

Kempsey PACT meeting held at Kempsey Community Centre

on Wednesday 20th July 2016 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: (19) Terry Ward (Chairman), Cllr David Harrison (MHDC), Cllr John Michael (MHDC), Pam Gerrard (Parish Council), Sharon Joyce (Neighbourhood Watch), Hugh Hanmer (Parish Council), Mike Biddle (Neighbourhood Plan Chairman), Ann Patrick (Parish Council), Marian Walters, Newton Coen, Wendy Coen, Paul Leopold (Chairman Malvern Hills District Police and Community Consultative Group), Simon Bott (Parish Lengthsman), Rev Mark Badger, Peter Scurrrell, Pat Whitehead, Ann Smith (Parish Council), Roy Padden, Kathleen Padden.

The chairman, Terry Ward welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

- 1. Apologies:** Trevor Geens (Chairman Parish Council), Joy Clee, Mel Baker, Roy Clarke, Bryony Baynes (Headmistress Kempsey Primary School), David Walters, Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association), Sue Cownie, Rob Rich (MHDC), Margaret Davies.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting** held on Tuesday 26th April 2016, having been circulated were agreed as being a true record.
- 3. Matters arising:** AP is still awaiting a response from MHDC regarding the government “new homes bonus” introduced in 2011 part of which other councils including Wychavon and Worcester City Council have allocated to parishes. AP will also remind MHDC about whether Kempsey should receive money from the Rural Community Grant towards the issuing of Welcome Packs to new residents.
- 4. Police and Neighbourhood Watch update**
Neighbourhood Watch: Unfortunately there was no police representative at the meeting. *Post meeting information:* Sarah Ransome-Williams had expressed her disappointment at there being no police presence and subsequently sent MW an email saying that since her temporary departure, PC Susan Parr was posted to Kempsey & Alfrick. Unfortunately PC Parr has now also been transferred to a specialist team and as a result PC Jon Hand is covering the area until her return in October. Following her enquiries, all crime appears to remain low for the village. There has been a spike in anti- social behaviour which relates to neighbour dispute issues, and includes youth related ASB. MW has emailed Sarah thanking her for her update.

PL said the new Neighbourhood Watch messaging system has been rolled out and he encouraged people to sign up and choose the area about which they wish to receive messages, by logging on to the [West Mercia Police Community Messaging Service website](#). Everyone should know how to access messages and an article to this effect will be placed in the Parish Magazine. Any local alerts will be posted on coloured paper in the notice boards. He added that Malvern District is the fifth lowest crime area in the country.

- 5. Update on the Neighbourhood Plan:** AS said all comments sent in have been added to the original document and the plan amended accordingly. A spread sheet will then be submitted to MHDC and a six week consultation will then take place after which MHDC will appoint an inspector to vet the proposals. A referendum will take place giving each villager the opportunity to express their opinion. The Plan will hopefully become a valid document by the end of 2016. TW thanked AS, MB and the working party for the huge amount of work they had put in to producing the plan.

6. Updates on:

- i) **The school:** MW read out a report from Bryony Baynes, the Headteacher, in which she said many new pupils had been admitted during the past year. A new entrance is being built at the present time which will give additional space and improved security measures. The computer suite has been transformed into another classroom to accommodate some of the additional pupils. The KS1 corridor area is being transformed into a brighter more open space and will therefore provide additional teaching space. The process of conversion to a Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) status has begun 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. This will make no difference to the running of the school, or alter its distinctive ethos. TW, who lives very close to the school, said there had been a remarkable change over the last year. It is now a very busy, lively place with improved parking control and well behaved children.
- ii) **The Church:** MB said work on the graveyard extension has begun and should be seeded and fenced by the end of the year. In addition to the regular contractor, the Probation Service is now employed in helping to maintain the churchyard. The Rev Don Sloggett, Rector of Norton, Pirton, Drakes Broughton and Stoulton, retires at the end of August and talks are on-going as to how it might affect MB. It is hoped that the new school due to be built at the Ketch development will be a church school. Plans for the re-ordering of St Mary's Church are going forward under the guidance of a reconstituted working party. MB stressed that if the church is not altered and used as a community building it probably would not survive after about 10-15 years. Plans are under consideration to use land near the church to create a special area for the village and make the most of the beautiful views of the Malvern Hills. More concrete ideas in the form of drawings and models will be available in the coming months. Land near the church can only be used for car parking a few times a year, so cannot be turned into a permanent car parking area.
- iii) **Community Youth Centre:** This has been taken over by the Parish Council who have put a rolling programme of improvements, including updated security, under way. It is occupied every evening and on Saturday and is available for hire through the Parish Office.
- iv) **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 has been a lack of communication regarding the possible new pharmacy in the village and nothing will be known until September. Concern has been expressed about the lack of a doctor on Wednesday afternoons. All patients will be informed by letter of the dates for 'flu clinics.
- v) **Norton roundabout:** JM gave an update on the on-going roadworks. The roundabout is being re-aligned and the railway bridge will be enlarged. A bridle way will also be constructed for the use of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.
- vi) **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 Details of flooding on various roads in Kempsey are also available on his website.
- vii) **Parking at McColls shop:** Following conversations with the management, large notices are to be put on the external walls asking motorists to be considerate to pedestrians when parking. It is imperative that pavements are kept clear to allow wheelchairs, mobility scooters and buggies to pass unhindered. The shop staff have

been asked to park elsewhere, and bollards will be placed in front of the ATM to prevent delivery and other vehicles from parking in this area.

- viii) Parish Council information:** The Parish Clerk is on extended sick leave so the office is being manned from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm daily by Ann Patrick and Trevor Geens. Helen Witherick will still do the finance side of matters and two ladies will take and type minutes of Parish Council meetings.
- 7. Planning matters:** AP said there were lots of small applications coming in. Planning permission has been applied for to demolish St Mary's House and build a new dwelling on the site. Taylor Wimpey is holding a presentation on 15th and 22nd August to show plans for a multi-functional facility and playing field on land near Pixham Ferry Lane.
- 8. Our growing village:** There has been and will continue to be a significant increase in the population of Kempsey and discussion took place as to how to welcome new residents. AP is leading a working party on the production of a Welcome Pack, a sample of which she showed. It would be easily updated as all local organisations will be asked to produce a leaflet giving details of their activities. This will include the Doctor's Surgery, the Church, Parish Council, the Magazine, the School, a local map, bus timetable etc. 500 copies of the cover will be printed and it was hoped that MHDC might contribute towards the cost.
- 9. Litter Picking report:** A successful litter pick took place on 16th/17th July and a number of people also carry out private litter picking throughout the village. The impact of the lengthsman is also having an excellent impact. Tilly Wilcox is undertaking her Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award and will carry out weekly litter picks for six months. She will be given a high viz tabard and litter pickers and her efforts will be monitored and signed off each week. TW will look at various sites including Amazon, to purchase bin rings for the litter picking sacks.
- 10. Any other business:** SJ asked about the footpath to the North of the village. This is being cut back to its proper width by WCC during August.
- 11. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 18th October at 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm.

Litter pick Sunday 16th October at 2.00 pm

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

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Terry Ward
Chairman