

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 12TH JANUARY, 2009 AT 7.30 p.m. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present :- Mr. D. Harrison, in the Chair;
Mr. N. Atkins; Ms. M. Baker; Mr. K. Blackwell; Mr. N. Brookes; Mrs. K. Biddle;
Mrs. C. Campbell; Mrs. P. Gerrard; Mrs. A. Hart; Mrs. J. Jones; Mr. M. Legg and
Mr. T. Ward.

Also in attendance :- Mr. R. Bullock, County Councillor, Mr. M. Biddle and Mrs. M. Walters, District Councillors.

No Police representative was present.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. J. Michael.

6499 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

As the owner of The Farmers Arms Caravan Site, Mr. Harrison declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item 9(n) – correspondence from the District Council about The Farmers Arms Caravan Site. As someone holding registered grazing rights he also declared a personal interest in respect of Agenda Item 12 – Commons and Hams Committee Report.

6500 OPEN FORUM

It was proposed by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Gerrard and resolved that Standing Orders be suspended for the Open Forum. No members of the public or members of the Parish Council wished to raise any matters or to ask questions so the Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

6501 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 8th December, 2008, having been previously circulated to the members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

6502 PREVIOUS MINUTES – RECOMMENDATIONS AND UP-DATES

There were none.

6503 COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

Mr. Bullock reported that he had received about 20 letters about the flood alleviation proposals for Kempsey which he had passed to Mr. John Smith who was the County Council representative for these matters. Mrs. Campbell thanked Mr. Bullock for arranging for the bus stop at Clerkenleap to be tarmaced. Mrs. Hart reported that the drains at the Sally Beds were still full of rubbish and nothing appeared to have been done since the last meeting. The Chairman pointed out that the layby signs in Bestmans Lane had now been erected together with a sign on the A.38 saying “single width track with passing places.”

6504 DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. Walters reported that the signpost for Draycott Lane had now been installed in the correct position and that it was not possible for a signpost showing Croome Road to be erected as the road name was not recognised. Mrs. Walters then reported that she had spoken to the Licensing Team at the District Council about the proposal to have parts of Kempsey made Alcohol Free Zones

Mr. Biddle reported that the planning application for The Original Stores was recommended for approval and that following an audit, the District Council had now achieved an “Excellent” rating. Mrs. Jones asked if it would be possible to have the 9.00 a.m. bus to Worcester reinstated? Mr. Biddle explained why this was still not possible.

6506 CORRESPONDENCE

(a) **West Mercia Police Authority – Consultation Evening**

The Chairman and Ms. Baker agreed to represent the Parish Council at this meeting at Police Headquarters.

DTM

(b) Allianz Insurance Ltd. – Damage to Roller Shutter Doors at Sports Pavilion

The Parish Council noted that their insurers were accepting the estimate in the sum of £486.00 plus VAT from Security Care Ltd. They noted that an excess of £150 would apply under the terms of the Policy. On the proposal of Mrs. Gerrard, seconded by Ms. Baker the Parish Council formally authorised expenditure of £486.00, of which £336.00 would then be reimbursed by Allianz Insurance.

(c) Mr. P. Jones – Overhanging Hedge at Playing Field

The Parish Council felt that the issues being raised by Mr. Jones as to why he should not cut his overhanging hedge were totally irrelevant. The Clerk was asked to write back to him and point out that the Parish Council's letters had been sent in good faith and they hoped that he would carry out this work to his hedge by 7th February, failing which the Parish Council would arrange for the work to be done and for the bill to be sent to him.

(d) Atisreal Ltd. – Royal Mail – Parking at Community Centre

The Chairman pointed out that whilst the Post Office no longer parked their van at the Community Centre, they were still using the brick shed to store their bikes, boxes and pouches. The Clerk was asked to write to the Post Office to remind them of this matter and to ask them to arrange for their equipment to be stored elsewhere if they no longer wished to pay a rent for this facility.

(f) Ms. A. Nelmes – Kempsey Sewage Scheme – Drainage Area Plan

The Parish Council agreed that this would give an ideal opportunity to discuss on-going problem areas and asked the Chairman and District Councillor Mr. Biddle to attend the proposed meeting.

(i) WCC – Budget Information Evening

The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman agreed to attend this meeting.

(j) SWJCS – Community Consultation

Mr. Ward and Mr. Brookes agreed to attend this meeting.

(l) C.A.L.G. – Communities in Control

The Clerk was asked to circulate this consultation document around the members for their comments.

(m) MHDC – Farmers Arms Caravan Site

The Chairman, Mr. Harrison had previously declared an interest in this matter and left the room. The Chair was then taken by Mr. Ward, the Vice-Chairman. The Parish Council resolved that as this matter was already the subject of consideration by the Commons and Hams Committee, it should be referred to this Committee.

6507 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee Chairman reported that the planning application for the tree works at The Rocky had now been submitted to the District Council. Mrs. Hart pointed out that a tree had fallen in The Rocky and could pose a hazard/flooding risk. The Committee Chairman expressed her concern about the large amount of litter which was accumulating in various parts of the Parish and stated that she was arranging a meeting with the District Council's Street Scene Warden about litter picking in the worst affected areas. The Clerk suggested that the issue of the Lengthsman being paid to carry out litter picking on behalf of the District Council should be raised again at this meeting.

6508 COMMONS AND HAMS COMMITTEE

In the absence of the Committee Chairman there was no report.

6509 RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee Chairman, Mrs. Biddle reported that her medical circumstances meant that she would have to give up the Chairmanship of the Committee. The Clerk was asked to include this item on the Agenda for the next meeting.

6510 COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE REPORT

D.T.H.

The Committee Chairman reported that the new tiling in the Foyer had now been completed. As such, it would be necessary to draw the attention of the proprietor of The Day Nursery to this new flooring so that her staff did not drag pieces of equipment across this area.

(a) Estimate to install posts at front of the building

The Committee Chairman reported that an estimate in the sum of £100 had been submitted to supply and concrete in 8 posts at the front of the building. On the proposal of Mrs. Jones, seconded by Ms. Baker the Parish Council resolved to accept the estimate from Mr. Roger Martin.

(b) Ground works at the rear of the building

The Committee Chairman reported that an estimate in the sum of £120 had been received to trim back the trees and overgrown shrubs at the rear of the building. On the proposal of Ms. Baker, seconded by Mr. Legg the Parish Council resolved to accept this estimate from Mr. Roger Martin.

(c) Timers in the Toilets

The Committee Chairman reported that an estimate in the sum of £135 had been submitted to supply and install timers in the toilets. At this point, the Parish Council Chairman realised that he had an interest in this matter and left the room. The Chair was then taken by Mr. Ward, the Vice-Chairman. On the proposal of Mrs. Hart, seconded by Mrs. Biddle the Parish Council resolved to accept this estimate from Mr. Mark Harrison.

(d) Signs re car parking at the rear of the building/location of the Parish Office

The Clerk was asked to obtain estimates for signs.

6511 DATE OF THE APRIL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Clerk pointed out that the second Monday in April would fall on a Bank Holiday. On the proposal of Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Campbell the Parish Council resolved that the date of this meeting should be set for Tuesday, 14th April, 2009.

6512 DATE OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETING

On the proposal of Mrs. Hart, seconded by Ms. Baker the Parish Council resolved to set Monday, 27th April, 2009 as the date of the Annual Parochial Meeting.

6513 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

The Parish Council agreed to consider format and contents of the Annual Newsletter at their next meeting.

6514 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had been given the chance to have a Housing Needs Survey carried free of charge. A preliminary meeting had been held to discuss the matter and a further meeting would now take place with the District Council's Housing Enabling Officer. The preparation of the questionnaires would be done at no cost to the Parish Council and stamped addressed envelopes would be provided for their return. The data from the completed questionnaires would be prepared by the County Council. The Parish Council agreed in principle to carry out this survey.

6515 FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2008

Copies of the reconciliation of balances up to 31st December, 2008 had been previously circulated to the members. A copy of this document is annexed to the signed minutes.

6516 CONFIRMATION OF ACTION

The Parish Council ratified payment of the following urgent accounts which had been made under delegated powers :-

Staff salaries etc. for December

David Walters – Room 1 ceiling - £242.00

EQ Systems – Internet Security System - £34.00 (inc. £4.43 VAT)

D.T.H.

6517 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Parish Council resolved to authorise payment of the following accounts :-

Mrs. A.P. Halford – Petty Cash for December - £18.94

Mrs. S. Cordell – Cleaning – 1/12/08 to 22/12/08 - £145.00

NPower – Community Centre - £1,186.75 (inc. £173.58 VAT)

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.58 p.m.

Signed at the next ensuing meeting of
Kempsey Parish Council

DT. Hammett 07th Feb^{RUARY} 2009

Chairman of such next ensuing meeting