

on Wednesday 19th July 2017 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: (14) Terry Ward (Chairman), Trevor Geens (Chairman Parish Council), Hugh Hanmer (Parish Council), Mike Biddle (Neighbourhood Plan Chairman), Cllr John Michael District and Parish Councillor, Ann Smith (Parish Council, Pam Gerrard (Parish Council), Peter Scurrrell, Mary Charlesworth, Marian Walters, Martin Butcher(PCSO), Bob Bowley, Pat Whitehead, Margaret Davies

1. **Introductions:** The chairman, Terry Ward, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Everyone then introduced themselves.
2. **Apologies:** Cllr David Harrison, Cllr Paul Middlebrough, Bryony Baynes, Rev Mark Badger, Roy Clarke, Rob Gardner, Mel Baker, Sharon Joyce, Newton Coen, Wendy Coen, Bob Stokes, Roy Padden, Ann Patrick, Sue Cownie.
3. **Minutes of the meeting** held on Tuesday 25th April 2017, having been circulated, were agreed.
4. **Police Report:** Martin Butcher now updates the Parish Council on crime levels via email. Since the last meeting there have been ten ASB incidents involving youths on scooters, three dwelling burglaries, four non-dwelling burglaries and six thefts. The 10 youths were identified on CCTV cameras at Seaborne Leisure although one of them cannot be proved. Letters have been sent to the parents of four of the youths. MW said she had been asked to report that children are racing up and down the pavement in Old Road North and MB said he would give words of advice to any he sees. It was agreed that the village needs a skateboard park where these young people can use their scooters and skateboards. Malvern Hills have added overnight patrols to the Kempsey area and road side checks with rural partners are held on a regular basis. This is a pro-active measure to disrupt travelling criminals. Criminals are aware that Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology is used to detect and deter crime. Parking at the surgery is an on-going problem and Martin Butcher has issued warning notices and has also asked people to move their vehicles. Several incidents of chaos at McColls shop were reported and some people are ignoring the temporary traffic lights in Post Office Lane.
Community Messaging Service is an easy to access website where people can receive crime alerts and crime prevention advice. MB said it would be legal to send out crime news to PACT members. Regarding the new Neighbourhood Watch system, TG said he had placed an article in the Parish Magazine and on the PC website but had received no replies.
5. **Our Growing Community:**
 - i) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Ann Smith was pleased to report that an examiner had been appointed who had been complimentary on the plan. Apart from a few minor changes to wording, he had recommended it to go forward to a referendum which will be held on Thursday 5th October and the Parish Council will carry out a campaign to encourage people to vote in favour of adopting the plan. Terry Ward congratulated the working party who had worked tirelessly to get it to this stage. Letters will be sent to villagers encouraging them to put their names on the voting register.
 - ii) **Parish Council report:** TG said the Parish Council was again looking for another councillor following a recent resignation. The chip van no longer comes to Kempsey on a Friday evening, but a request has been received to set it up outside the Parish Hall

on Saturday evenings from 5 pm – 8 pm. As there were no objections, TG will speak to Henry Morris asking if he was agreeable to this request. There was still no decision on the laybys at the Linden Homes/Taylor Wimpey sites. Highways have said there is no need for a pedestrian crossing there but with so many children having to cross the A38 to catch the school bus, it would seem a sensible thing to install.

- iii) District Council report:** Cllr Michael said an inspector had banned traffic to Post Office Lane at certain times. The parking opposite St Peters Garden Centre had made it impossible for construction traffic to use that route so a plan to bring it from the A38 down Brookend Lane and across Roman Road was suggested. A new Highways Officer has been appointed and it is hoped she will be more pro-active than her predecessor. The Youth Centre has been redecorated and the Parish Council has authorised payment to install an LED lighting system. Together with other improvements this will make the building more marketable and it is hoped people will hire it for parties, meetings etc. It is now financially sustainable and more enquiries are being received. Cllr Michael said the artist's impression of the new bridge recently shown in the Worcester News, should be taken with a pinch of salt. Concern was expressed at the unloading of car transporters on the main road outside the Peugeot garage which causes major disruption to traffic. Extraction of gravel at Clifton will move to the east side of the road in the not too distant future which will necessitate the tunneling of a conveyor belt system under the A38. There is still an issue with flooding at the bottom of Bestmans Lane and Draycott Lane.
- iv) The Surgery.** Pat Whitehead is a member of the Patients' Participation Group at the local surgery and said they could do with some younger members. A note is now displayed in the surgery saying how many people have missed their appointment.
- v) Community Communication:** TW is concerned that Kempsey rarely gets a mention in the Worcester News. He feels we are an independent community and need to boost our profile. We are the first parish in Malvern Hills to get its Neighbourhood Development Plan to referendum and this is worthy of a mention in the press.

6. Litter Picking: The next litter pick will be held on Sunday 22nd October at 2.00 pm.

7. Any other business: None.

8. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 31st October at 12 noon for 12.30pm

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

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Terry Ward
Chairman