists on the east side of the Main Road and the corner of Church Street, although some other areas have been dealt with. The public should report any problems to the Parish Council office or the Lengthsman.

b) Litter Pick report: The last litter pick on 30th November was successful with the whole of the Main Road from the boundary with Worcester City to Baynhall Garage being cleared.

c) Litter Pick equipment: Thanks were paid to Cllr Bob Bullock for giving £350 from his allowance towards the purchase of signage and High Visibility jackets. The design of the proposed thick plastic signs was shown, six of which are to be purchased at a cost of £28.80 each. Thirty High Visibility jackets will be purchased at a cost of £6 each. All this equipment will be paid for and remain the property of the Parish Council who can reclaim the VAT. The Kempsey Guides have expressed an interest in carrying out their own Litter Pick. It is hope to spruce up the village before Funday Sunday on 10th June. Marian will ask Adrian Osborne at

school if an assembly could be arranged to encourage young children and their parents to become involved. An article will be placed in the April and May editions of the Parish Magazine.

- d) **Date of next Litter Pick:** Tuesday 11th March from 2.00 – 4.00 pm. This will be advertised on the West Mercia and Parish Council web sites. A further Litter Pick will take place on Tuesday 27th May from 2.00 – 4.00pm.

5. Anti Social Behaviour – Police update: Sgt Ian Blanchard was pleased to report that Kempsey was a very low crime area. A lawn mower had recently been stolen from a shed on the Main Road and Ian asked that everyone is careful to keep all metal objects out of sight due to the high value of scrap metal . A car had been driven over the football pitch and some machinery has been stolen from the new sewage treatment plant at Kerswell Green. Fly tipping has been removed from Bestmans Lane by MHDC. Two motorcycles were stolen from Brookend Lane on 13th January. Our new CSO is Kevin Youds. Paul Leopold said crime alert messages on the Ringmaster system were now back on board with immediate effect. The Neighbourhood Watch AGM is to be held on Wednesday 18th April at Hindlip Hall. Malvern Hills is the 5th lowest crime area in the country and Paul recommended the marking of property with Smart Water which if purchased through him, costs only £21 for life.

6. Funday Sunday: The day will start from The Limes with a torch procession around the village. Events will take place in the Community Centre, the Village Hall, the School, St Mary's Church and the playing field. A concert will be held in church from 5.00 – 7.00pm. Many village groups are involved and grants and sponsorship are coming in. Astons Coaches have promised a mini bus shuttle service to ferry people to and fro to avoid the use of cars, and the day is not being advertised outside the village. The police will place cones from the playing field gate to the top of Napleton Lane. Insurance is covered under the umbrella of the Parish Council and most of the organizations involved have their own Public Liability insurance. Marshalls are needed throughout the village. The next public meeting will be held on Wednesday 7th March at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

7. Update on SWDP: As there were no District Councillors present, it was decided to defer this matter to the next meeting. Terry Ward had been to a meeting where the sheer depth of feeling against this development was expressed. The plan was already 8 months behind schedule due to the high number of negative responses. Further discussion was discouraged at this point. When all the facts were in place a meeting will be arranged for residents to hear what has to be said.

8. Any other business:

- * The matter of dog mess was again mentioned. It was suggested that the new Street Scene Officer is invited to the next meeting.
- * Terry Ward asked if Bob Bullock could raise the issue of the shocking state of footpaths and roads following the installation of new drains, gas pipes, lights etc. He will look into the matter.
- * Appreciation of the attendance of the Police Officers was expressed.

9. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 29th May in Room 1 at the Community Centre at 12 noon for a 12.30pm start.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Terry Ward Chairman