

Kempsey PACT Meeting

held at Kempsey Community Centre on Tuesday 14th September 2010



Present: Joy Clee (Chair), David Harrison (Parish Council), Mike Legg (Parish Council), Terry Ward (Parish Council Chairman), Mel Baker (Parish Council), Marian Walters (District Councillor), Mike Biddle (District Councillor), Pam Gerrard (Parish Council), Bob Bullock (County Councillor), WPC Sarah Ransome-Williams, Ann Hart (Parish Council), Helen Willcox (Parish Council), Ken Blackwell (Parish Council), CSO Colin Davies, Claire Campbell (Parish Council), Bob Bowley, Colin Bunn, Pat Whitehead, Ray Sheldon, Brian & Lynne Butler, John Boyd, Roy & Kath Padden,

The chairman welcomed the group and the visitors on opening the meeting at 12.32pm. Items may be taken out of order as some members had to leave early.

1) Apologies: Alan Biddle (Street Scene warden for Malvern Hills District Council), Sharon Joyce (Neighbourhood Watch), Neville Brookes (Parish Council), Rachael Sturley (Youth Club), Jane Jones (Parish Council), Kim Biddle (Parish Council), Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association), Sgt. Ian Blanchard (Local Police Team), James Gurney (Extended Services). Lloyd Creswell, Diane Grazier (Festival Housing), Dena Falk (Youth Support)

2) The minutes from the previous meeting on Tuesday 20th April 2010 having been circulated were agreed as a true record.

3) Matters Arising.

a) Parking outside Kempsey School. A meeting was held at the end of April at 3.30pm. The weather was fine and not many vehicles about. Adrian Osborne, Worcestershire County Council (Mr. Drew), Bob Bullock, Mike Biddle, Marian Walters, Local Residents, and Parish Council were all represented to discuss the parking and safety issues. Increasing the Yellow Lines, increasing the ZigZag markings and putting in the school newsletter were all discussed. The ZigZag markings have subsequently been extended and this has improved the parking along with the one-way system published in the newsletter. Still problems in Mornings and Afternoons and the Police are still attending and hope to stop the parking on pavements and double yellow lines.
It is no longer the responsibility of the local Police Officers to talk about Road Safety to the school children.

b) Hedges. Problem areas are the Main Road – opposite the Community Centre and down the main A38 from Brookend Lane to The Crown. Also overgrown Ash tree opposite the Crown which overhangs the footpath. Need an article in the Parish Magazine. ”. This is dangerous for pedestrians and cyclist and is an “adult form of Anti-social behavior”.

“Hedges, bushes and brambles which have overgrown footpaths and roads. The group were informed that it is the responsibility of the adjacent hedge owner to cut back and remove any branches etc which overgrow footpaths and roads. Worcestershire County Council currently can charge £1000 per household for those not conforming if they have to trim back and remove the offending branches and it is also possible that a compensation claim from somebody injured could also be made against the owner. PLEASE CUT YOUR HEDGES”.

- c) Road Gullies/Drains. The gullies at the south end of Old Road North and those in Pixham Ferry Lane have been cleaned. A problem reported of blockages at the north of Old Road North. Serious concerns regarding the state of Green Street at the bottom of the Holloway Bank - Drains are blocked, the verges have been compressed with the very large vehicles using this narrow lane, and this has caused 3 properties to flood in the last six weeks. Bob Bullock to take this matter up with David Lavender from Worcestershire County Council.
- d) Speeding. It was reported that Brookend Lane was getting bad but WPC Sarah Ransome-Williams reported that this was on-going throughout the county and although the Police would like to target all areas, it must be done on a priority basis. Reflective jackets were shown to the members with a 30 on the reverse, which was thought to be a very good idea. This was being used by the residents of Kerswell Green and was working in slowing the traffic through the hamlet. Hedges should be cut back to enable visibility. Road markings should be improved as they are worn out in places, in particular, along the A38. Worcestershire County Council have a review of speed limits which should be published soon. In Green Street there are now more children of a younger age and the speed of the vehicles must be reduced. The large agricultural vehicles coming down the bank and then reaching the 30 mph limit must be slowed down. Can traffic calming be introduced? Try to get Mike Digger or Rob Reynolds for the next PACT meeting. Need an assessment of the speed of the vehicles in Green Street and need to talk to the owner of the agricultural vehicles. Our County Councillor to liaise with the Safety Partnership.
- e) Litter Pick. A request was made for litterbins in Green Street and this should be conveyed to Kempsey Parish Council who provide these. It was agreed that the next litter pick should be on Sunday 7th November 2pm to 4pm with meeting at 2pm at CC.

4) Update on Parish Plan working party's additional play equipment. For Plovers Rise, it is proposed to hold a consultation within the Pavilion to show what is proposed. The construction on the Go-Store will need planning permission but the other items will not. The proposal for The Limes is on hold waiting to hear what is proposed by the Playbuilder grant scheme. The ownership of the land has still not been resolved.

5) Winter Road Schedules. The "Grit Bin" at the rear of the community centre should be placed within the village. Need a list of "grit bins" and their numbers and how much grit they have in them. Ann Hart agreed to provide this information.

6) Anti Social Behavior.

- 8.1 More neighbor disputes that anything within the village. This is ASB by adults.
- 8.2 Litter outside the Gurkha Knight still a problem and also cars congregating.
- 8.3 Thefts are occurring from garden sheds including the theft of bicycles.
- 8.4 Damage reported to the Police for the Lych-gate, Rocky bench, the sawn bridge crossing Hatfield Brook in the Rocky area, the lid removed from the litter bin and thrown in the brook by the bus stop opposite The Crown Inn.

7) Any Other Business.

- 9.1 A request for all minutes and agendas for PACT to go on the website was thought a good idea. Files to be in PDF format.
- 9.2 "Limes Action Group" to assist in clearing footpath 563 which is part of the footpath from Doctors Surgery to Old Roman Road and basically goes through the wooded area.
- 9.3 Parking on the corner by the doctor's surgery – parking on footpaths everywhere is a problem for pushchairs and invalid tricycles – highlight in Parish Magazine.

- 9.4 Following the statement above about the Police Officers unable to speak on Road Safety at Schools – who is now responsible for this?
- 9.5 The Thursday Youth Club still need helpers 8pm to 9.30pm. There were two contacts passed for additional help with the youth club

10) Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 7th December at 7.30 pm in Room 1 at Kempsey Community Centre with tea/coffee available from 7pm

The meeting closed at 1.48pm. Thank you to those that provided the drinks, and biscuits.

Joy Clee Chairman