

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 14TH MARCH 2011 AT 7.30 p.m. AT
KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: - Mr. T. Ward, (in the Chair)

Ms M. Baker; Mrs. C. Campbell; Mrs. P. Gerrard ; Mr. D. Harrison; Mr. N Brookes; Mrs. H. Willcox; Mrs. J Jones; Mrs. A Hart; Mr. J. Michael and Mr. K.Blackwell

IN ATTENDANCE: - County Councillor Mr. R Bullock; District Councillors Mrs. M Walters and Mr. M.Biddle

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: - Mr. M Legg and Mrs. K Biddle (accepted)

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:-

As someone holding registered grazing rights in respect of all commonable areas other than Kerswell Green Common, Mr. Harrison declared a personal interest in respect of the Commons and Hams Committee Report at Agenda Item 7.5 and Mrs Campbell declared an interest on the Payment of Accounts (cheque no. 2980 £7.50) made payable to her at Agenda Item 8.

3. REGISTER OF INTERESTS: – Members were reminded to update their Register

4. OPEN FORUM:-

It was proposed by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs.P.Gerrard and resolved that Standing Orders be suspended for the Open Forum. At the end of the Open Forum the Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:-

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Environment Committee of 8th February 2011 and the Parish Council held on Monday, 14th February 2011 had been previously circulated to all members. On the proposal of Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs.Gerrard the Minutes were then confirmed by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES – RECOMMENDATIONS AND UP-DATES: - None

7. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:-

7.1 Police Report – The Chairman reported on behalf of PC Sarah Ransome-Williams that the level of anti-social behaviour and criminal activity was low. Advice was given to be aware of the significant rise in scrap metal that has been reported stolen i.e. from farm gates and the church roofs.

7.2 County Council Report – Mr. Bullock requested clarification from Mr. Brookes to the exact location of where to locate a grit bin on Bannut Hill / Plovers Rise.

Mr. Bullock reported that plans to upgrade the traffic roundabout at the Ketch will include a light controlled pedestrian crossing. He will also check that work has been carried out to the footpath leading from Kempsey to St. Peters as previously requested. He commented that the 30 mph speed signs throughout the village will be repainted.

He will address the issue of speeding on the A38 with regard to amending speed limits in particular to move the 30mph zone at the south end of the village 178 metres closer to the centre of the village, and to reduce the speed limit north of the village to 50mph
Mr. Brookes reported a blocked drain opposite 145 Main Road, Kempsey.

7.3 District Council Report:—Mrs. Walters reported the ongoing problems with the drains in Green Street. The bank has been swept by the District Council. The road sweeper will sweep periodically to remove mud from drains and keep under control. Council Tax notices have been sent out by the District Council. They show that the Parish Council precept was increased by 0.5%. This was a statistical quirk caused by the method of computing the tax for band D properties. The precept was actually set at exactly the same figure as last year.

Mr. Biddle reported on Concessionary travel - From 1st April 2011 Bus Concession will be provided by Worcestershire County Council and will continue to be open to Elderly and Disabled Residents. Free travel on all services before 9.30 am on weekdays is no longer available.
He also reported on the Consultation for School Travel and encouraged people to make representations. He also commented on South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) and highlighted that now may be an appropriate time to consider updating the Parish Plan.

7.4 Environment Committee: – Mr. Blackwell reported that repairs had been made to the seat and the bridge at the Rocky. Ms Baker requested if there was any possibility that the replacement wood could be stained to blend in with the existing to avoid vandalism? The hand rail by the Church is due to be replaced. Mr. Harrison confirmed the missing section of the hand rail can be located by the kissing gate and could be utilized. Mr. Blackwell had arranged to meet a tree surgeon to discuss works needing attention at The Rocky.

An order has been placed to purchase five new litter bins and they will be installed when suitable sites have been identified. A request for a brown bin is to be made for the Lengthsman to dispose of the arisings, which would remove the need to leave underneath hedges.

The Footpath Notice board located outside the Parish Hall has been refurbished and provided with new footpath maps. This will now be operative to display a calendar of walking events. Mr. Harrison congratulated Mr. Blackwell for his efforts in refurbishing this notice board.

7.5 Commons and Hams:—Severn Trent Water is to submit revised plans for the sewerage pumping station station at Kerswell Green. Instead of pumping the sewerage to Kempsey a treatment and storage facility will be constructed, with effluent being removed by tanker at 90 day intervals. Letters detailing the changes are being sent to immediately affected residents at Kerswell Green. The new plan involves constructing a short length of pipe from the existing septic tank into the pumping station. For this purpose, Severn Trent Water Authority needs our permission as landowners to temporarily fence the small area round the septic tank. Mr. Michael confirmed that the new scheme would greatly benefit the existing users of the septic tank as there would be no further damage to the track from daily emptying. When the revised planning application is submitted arrangements for drainage and run-off from the pumping station would need to be carefully checked.

Milestone at Baynall – The Parish Council is seeking help to resurrect the milestone.

7.6 Recreation Committee: - Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Gerrard and Mr. Blackwell had a meeting with the Sports Association to assess what works needed to be completed for 2011/12.
Mr. Brookes advised that on a couple of the wooden posts on the Wigwams installed in October 2010 at the Playing Field the wood is splitting near to the bolts. Mrs. Campbell to refer the matter to Playdale. Mr. Harrison asked if there was any further progress in acquiring the land at 'The Limes'
Mrs. Campbell confirmed this was with the solicitors.

7.7 Community Centre:-The refurbishment to Room 1 is now complete. Additional facilities to improve the Community Centre are under being considered. Quotes are being obtained for the replacement of the rear door.

A photographic record of problems that need to be addressed at the Community Centre led to consideration being given to seeking professional advice and a proposal was made to use the services of a professional surveyor to report on the condition of the building and the priority sequence of works needed. A surveyor specializing in buildings of the same age and construction as the Centre used by the authorities across the District and two neighbouring Counties was recommended and he has been asked to quote for the cost of a survey. The Council was minded to proceed with this proposition subject to a maximum cost of £1000, by a narrow majority.

Three quotes had been requested and two received in respect of the Electrical Inspection/PAT Testing and Emergency lighting. Mr. Ward recommended accepting the lower quote. This was from HTE Solution Ltd. This was seconded by Mr. Michael with all members in agreement.

7.8 Chairman's Report: - No further news to report concerning the Post Office. All households have received the National Census Forms which takes place on March 27th. Due to limited capacity with the size of some of the post boxes please be mindful when posting! Nomination papers to join the Parish Council are now available for completion with a deadline to be received at The Council House Malvern by 12 noon on the 4th April 2011. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

8. FINANCE

8.1 To authorize payment of accounts as per schedule. On the proposal of Mrs Hart, seconded by Mr. Harrison the Parish Council resolved to authorize payment of accounts as stated on the list distributed. An amendment to pay Severn Trent Water Ltd £183.98 instead of £1114.09 (based on an estimated meter reading as opposed to an actual one) was authorized.

8.2 To ratify payments authorized under delegated powers including Staff Salaries
These were agreed and authorized for payment.

8.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement Balance – For Information

9. **PLANNING REPORT:** Planning Application Comments and Notification of Decisions:-
Nothing to report.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION:** All items of correspondence both for report and for information had been available for inspection by Parish Council members between 7.00 pm and 7.30pm. These included:-

1. WCC Consultation – Worcestershire County Council Revised Draft Validation Document. Consultation period runs from 15/2/11 to 12/04/11. For Comment
2. Guide Managing Public Access – Guide available for from the Parish Office.
3. Speed Limit Review Consultation A38 – Comments to be received by 25th March 2011
4. Request from residents in Kerswell Green expressing an interest in holding a village Event in celebration of the Royal Wedding 29th April 2011 – Write to advise no objections.
5. Woodland Workout – Willow craft activities available for adults and 11-16 year olds and adults. Free transportation available.
6. WCC – Temporary Road Closures – Public Notices – Various Roads- For Information.
7. Section 106 Agreements and Planning Obligations – For circulation to all members.

11. **IN CONFIDENTIAL SESSION:** Resolution to exclude the public and press.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.50 p.m.

Mrs. S Baxter

Clerk

18th March 2011