

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011 AT 7.30 p.m. AT  
KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** - Mr. J Michael (in the Chair) Mrs. P Gerrard, Mrs. C Campbell, Mr. D Harrison, Mr. M Bannister, Mr. R Bowley, Mr. K Blackwell, Mr. M Stevens, Mr. A Rea & Mr. A Hay

**IN ATTENDANCE:** - Clerk Sharon Baxter plus 21 Parishioners

1. **Apologies:** Apologies received from Mr. M Legg and Mrs. A Hart (accepted)
2. **Declarations of interests:** - Mrs. C Campbell declared an interest as her property is affected by the scheme.
3. **Open Forum** – It was proposed by Mrs. Gerrard, seconded by Mr. Harrison and resolved that Standing Orders are adjourned for the Open Forum. At the end of the Open Forum the Chairman reconvened Standing Orders.

4. **To discuss the following planning application**

**Planning Application No:** 11/00587/FUL

**Proposal:** Construction of a flood embankment and pumping station to reduce risk from the River Severn. Embankment is to be constructed across Hatfield Brook with a culvert running beneath. A penstock will be used to prevent ingress of water from the River Severn. A pumping station is proposed to over pump flows in the Hatfield Brook when the penstock is closed.

**Location:** Land Adjacent to Lanes End (Easting 384792, Northing 248910)

**Comments:** Kempsey Parish Council totally supports this scheme. Our website indicates the support of this much needed scheme from many parishioners.

**Concerns:**

1. Design – Height of Pump Control & Electrical Substation Compound. We understand a modification has been made by 3ft which will reduce the visual impact of this construction.
2. Size and Location of Compound – A reduction in size and relocation of the compound would be less intrusive in that it does not impinge on valuable future burial ground space.
3. Power Supply – With the redesign of the pumps we feel that it is unnecessary for a power cable to be laid down the length of Church Street when there is an overhead power supply that traverses the site with adequate power which would be more cost effective.
4. Security Fence – The plans submitted show a security fence. However the artist's impression presented at the Church did not indicate this. Does this act as a safety precaution and is it necessary? It simply draws attention to the site and is visually unattractive.

The Parish Council totally favours this application and understands the importance of this scheme together with the impact and financial burden this may propose if planning permission is not granted.

**Meeting Closed at 8. 07pm**

**Sharon Baxter – Clerk**