

Minutes of the Kempsey PACT meeting held at Kempsey Community Centre on Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: (29) Terry Ward (Chairman), Trevor Geens (Chairman Parish Council), Cllr Paul Middlebrough (WCC), Mike Biddle, Dave Bevan, Joy Clee, Margaret Gillies, Brian Hewlett, Cllr David Harrison (MHDC), Dr Chris Marshall, Elspeth Marshall, Barry Kislingbury, Louise Priest, Lindsey Elsdon, Ian Fenton, Helen Fenton, Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association), Peter Thompson (Chairman Kempsey PPG), Simon Bott (Parish Lengthsman), Lesley Cox (Parish Paths Warden) Sharon Baker-Joyce, Tony Denny, Newton Coen, Wendy Coen, Rob Gardner, Alex Matthews, Bob Bowley, Roy Clarke, Marian Walters.

- 1. Introductions:** The chairman, Terry Ward, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Everyone then introduced themselves.
- 2. Apologies:** Bryony Baynes, PC Paul Kennedy, PCSO Martin Butcher, Rev Mark Badger, Cllr Martin Allen, Cllr Hugh Hanmer, Cllr John Michael, Sue Cownie, Paul Leopold, Melody Baker-Joyce, Jan Harrison, Pauline Ranson, Pam Gerrard
- 3. Minutes of the meeting** held on Tuesday 15th May 2018, having been circulated, were agreed.
- 4. Reports:**

County Council: Cllr Middlebrough said there were several highway implications regarding road safety and speeding. Up to now there has been no enforcement in place in Clifton to record speeding offences, but regular speed checks are now taking place and the van has had a marked effect on speed reduction. Dave Bevan again expressed his concern about speeding in Oakfield Drive which is regularly used as a rat run. There were also complaints about speeding in Church Street. The speed camera van usually parks on the wide pavement near Byefields to monitor speeding vehicles travelling southbound, and it was suggested that it would be a good idea to have a van facing northbound also. Cllr Middlebrough said he would speak to the Safer Roads Partnership and would also facilitate that the Parish Council and local community team have the equipment to monitor speed themselves. He added that everyone who is caught speeding receives a letter. TG said the Parish Council would look into the possibility of white gates being installed in Brookend Lane which is also a speeding blackspot. The cabling over the Carrington Bridge has now been completed and the liaison group which will include DH, PM and a Parish Councillor representative will meet to discuss the duelling of the bridge with work starting at the Powick end next spring. Cllr Middlebrough said bids would be put forward to run the Primary School which will be built on the new development at the Ketch roundabout. Two of these will be from the Diocese and the HUET Academy, and there may be others. There is a problem with the play area at the Saxon Meadows development, and access to the Taylor Wimpey and Linden Homes sites is not yet completed because some of the drains on the Linden Homes site do not conform to Severn Trent standards. Cllr Middlebrough said the County Council will not adopt

the roads in this state and is trying to set up a meeting to get the problem sorted out. Cllr Middlebrough was asked if a weight restriction could be put in place for Oakfield Drive.

District Council: DH said that when the Section 106 money is settled, plans should be passed for the 99 home Taylor Wimpey site plus a new community centre and sports field. He said the four planned passing bays in Pixham Ferry Lane need to be in place before building starts. DH and PM had a meeting regarding the footpath at the Post Office Lane development. The roads at Derrington Gardens still haven't been adopted almost 2 years after the last house was sold. Roads on the Post Office Lane development are not going to be adopted and will remain the responsibility of the home owners. If the uncompleted house in Church Street is not knocked down by 25th September, it will be taken down. An application has been submitted by Rooftop for 38 properties at Kingshill; 31 affordable dwellings and 7 for sale. An application has been submitted for a Co-op store to be built on the car park of the Anchor Inn together with a licence to sell alcohol. Comments from the Conservation Office suggest refusal as it would be out of character, next to a Grade II listed property and within a conservation area.

Parish Council: TG said that after gypsies were seen looking around the Saxon Meadows orchard area, there is now a plan to construct an anti-trespass ditch around the orchard. The developers have a 10-year plan to prune the trees and collect any litter on the site. At present there are no signs forbidding dogs to be off the lead at the play area. On 11th November, a beacon will be lit on the Church Meadows at 7.00pm to commemorate the ending of World War I. TG said the problem in finding a site for the youths to ride their BMX bikes was proving very difficult to solve. Every place suggested has received objections from nearby residents, but as TW said, with almost 4000 residents now living in Kempsey, and more children than ever before, we have to make some choices as to what we provide for them. There are play areas for younger children, but nothing for the young teenagers. The Parish Council is to meet with Highways to look at a 20mph zone near the school, a possible one-way system and single yellow lines. The CC Highways department is carrying out speed checks in the vicinity of the school.

5. **St Mary's Church:** In the absence of Rev Mark Badger, MW read out a report in which MB said the Church Lands Trust has been awarded a HLF grant of £9700 to create a community space on land to the west of St Mary's Church. The is to the west of the Environment Agency access road between there and the river. The plan is to create an area where local residents can socialise and picnic whilst enjoying views of the river and the Malvern Hills. In order to achieve this, the grass areas will be improved and maintained and additional benches erected. The project will also include the cutting back of some overgrown areas of the river bank.
6. **Police and Neighbourhood Watch:** There was no police report due to the absence of police officers and the PCSO, but PC Paul Kennedy had sent MW a short report which was read out. On 21st August, 37 vehicles were stopped just outside Kempsey and 32 defects were dealt which resulted in 4 vehicles being taken off the road. Martin Butcher's monthly newsletter showed a peak in Anti Social Behaviour – there had been 7 in Kempsey and two thefts. Due to the absence of Paul Leopold, there was no Neighbourhood Watch update.

7. Appointment of Footpath Warden: TW introduced Lesley Cox who has been appointed as Footpath Warden. She said there were 60 miles of footpaths in and around Kempsey, many of which have suffered long term neglect and her aim is to open as many of them as possible. This would need the help of people walking them and she would be grateful if any problems were reported to her. The County Council are responsible for putting up finger posts and she is able to put up smaller direction signs. There is a website address for the online map which enables people to report problems with footpaths. On that page you click on the big button called 'public rights of way interactive map'.

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8. Litter picking: TW said 17 people turned up for the recent litter pick and he thanked all the volunteers for doing a very good job. An astonishing amount of litter was found including some quite interesting objects. A request for litter bins to be placed on the new developments was put forward, but DH said they were not a necessity and there were no plans for litter or grit bins to be installed on the new King's Hill site.

9. Any other business:

- PT said the computer systems at the local doctor's surgery and Haresfield House will be down for 24 hours **from noon on Monday 17th September**. He asked that only emergency calls were made during that period. The flu clinic for patients of the local surgery will be open on Saturday 22nd September and Saturday 20th October. This year a different vaccine has been produced for patients aged 65 and over which will be 70% effective. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of the vaccine as a flu epidemic is long overdue.
- In reply to a question asking if there were any plans to install traffic lights at the Ketch roundabout, DH and PM said when they had been trialled some time ago, the result was a complete disaster. However, ducting will be put in place when the roundabout is constructed so lights could be installed at a later time if deemed necessary. Traffic travelling from the south will use a new lane to cross the bridge.
- PM said the County Council are not in favour of yellow boxes at the roundabout as St Peters want them placed in the southbound lanes and they were also requested for northbound traffic so it was not a feasible exercise.

10. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 12 noon for 12.30pm.

Next litter pick: Sunday 13th January 2019 at 2.00pm at the Community Centre

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.