

Kempsey PACT meeting held at Kempsey Community Centre

on Tuesday 13th October 2015 at 12.30pm

PRESENT: (25) Terry Ward (Chairman), Cllr Roger Sutton (County Council & MHDC), Cllr David Harrison (MHDC), Cllr John Michael (MHDC), Trevor Geens (Chairman Parish Council), Rob Rich (Community Safety and Resilience Officer (MHDC), Mike Biddle (Neighbourhood Plan Chairman), Sarah Ransome-Williams (West Mercia Police), Martin Butcher (West Mercia Police), Sharon Joyce (Neighbourhood Watch), Wendy Coen, Pam Gerrard (Parish Council), Pat Whitehead, Marian Walters, Paul Leopold (Chairman Malvern Hills District Police and Community Consultative Group), Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association), Nancy Morris, Peter Scurrall, Des Locke, Kath Padden, Roy Padden, Val Dobbins, Gerry Abbott, Phyllis Bunn, Colin Bunn.

The chairman, Terry Ward welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Everybody then introduced themselves.

- 1. Apologies:** Ann Patrick (Parish Council), Roy Clarke (Parish Lengthsman), Joy Clee, Sgt Ian Blanchard, Ken Blackwell (Parish Council), Newton Coen, Margaret Davies, Bryony Baynes (Headmistress Kempsey Primary School), Bob Bowley, Mel Baker, Sandra Edwards, David Walters, Jan Fowler,
- 2. Minutes of the meeting** held on Tuesday 16th June 2015, having been circulated were agreed as being a true record.
- 3. Matters arising:** The new litter pickers have been put to good use.
- 4. Police and Neighbourhood Watch update:** Sarah Ransome-Williams said she was no longer having to cover Tenbury Wells. The Safer Roads Partnership together with the police has been carrying out speeding enforcement measures and stats would be available soon. David Perridge from the Safer Roads Partnership had been unable to attend this PACT meeting, but Community Speed Enforcement might be introduced to Kempsey. This only operates in areas up to a 40 miles per hour speed limit and Community volunteers work alongside Police officers to identify vehicles which break the speed limit. Registration numbers are entered onto a database which produces a letter informing the registered owner that their vehicle has been noted to have exceeded the speed limit and asking them not to do so in the future. Cllr Sutton said this had been tried at Honeybourne but people were reluctant to volunteer as most of the culprits were local and known to each other. Mike Biddle said the Gateway effect is useful in slowing down traffic and David Harrison added that the developments to the south of Kempsey could well provide this if the villagers want it.

There had been very few ASB incidents other than a neighbourhood dispute at Kingshill, an air rifle being fired at Plovers Rise and theft of tools from the Lion Court development compound. Martin Butcher continues to patrol the village on foot.

Neighbourhood Watch: Paul Leopold said hundreds of Smart Water packs have been purchased but due to new marketing they are no longer available at £21. West Mercia Police are now endorsing Smart Water and everything possible is being done to make it readily available at a reasonable cost. Paul is also a member of the Independent Advisory Group for South Worcestershire and a **copy of his paperwork is attached together with information on SUA (drones)**. The Parish Council will gather local opinion on these.

- 5. South Worcestershire Development Plan update:** DH said the plan was now out for consultation and should be back from the inspector by February 2016 after which it will hopefully be adopted by WCC, MHDC and Wychavon council. If it does go through it will provide MHDC with a five year land supply up to 2025. The development will take three years to complete and one gypsy site of 10 pitches will be provided. There will be two crossings of the southern link road but whether they go over or under the road is not yet known. Cllr Harrison and Cllr Michael were thanked for their report.
- 6. Neighbourhood Development Plan:** Mike Biddle hoped the draft plan would have been available by now but the consultants had not amended it as they should have so the Parish Council will hold an extraordinary meeting to deal with the matter. It will then become a public document and a discussion meeting will be held in St Mary's Church followed by a six week consultation period. Task groups will be formed to look through feedback comments. Terry Ward said we need to think about what the village will look like with over 4000 inhabitants which will happen with the new housing developments.
- 7. Works on Southern Link Road:** Cllr. Sutton said the mound and large pipe near the roundabout was due to an unanticipated problem with drainage, but the issues were not being explained by the WCC. He said the whole scheme was thoroughly unacceptable and traffic was far worse than before. He had raised the matter with the Highways department together with lack of provision for pedestrians and cyclists. The problem had been accepted but no solution was forthcoming other than to say it would be included in Phase 4 which is the dualling of the Carrington bridge. There is no date for this and would cost in the region of £70m. Phase 2 is now complete and Phase 3 will be completed by 2018. This involves the dualling of the Norton Road to Whittington and include provision for a footbridge. A planning application has been submitted for No Parking outside the Ketch field as this area is highly dangerous due to the narrowing of the road. Cllr. Sutton will pursue the need for a second crossing to relieve the traffic situation. David Harrison said an application had been received to extend the number of car boot sales from 13 permitted Sunday uses to unlimited Sunday uses.
- 8. Current Planning Proposals and Appeals:** Taylor Wimpey have started clearing the site at Bight Farm. The appeal at MHDC regarding the Post Office Lane development is now scheduled for two days starting on 20th October. The application for 15 bungalows at The Firs has been approved, but the developer did not wish to pay any Section 106 money and now has to prove why. ***Post meeting update: The meeting regarding the Post Office Lane development will now take place on Tuesday 27th October at 10.00 am at MHDC.***
- 9. Status of building on current sites:** The 8 houses at Derrington Mews have been sold but the 2 affordable houses for rent have not yet been taken. These are available only to persons residing in the Parish of Kempsey.
- 10. High Speed Broadband:** Terry Ward asked what has been the take up by individuals and businesses in Kempsey and is take-up being monitored. Rob Rich will get further information on this. David Harrison said there had been flooding problems with the box outside the Parish Hall. It was made clear that people have to sign up and pay for HSB.
- 11. Parking and Traffic:** Huge problems are being experienced at McColl's shop and Trevor Geens and Sarah Ransome-Williams will have a site meeting to come up with some proposals. They will also consult Highways department and take all factors into account. MHDC have issued two parking tickets in the village and Rob Rich asked that the public email the Parking Enforcement Officers at MHDC if they see specific problem areas. The address is parking@malvern hills.gov.uk

12. Community facilities: St Mary's House is on the market and there is considerable interest in the site. Plans are being drawn up for the re-ordering of St Mary's Church but no work can commence until money is in place. There has been an increase in after hours use of the school but this has caused no problems. The lease on the Youth Club building expires in November and the charity will be wrapped up. The Parish Council will then take over ownership and has ideas for its future use as a Youth Centre.

13. Community communication: Terry Ward congratulated the church on the new Parish Magazine, but it was pointed out that it no longer included a list of organisations and in which building they take place. Terry will speak to Duncan Smith about this. The parish website was much improved and the public are asked to give any relevant information to Trevor Geens for inclusion on the website. It was noted that Kempsey is rarely mentioned in the Worcester News and no press representative attends Parish Council meetings any more. It was agreed that the press needs to be fed information. MHDC is trialling a new Meet Your Council programme which will see councillors and officers touring the district to answer questions and listen to comments and concerns. Cllr John Michael and Cllr David Harrison will be visiting businesses and meeting residents in Kempsey Parish Hall from 9.30 – 10.30 am on Monday 19th October along with Chief Executive Jack Hegarty.

13. FLAG update: No update reported.

14. Litter Picking report: Terry Ward reported a very good turnout of 20 people on Sunday 11th October with a good number of bags being filled. Rob Rich added that if anyone sees a vehicle dumping rubbish, make a note of the registration number and report it to MHDC. DH said MHDC will now empty bins at the shop on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and at the church on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

15. Any other business: The temperature in Room 1 was 25^o last Monday and the radiators dangerously hot and impossible to touch. Trevor Geens said the boiler had been serviced the week before and the engineer had not closed one of the valves, but the problem had now been rectified.

16. Date of next meeting: Terry Ward said the date of the next meeting in February would be decided in the next few weeks and emailed out. The next Litter Pick would be decided at that meeting with people being asked to sign up to attend.

Many thanks to members who made tea, provided biscuits and cleared up after the meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm

Terry Ward
Chairman