

on Tuesday 21st November 2017 at 12.30pm

PRESENT: (24) Terry Ward (Chairman), Trevor Geens (Chairman Parish Council), Hugh Hanmer (Parish Council), PC Paul Kennedy (West Mercia Police), Mike Biddle (Neighbourhood Plan Chairman), Val Dobbins, Jan Fowler, Colin Bunn, Phyllis Bunn, David Bevan, Peter Thompson (Chairman Kempsey PPG), Simon Bott (Parish Lengthsman), Joy Clee, Sharon Baxter (Clerk to the Parish Council), Paul Leopold (Chairman Malvern Hills District Police and Community Care Consultative Group), Newton Coen, Wendy Coen, Peter Scurrrell, Roy Padden, Kathleen Padden, Marian Walters, Bob Bowley, Pat Whitehead, Cllr David Harrison (MHDC)

- 1. Introductions:** The chairman, Terry Ward, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Everyone then introduced themselves.
- 2. Apologies:** Bryony Baynes, Sue Cownie, Cllr John Michael, Bob Stokes.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting** held on Wednesday 19th July 2017, having been circulated, were agreed.
- 4. Reports:**

Police: PC Paul Kennedy reported that changes have taken place in policing with police now using technology (mobile phones) in their cars. He added that a civilian post has been introduced to deal with rural crimes and that he has been appointed as Wildlife Crime officer. He now covers 13 parishes and is aware of speeding problems throughout the area. Police do carry hand held devices for enforcement of speeding offences. There are now many more young people in our area and McColls shop was broken into in the early hours of Monday morning. At about the same time many of the litter bins in Kempsey were overturned and damaged. PK said ASBOs are given when the youths can be identified and intervention levels are set whereby parents are sent letters informing them of their child's ASB. Apparently, those concerned are bragging about their crime on social media. Simon Bott asked if there was a particular place he could set up the mobile speed monitor since a permanent one is now in place at the southern end of Kempsey. Brookend Lane was suggested.

Parish Council: TG said the PC was preparing the budget for precept for the coming year. The tree has been removed from the front of the Community Centre and the drive re-laid. Reports from PC Paul Kennedy and PCSO Martin Butcher are now on the PC website. The PC is looking to enlarge the car park at the Youth Centre at Plovers Rise and added that the room was available for hire during the daytime.

The School: MW handed out copies of the Consultation document which was being sent to all parents today (20th November) advising them of the plans to enlarge the school premises. This was necessary due to the increasing number of families requesting a place for their child. MW explained that the Local Authority has agreed to increase the Planned Admission Number (PAN) from 40 to 45 and additional learning spaces will enable more space for interventions, music tuition, sensory room etc. MW encouraged anyone with questions about the plans, to contact Bryony Baynes, the Headteacher. **MW will ask if copies of the Consultation document could be placed in the site offices of the three developments in Kempsey and also if it could be sent to the Parish Office for inclusion on the PC website. Post meeting note: BB has agreed that the Consultation document can be published on the PC website, so MW has emailed a copy to Sharon Baxter, Clerk to the PC.**

District Council: Cllr Harrison said a man was now posted at the junction of Post Office Lane and the A38 to stop any site traffic going up Post Office Lane to the David Wilson Homes site. The newly laid footpath near the site is under investigation. There is a proposal to build 42 affordable homes at King's Hill on the same site where an application for 31 dwellings had previously been approved. The Taylor Wimpey site is now complete and the play area being laid today (20th November). The roads and pavement are not yet completed on the site as no agreement has been reached on access to the site. The Linden Homes site is due to be completed by June/July 2018. The footpath running from Meadow Close to the Taylor Wimpey site is not properly open. The flooding issue at Bestmans Lane is not yet resolved and the bus stop at Baynhall is causing a problem. The southern link road will be closed this coming weekend (25th/26th November)

The Surgery: Peter Thompson, Chairman of the Patients Participation Group at the Kempsey practice, said there were two issues of primary concern. One was the population growth which was being monitored monthly. There was the capacity to cover extra sessions at the Kempsey surgery as Harefield House was a teaching practice and interns are also increasing. If anyone has a problem with appointments, please get in touch with Peter r.p.thompson@talktalk.net The other major concern is parking. Notices have been put up and patients are reminded of the difficulties when visiting the surgery. The practice would like to expand the surgery, parking and pharmacy but plans need to be funded and an application for 106 money was turned down as it was deemed unnecessary. TG suggested that now the settlement boundary has been defined, to ask if it would be possible to purchase some land at Mill House. The PC might be able to help. Joy Clee suggested that lease of the land with a finite ending may be possible. She said a new surgery at the south of the village would be a great asset. TG re-iterated that the parking issue must be addressed with the possibility of double yellow lines on the bend next to the surgery. PT said that Upton practice patients are able to collect or have their prescriptions delivered from the Kempsey practice and the surgery will deliver their own patients' prescriptions within the parish. There is no further development on the possibility of another pharmacy being established in Kempsey. PT will write an article for the Parish Magazine outlining the above facts.

5. **Neighbourhood Watch and Smart Water proposals:** Paul Leopold said there was a new initiative on Smart Water but the older version is still valid. **TW suggested we hold a presentation and he will get in touch with Smart Water and ask for details.** The Parish Council now sends MW updates from the police of crime reports which she then sends out to all PACT members. PL said anyone can register for rural crime updates and he encouraged everyone to keep their eyes peeled and report anything suspicious, however trivial it might seem. The Malvern Hills District Police and Community Care Facebook page is worth looking at for updates.
6. **The Referendum – what next?** TW said many people were asking what happens next now that the Neighbourhood Plan has been approved and TG added it was not yet ratified. Negotiations are on-going with Taylor Wimpey regarding the new playing field and sports centre.
7. **Litter Picking:** TW reported a successful litter pick with just 9 people helping out, but 16 bags of rubbish were filled. We must find a way of encouraging more people to participate and the offer of tea and biscuits was suggested. Pat Whitehead offered to collect bags throughout the village in her car which would save people lifting the heavy sacks and taking them back to the Community Centre. **TW will look at purchasing rings to use with the sacks, which will make putting the rubbish in them much easier.** Maybe the litter pick information could be put on Facebook. A complaint had been sent to WCC regarding the way in which the hedge had been hacked on the A38 towards Derrington

Gardens. They had been dismissive in their reply and Cllr Harrison said the hedge was the responsibility of Fortis. TG said County Councillor Paul Middlebrough had been shown the state of the path alongside the A38 towards Worcester. The hedge near Eastern Lodge in Old Road North is overhanging the road and needs to be cut back. TG has written to MHDC asking if more litter bins could be put in by the builders at the new developments. He said another is being put near Lanes End and at the doctor's surgery. He asked people to advise the Parish Council of any other sites where a bin is required.

- 8. Any other business:** Joy Clee said young people need somewhere to let off steam which could well reduce vandalism in the village. TG said Rev Mark Badger had approached the Parish Council about the same matter. He would like to put a unit near the Youth Centre where the young people could meet and is going to talk to developers regarding the possibility of purchasing a unit when the houses are finished. TG said there had been complaints about young people digging up parts of the common and making ramps for bikes. The PC would like to designate a specific area for them and get parents and young people involved in its construction. £10K has been set aside for the purchase of some larger equipment at the playing field suitable for older children.

Cllr Harrison said the fact that the bus service between 8 am and 9.30 am has been dropped as has the return bus service in the afternoon, is being addressed.

- 9. Date of next meeting:** Monday 5th February 2018 at 7.00 pm for 7.30pm

Date of next litter pick: Sunday 4th February at 2.00 pm

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

The meeting closed at 2.05pm

Terry Ward
Chairman