

**Kempsey PACT meeting held at Kempsey Community Centre on  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 12.30pm**



**PRESENT:** (19) Terry Ward (Chairman), Trevor Geens (Chairman Parish Council), Cllr Paul Middlebrough (WCC), Martin Allen (Parish Council), Hugh Hanmer (Parish Council), Cllr David Harrison (MHDC), Cllr John Michael (MHDC), Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association), Peter Thompson (Chairman Kempsey PPG), Paul Leopold (Chairman Malvern Hills District Police and Community Care Consultative Group), Sharon Baker-Joyce, Pauline Ranson, , Newton Coen, Wendy Coen, Bob Bowley, Kathleen Padden, Roy Clarke, Rev Mark Badger (Rector), Marian Walters.

- 1. Introductions:** The chairman, Terry Ward, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Everyone then introduced themselves.
- 2. Apologies:** Bryony Baynes, Mike Biddle, Dave Bevan, Sue Cownie, Simon Bott, Melody Baker-Joyce, Jan Harrison, Roy Padden.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting** held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018, having been circulated, were agreed.
- 4. Reports:**

**Planning Applications:** The Taylor Wimpey application has been deferred as the MHDC planning officers want fewer homes on the site than in the original application. Taylor Wimpey are redesigning the plan and will send in a revised application. The Parish Council has been invited to a site meeting at the Anchor Inn to see plans for a convenience store on the car park of the inn which would remain in operation. The convenience store would be in addition to the existing McColls store.

**Parish Council:** Russell Varley has been elected as Vice-Chairman of the PC. Ten red Devon cattle are now grazing on Ashmoor Common. More provision still needs to be available in the village for middle teenage children. Rev Mark Badger wants to provide somewhere for them to congregate but residents near the playing field do not want it there. The possibility of having a hut on the back common had been discussed, but residents living near Marlbank do not want it there either. MB said it was a difficult problem as many residents have a pre-conceived idea that the youths will make a nuisance of themselves when in reality they are just young people enjoying themselves. MB had written to residents living near the playing fields and had received only one complaint. The problem is all about perception and something must be done to provide suitable amenities. The challenge has to be addressed for a solution to be achieved and the word needs to be spread. The PC has to adopt the new GDPR legal framework, and is sending out letters accordingly. PACT is doing likewise. Details of road closures are on the PC website. The PC Annual Report has been delivered and the AGM will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30 pm.

**District Council:** DH put forward a proposal that yellow boxes are painted at the Ketch roundabout for the two lanes from Kempsey to Worcester and

Whittington to the roundabout. This would prevent vehicles blocking the route when queues form towards the Powick roundabout. PM said he would mention this to WCC. BB said the pedestrian light opposite the Toby Inn is too near the roundabout. He suggested that the verge is cut back and a second lane installed. PM will mention this to the County Council also.

**County Council:** Cllr Middlebrough said the A4440 Southern Link road will be closed from 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May to allow the new railway bridge to be manoeuvred into place. PM said the date had been chosen after working around events taking place at the Three Counties Showground and Upton. There are pictures of the proposed dualling of the Carrington bridge on the County Council website. Work is due to start in March 2019 and take two years to complete.

**St Mary's Church:** MB said the Church of England is trying to put churches back to the people who own them. To create community space, the pews need to be removed and a new floor installed. Plans are being drawn up to modernize and future-proof the building.

**Kempsey Primary School:** Work has started on the extension of the school and it was suggested that they hold an Open Day to show interested people what is planned. MW will mention this to BB. MA said parking issues have got much worse at certain times of the day. He has three proposals to put forward to the WCC. 1. To introduce a 20 mph speed limit down Post office Lane, Ellsdon and Ellsdon Rise. 2. A one-way system at the left hand junction from Post Office Lane into Ellsdon where a voluntary one already exists. 3. The extension of double yellow lines outside Hollygates. MA is going to speak to the Enforcement Officer at MHDC then put the proposals forward to the WCC. Concern was again expressed when cars are parked outside the nursery and cars often clip the kerb when turning into Post Office Lane from the A38.

5. **Police and Neighbourhood Watch:** There was no police report due to the absence of police officers and the PCSO. Trouble had been reported at Plovers Rise recently, and a child had been involved in a road traffic accident in Brookend Lane in which he sustained a broken shoulder. Police are looking for the vehicle. PL said messages from the police to Neighbourhood Watch have reduced. He added that only new NW coordinators need to receive GDPR forms.
6. **Litter picking:** TW said 18 people turned up for the recent litter pick and he thanked all the volunteers for doing a very good job. It was suggested that maybe the WI and school children might get involved in future.
7. **Any other business:**
  - PT said there had been a 10% increase in patient numbers at the surgery since May 2017. The dispensary's work load has grown and more staff have been recruited to cope. Waiting time for patients to see the doctor of their choice is being monitored. There is an

alarming increase in the number of people who make appointments and do not turn up.

- Roy Clarke asked if anyone could help in releasing the flag outside the village hall which is stuck at the moment.
- The defibrillator will be fitted in the outside porch the Community Centre within the next few weeks. A notice to this effect will be placed on the PC website and all PC notice boards.

**8. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.

**Next litter pick:** Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 2.00 pm.