

Kempsey PACT Meeting

held at Kempsey Community Centre on Tuesday 20th April 2010



Present: Joy Clee (Chair), David Harrison (Parish Council), Kay Hopcutt (Youth Club), Linda Jenkins (Neighborhood Watch), Mike Legg (Parish Council), Alan Biddle (Street Scene warden for Malvern Hills District Council), Sharon Joyce (Neighbourhood Watch), Terry Ward (Parish Council Chairman), Mel Baker (Parish Council), Marian Walters (District Councillor), Mike Biddle (District Councillor), Adrian Osborne (Headmaster Kempsey Primary School), Pam Gerrard (Parish Council), Bob Bullock (County Councillor), Adrian Symonds (Neighborhood Watch Coordinator for West Midlands), Heather Kelly, Bob Bowley, WPC Sarah Ransome-Williams, Sgt. Ian Blanchard (Local Police Team), Neville Brookes (Parish Council),

The chairman welcomed the group and the visitors on opening the meeting at 7.32pm. Items may be taken out of order as some members had to leave early. The chairman welcomed everyone and stated that she thought that things were improving within the village.

1) Apologies: CSO Colin Davies, Claire Campbell (Parish Council), Denise Thorpe (Youth Support), Linda Rimell (Chairman Kempsey Tennis Club), Sue Petrucci, Katrina Barns (Youth Center Chair), Rachael Sturley (Youth Club), Mike Pilling (Deputy Chairman of Magistrates), Andrea Halford (Parish Council Clerk), Ann Hart (Parish Council), Helen Willcox (Parish Council), Jane Jones (Parish Council), Kim Biddle (Parish Council), Paul Leopold (Chairman Malvern Hills District Police and Community Consultative Group), Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association) & James Gurney (Extended Services).

2) The minutes from the previous meeting on Tuesday 26th January 2010 having been circulated were agreed as a true record with the amendment of Bob Bullock being removed from apologies as he was listed and also attended.

3) Matters Arising.

- a) Parking outside Kempsey School. A meeting is arranged for later that week with Adrian Osborne, a Worcestershire County Council traffic engineer, Bob Bullock, Mike Biddle, Marian Walters, Helen Wilcox, Local Residents, Terry Ward and Mike Digger for Safety Partnership to discuss the parking and safety issues.
- b) Hedges. The cutting of hedges is the responsibility of the adjacent landowner. The protocol is to try to resolve the problem locally via the Parish Council but if this is not successful then should phone Worcestershire County Council hub and register. Worcestershire County Council will then inspect the hedge, and if necessary issue instructions for the landowner to cut the hedge. This should be brought up in the first instance by the Chairman of the Parish Council at the next meeting and if the problem necessitates then a separate article published in the Kempsey Parish News as this is dangerous for pedestrians and cyclist and is an “adult form of Anti-social behavior”.
- c) Road Gully’s. Still a problem of blockages with 2 gully’s in Old Road North, one on Holloway Bank and some on the Main Road by the old Police House. These require monitoring.

d) Neighborhood Watch Meeting – Tuesday 18th March. It was discussed that one person to run the NW system at the Police headquarters is not enough. Sgt Ian Blanchard stated that each local group needs a link via email or telephone with the Police and then a pyramid to contact their local residents. Must try to promote details within the village and also promote “SmartWater” at £20-00 – possibly a circular via the school. Must inform the villagers of the new Police Number 0300 333 3000.

e) Litter Pick – Sunday 7th March. The village is looking much better. Alex Bill to arrange collection of a small amount of rubbish still behind the Community Centre and not yet collected. More people attended than expected so must have better organization next time. Certificates given to Children who attended.

4) Update on Parish Plan working party’s additional play equipment. Playbuilder grant has been obtained for play equipment on The Limes but problems with the ownership of the land. Malvern Hills District Council approves the use but must have ownership document. Plans and descriptions for the new play equipment for this area which will be for ages 8 to 13, expected from the designers soon. Seating will be available and the lighting may have to be improved. Equipment is being designed for on top of the Go-stores at Plovers Rise playing field.

5) Winter Road Schedules. The Parish Council need to set up details of what is required. Condition of the pavement outside the School caused great concern during the big freeze. Gritting is a job that the Lengthsman can perform. Bring this up at the meeting with Worcestershire County Council this week, along with the parking.

8) Anti Social Behavior.

- 8.1 Much better as only 5 children causing problems. The Police are on-top of the situation and not like problems at other Parishes.
- 8.2 The Youth Club Monday club has run out of funding so there is no longer a youth club on Monday evenings. Bob Bullock (County Councillor) and both District Councillors’ to look into this funding.
- 8.3 The Thursday Youth Club still need helpers 8pm to 9.30pm. The computer room is also open on Thursday evenings.
- 8.4 There are usually no activities within Kempsey during the holidays although many areas have activities – Kempsey School promoted events in 2009.
- 8.5 Possibility for the Mobile Youth unit to visit Kempsey during the summer.

9) Any Other Business.

- 9.1 Bus times – busses not arriving or not arriving on time. People need to keep a list and submit of date/times expected and times arriving as must have evidence.
- 9.2 The three items to take forward.....
 - Parking at Kempsey School
 - Cutting of Hedges and Winter gritting schedules
 - Neighborhood Watch.

10) Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 14th September at 12.30 pm in Room 1 at Kempsey Community Centre with tea/coffee available from noon.

The meeting closed at 8.42pm. Thank you to those that provided the drinks, and biscuits.

Joy Clee Chairman