

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 10TH JANUARY 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. Wilcock; Mrs. J. Jones; Mrs. K. Biddle; Mrs. A. Hart; Mr. J. Michael; Mr. M. Legg
and Mr. K. Blackwell

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None

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 (c) and Mr. Blackwell declared an interest in item 9. in respect of his planning application.

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 Parish Council held on Monday, 11th December 2010 had been previously circulated to the members. The following amendments were made 7.2(f) Mr. Brookes highlighted he did not request guidelines. The wording was amended to read Mr. Bullock to make enquiries with WCC regarding guidelines for Path Clearance due to snow following a request. 7.5 (c) The word new was deleted and 7.6 (d) The sentence was amended to read: A six feet gap has appeared in the hedge on Napleton Lane. On the proposal of Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Gerrard the Minutes were then confirmed by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman.

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

7. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES.

7.1 Police Report - PC Sarah Ransome Williams reported via email that there was a 22% reduction in all crime in the village. 8% reduction in Anti Social Behaviour in the village.

7.2 County Council Report - Mr. Bullock reported a 30MPH speed sign was going to be installed at Kerswell Green but was unable to confirm a date.

7.3 District Council Report - Mrs. Walters confirmed she would address the query raised by Mr. Harrison concerning the road and drains in Green Street. She also reported sewerage leaking from a manhole cover by Walter De Carlatoupe Public House.

Mrs. Jones raised a question concerning changes to the bus timetable and why times had been changed without any notification. Mr. Biddle stated this was a County matter but agreed to raise this query at the next liaison meeting.

7.4 Environment Committee - Mr. Blackwell reported that the contractor appointed to carry out the repairs to the Rocky is expected to complete works in the next 2/3 weeks. Mr. Blackwell proposed that the litter bin located outside the shop be replaced with a larger capacity bin (20% extra capacity) at a cost of approx. £250.00 to include fitting and the existing bin be utilized elsewhere within the village. This was seconded by Ms Baker with all members in favour subject to the availability of funds)

7.5 Commons and Hams

(a) Normoor Common Ditching - This ditch is probably the responsibility of the Parish Council however the adjoining land owner has offered to help with materials and contribute towards costs.
(b) Milestone at Baynall - The onus lies with the Parish Council to resurrect the milestone which with guidance from the Milestone Society. Suggestions were made to use as a memorial to commemorate the Royal Wedding in April 2011.

(c) Response to Parkinson Wright - Mr. Harrison left the room whilst this item was discussed. A letter had been received from Parkinson Wright Solicitors who represent Mr. Harrison. Mr. Michael confirmed that this letter had been responded to clarifying the position of the parish council.

7.6 Recreation Committee:

(a) Play Equipment for Kings Hill - As planning permission would be required, it would not be possible to meet time constraints, and the Playbuilder funding has been withdrawn, so the project will not go ahead. Equipment located at Plovers Rise has been painted, and new safety matting installed. Two new items of play equipment have also been installed and a special meeting of the council is to be arranged to authorize invoices for this equipment, due to time constraints operated by the EU Leader Fund (Financial year ending on 14th February 2011). Mr. Harrison commented that the children's play area looked fantastic and credit should be given to Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Gerrard for all their hard work and efforts. He had noticed two surface areas of the safety matting that had started to lift up and required fixing back into position.
A gate is to be installed to replace the stile. Consideration is being given to use the Community Pay Back Scheme.

7.7 Community Centre

(a) Refurbishment Room 1 - Refurbishment of Room 1 was carried out over the Christmas holiday period, utilizing the remainder of the grant from COMMA. A serious structural weakness in the floor became apparent and extensive rot and worm damage was found in the joists. Supporting columns had also seriously deteriorated. The entire floor had to be replaced. The Council is very appreciative of the great effort made by the contractor to complete the work.

Mr. Harrison reported that the curtains for Room 1 are in the process of being made. He also reported that he had received two quotes to carpet this room being £1161.00 plus VAT and £678.00 respectively. A question was raised as to whether carpet would be the most suitable option? It was agreed to obtain further quotes for alternate flooring options.

Quotes are in the process of being obtained for repairs to the flat roof above the toilet block which is experiencing water penetration.

7.8 Chairman's Report - The candidate for sub post master has withdrawn. Despite having

supplied all the relevant information required the interviewer was unable to conduct a satisfactory interview, leaving the applicant in limbo. The applicant was very keen to serve the community and expressed his dissatisfaction with a whole culmination of events experienced in dealing with Royal Mail, in an approval process that takes 22 weeks, plus a further 8 weeks for technical approval of the equipment. The Parish Council will write to Royal Mail and their MP to address this complaint.

8. FINANCE

8.1 To authorize payment of accounts as per schedule. On the proposal of Ms Baker, seconded by Mrs. Hart the Parish Council resolved to authorize payment of accounts as stated on the list.
In addition the following cheques were also authorised:-

Jim'll Fix It	Play Area Plovers Rise	365.00	2942
	Install Water to Porta		
Watren Ltd	Cabin	798.00	2943
Mr D Harrison	Clock / Coat Hooks	33.98	2944
Mrs S Baxter	Office Chairs/Stationary	176.57	2945
S M Jarvis	Decorating Room 1	1550.00	2946
S M Jarvis	Replacing Floor Room1	4950.00	2947

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:-
Comments as stated on the agenda.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION:** All items of correspondence both for report and for information had been available for inspection by Parish Council members between 7.00pm and 7.30pm. These were:
1. Land at the corner of A38 and Brookend Lane – The Council will negotiate to purchase the land at a cost of approximately £1000.00 – ownership being the best way to protect interests. Mrs. Campbell proposed to enter into negotiations. All members were in agreement except Mr. Brookes and Mr. Harrison who abstained from voting.
 2. Letter from Mr. Bannister – Proposed Play Area at The Limes – This was addressed as requested.
 3. HSBC Telephone Banking – Forms to be completed
 4. MHDC – District and Parish Council Elections – 5th May 2011 – For Information
 5. Droitwich Spa and Rural Council for Voluntary Service – For Information
 6. Acknowledgement Rev David Hassell – Donations
 7. WCC Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy – Mr Ward to complete
 8. DEFRA – The Guide to Cross Compliance in England – For Information
 9. SWDP – Feedback from Parish & Town Council Workshops – Circulate to members
 10. The Royal British Legion – Great Poppy Party Weekend – Circulate to members

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.07p.m.

Mrs S Baxter
Clerk and RFO
15th January 2011