

## Kempsey PACT meeting held at Kempsey Community Centre

on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 12.30pm

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**PRESENT:** (18) Terry Ward (Chairman), Cllr David Harrison (MHDC), Cllr John Michael (MHDC), Hugh Hanmer (Parish Council), Mike Biddle (Neighbourhood Plan Chairman), Roy Clarke, Gerry Abbott, Val Dobbins, C Bunn, Phyllis Bunn, Marian Walters, Wendy Coen, Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association), Jenny Humphries (PCSO), Paul Leopold (Chairman Malvern Hills District Police and Community Consultative Group), Sue Cownie, Margaret Davies, Pat Whitehead,

- 1. Introductions:** The chairman, Terry Ward welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Everyone then introduced themselves.
- 2. Apologies:** Trevor Geens (Chairman Parish Council), Joy Clee, Mel Baker, Pam Gerrard (Parish Council), Sharon Joyce (Neighbourhood Watch), Ann Patrick (Parish Council), Bryony Baynes (Headmistress Kempsey Primary School), David Walters, Newton Coen, Rev Mark Badger, Peter Scurrrell, Roy Padden, Simon Bott (Parish Lengthsman), Cllr Roger Sutton (WCC), Jan Fowler. Belated apologies were received from Bob Bowley.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting** held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016, having been circulated were agreed as being a true record.
- 4. Matters arising:** No local alerts on coloured paper have been posted in the notice boards.
- 5. Police and Neighbourhood Watch update**  
**Neighbourhood Watch:** PL said the new Neighbourhood Watch messaging system has been rolled out and is now working well after experiencing a few initial teething problems. He has drafted an article for the Parish Magazine explaining how to access messages. When people sign up for rural crime, they receive messages for the whole of the force area, so it is better to sign up for local reports. Gerry Abbott asked who was the NW co-ordinator for The Limes is and it appears there isn't one, so Pat Whitehead said she would give the matter some thought in the coming weeks.

PCSO Martin Butcher is still on light duties, so Jenny Humphries is supporting him for the time being. She has been a PCSO for 10 years and lives in Kempsey. She reported there had been a spate of burglaries in the village mainly in insecure properties and vehicles. West Mercia Police are trying to get more officers out and about in the community. The Lighting-Up campaign will be holding surgeries to give people the opportunity to know more about security etc. Jenny Humphries has information posters to give out and added that the police rely on information from the public if they see anything suspicious. Pat Whitehead had had VW wheel badges stolen on three consecutive nights between 2.00 am and 2.30 am. She had received plenty of support having rung 101 and suggested that putting talcum powder on the wheels was a deterrent. Margaret Davies asked why street lights are turned off after midnight. David Harrison explained that every other light is turned off between 1.00am and 5.00am. Roy Clarke said placing solar powered lights (available at a reasonable price on the internet) near sheds was also a deterrent.

- 6. Update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan:** Mike Biddle said the specific wording has not yet been agreed so the NDP will not now become a valid document before the end of 2016. A meeting will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to give an update on progress. The Parish Council are to approve Taylor Wimpey's plans to obtain land near

Pixham Ferry Lane for a new community centre and playing field and they will then go forward to MHDC. A project manager is working on behalf of the PC to obtain information on grants available. A meeting is proposed for Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30 pm.

## 7. Updates on:

- i) **The school:** In the absence of Bryony Baynes, MW gave a report saying that at the Open Day yesterday, 50 parents expressed a wish for their child to attend KPS next September so the school was already over-subscribed for the Reception class. There are many requests for places throughout the school due to families moving into the new developments. In reply to a question, MW said priority is given to children living within the catchment area, then children with siblings already in the school followed by other criteria. The process of conversion to a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) status is progressing with Hanley Swan and Upton on Severn primary schools and Hanley Castle High School. Forms have been submitted to the Department of Education (DfE) and should be approved for conversion in April 2017. With the start of a new school year, parking has once again become a problem with several complaints from neighbours. Tom at The Talbot kindly allows parents to park there when dropping off and collecting their children and MB said Martin at The Walter de Canteloupe has agreed to do likewise. MW will check the school is aware of this. ***Post meeting note: MW has spoken to BB and she was not aware parents could park at The Walter. She will advise parents accordingly.*** TW said there were significantly more delivery vans using Post Office Lane in the early morning and afternoon and more traffic is using Post Office Lane throughout the day.
- ii) **The Church:** In a written report, MB said work on the graveyard extension is now complete with only minor works outstanding. It is hoped the extension will be consecrated in the spring. The Project Board has made significant progress in recent months and it is hoped that ideas and plans will be presented to the wider community in due course. Following Rev Don Sloggett's retirement as Vicar of Norton, Stoulton, Drakes Broughton and Pirton, the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Resources committee proposed and unanimously approved, that Rev Mark Badger be appointed as Curate in Charge of the parish of Norton until a more formal review regarding pastoral reorganization is undertaken.
- iii) **The Parish Hall:** Planning application has been submitted for the demolition of the existing building and the building of a replacement on the same site. No further information is currently available.
- iv) **Community Youth Centre:** Cllr John Michael has taken charge of this on a temporary basis. New toilets are to be installed hopefully before Christmas, and more storage units need to be brought in. Safety checks have been carried out and the fire system upgraded. It is now available for all groups, primarily youth, and more groups are moving in. Kempsey Youth Centre signs will be put up on the walls. The Parish Council was thanked for their work on restoring the centre.
- v) **The Surgery:** MB and AP had attended a recent Patients Participation Group (PPG) meeting. The practice is aware it leaves a lot to be desired and improvement plans are afoot, but these are at present confidential. There is still no news on a possible new pharmacy in the village. Parking in Old Road North is an ongoing problem especially with the increased amount of traffic using the road. MB said in London, it was prohibited to park on the pavement and County Councils can also apply this rule (see Manual for Streets). DH said dropped kerbs are to be installed at The Limes and Bestmans Lane.

- vi) **Norton roundabout:** DH said good progress is being made and the new railway bridge is due for completion by Christmas 2017. The road from the roundabout to St Peter's Garden Centre is to be widened.
- vii) **Road closures:** DH gave details of road works in the vicinity of Kempsey, all of which are available to read on his website [davidharrisonkempsey.co.uk](http://davidharrisonkempsey.co.uk)
- viii) **District and Parish Council information:** Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980 allows a developer to carry out works to the public highway and this has to be approved before homes can be occupied but some houses on both new estates south of Kempsey are already occupied. Linden Homes have applied for access from Old Road South onto their development, but MHDC are not happy about this. A pedestrian crossing will not be placed at the north of the village. JM reported that positive feedback had been received for the Rural Communities door knock which had taken place in early October. Vulnerable people had been notified beforehand and appreciated the help and support they had been given with matters such as smoke alarm and carbon monoxide testing. Another will take place on the morning of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Anyone wishing to have their home checked should inform John Michael. The footpath from Sunnyside garage to Meadow Close has been restored. DH said Broadband was now onstream in the centre of the village, but not in outlying areas such as Kinnersley, Kerswell Green, Severn Stoke etc. A soil survey has been carried out at King's Hill and outline planning permission granted. The pavement in Post Office Lane has been resurfaced. Plans for 2500 houses will go before WCC and Wychavon at the beginning of November and before MHDC before Christmas. A decision on the planning application for the building of three houses behind Muff Murfin's will be made fairly soon.

**8. Planning matters:** David Wilson Homes have signed the section 106 agreement and paid WCC most of the money. Access to the site has been marked on the highway but no further developments are known at present.

**9. Our growing village:** The Welcome Pack designed and produced by the Parish Council will be ready for distribution to new homes by early December. Copies will be placed in the site offices of all new developments.

**10. Litter Picking report:** A successful litter pick took place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October with 25 bags being filled. Tilly Wilcox is undertaking her Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award and will carry out weekly litter picks for six months. She is keeping a regular log.

**11. Any other business:** The footpath to the North of the village has been cut back. Jenny Humphries was asked if speeding through the village is monitored during the evening. She said the Safer Roads Partnership had set up speed cameras during the day, but she did not know about evening hours. She added that the A38 at Clifton was a major accident spot. DH added that Lioncourt Developments have been asked to cut back the hedge which is currently obscuring the Vehicle Sensor unit near the entrance to their development.

Pat Whitehead thanked Terry Ward and Marian Walters for their work on PACT.

**12. Date of next meeting:** This will be advised when the Parish Council diary has been consulted.

Many thanks to those who made tea and cleared up after the meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.05pm

Terry Ward  
Chairman