

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
2011 AT 7.30 p.m. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present:** Mr. M Stevens (Chair) Mr. M Bannister (arrived at 7.45pm), Mr. A Hay & Mr. K Blackwell, Mr. B Bowley & Mr. Harrison

**In Attendance:** Mr. R Clarke (Lengthsman)

1. **Apologies:** Mr J.Michael (accepted) – work commitments
2. **Declarations of interest** in items on the agenda
  - (a) **Declaration of any Personal interests** in items on the Agenda and their nature - **None**
  - (b) **Declaration of any prejudicial interests** in items on the Agenda and their nature.  
A Parish Council Member with a prejudicial interest in a particular issue may make representations, answer questions or give evidence to the Council during the Open Forum on the issue. However, the Councillor must leave the room in the event of an exchange on the issue between the public and the Council during the Open Forum and must also leave the room when the item is discussed during the Parish Council Meeting itself - **None**
3. **Open Forum** – Maximum of 30 minutes – **No Open Forum Discussion.**
4. **To Discuss** the Fish Pass scheme proposed by the Environment Agency – Charles Crundwell (Senior Technical Specialist Fisheries) will be visiting to join in this discussion. The aim is to develop a plan for how to progress this project and identify people who should be involved and what permission would be needed.  
**Mr. Crundwell provided an update on this scheme advising the true driving force was the Water Timeframe Directorate. He advised that Mr. Felton would Project Manage this scheme if it goes ahead with the ideal timeframe for completion being this financial year. Mr. Crundwell would look at issues raised concerning ownership, workmanship and guarantee. Concerns were raised with a water flow channel in respect of maintenance and public liability issues. Further concerns raised were eradication of the Himalayan Balsam and cleaning out debris/habitat from Hatfield Brook. A Legal Agreement needs to be produced between both parties involved. It was agreed to place as an agenda item on the October 2011 Parish Council Agenda for further discussion and update.**
5. **To Discuss** the Environment Committee task list: **Update on progress of activities was identified from the Task List. It was proposed by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Bannister that Mr. Blackwell should approach the owner who had concerns with a litter bin to be placed outside the rear of his property to advise of the suggested new location (opposite corner – between alleyway A38 and Rookery Road)**
6. **To Discuss** the use of Red Dog Waste Bins in Kempsey in addition to the current litter bins in areas where litter bins are not appropriate or will not be emptied. **It was identified that there were four red dog bins in the Parish ownership that could be reinstated. Mr. Stevens to obtain some costings to have bins emptied by contractors before any decisions can be made. Problems were reported with a litter bin in Brook End Lane that was full of dog waste.**
7. **To Discuss** Tracking of Worcestershire County Council Jobs assigned through the hub? Should we follow these up if so who, how and when? **Onus lies with the individual who reported**

**the query via the hub to chase and follow up.**

8. **To Discuss** Contractors for Snow / Ice Clearance and Grit Bins – with reference to correspondence received from CALC. This should also include a discussion of what duties the Lengthsman may be expected to perform with regards to this.  
**List of contractors suggested by Mr Harrison to be forwarded to WCC, clearly stating that these people have not been approached and WCC will need to contact them. To provide some guidelines on Snow Clearance (Public Liability) issued by WCC for the Lengthsman.**

The Environment Committee felt that due to costs and additional responsibility that they would not participate in Grit bin scheme. It was felt that areas which need gritting are already covered by WCC . To be confirmed at Parish Council Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

Lengthsman has identified a requirement for a grit bin in the vicinity of the Talbot to enable the clearing of the pavement by the crossing. Clerk to submit a request to WCC as it is a location where there is a "greater presence of people with disability or vulnerability" (i.e. school children) as stated in Winter Service Plan Annex)

9. **To Discuss** the removal of a dead Sycamore Tree from the Rocky area (M. Bannister).  
**The sycamore tree requires felling. Three quotes have now been obtained to be discussed/ approved at the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Planning permission has been sought from MHDC for the tree removal as a precautionary measure.**

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.45M

Sharon Baxter

Clerk