

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 2010 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; Mrs. A. Hart; Mr. D. Harrison; Mrs. J. Jones; Mr. M. Legg; Mr. N Brookes; Mrs. H. Willcox and Mr. J. Michael.

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE; - Mrs. K.Biddle and Mr. K.Blackwell (accepted) and District Councillor Mr Biddle (received).

6943 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 12. Mrs. Campbell declared an interest in item 19 in relation to payment due to her.

6944 OPEN FORUM

It was proposed by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Jones and resolved that Standing Orders be suspended for the Open Forum. Notes from this part of the meeting are annexed to the Signed Minutes. At the end of the Open Forum the Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

6945 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 13th September 2010 had been previously circulated to the members. On the proposal of Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Gerrard the Minutes were then confirmed by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman.

6946 PREVIOUS MINUTES - RECOMMENDATIONS AND UP-DATES

Mr. Brookes reiterated if some information could be obtained concerning the amount of money that potentially Kempsey could use under SI06 agreements as a definitive monetary value.

6947 COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT ON LOCAL ISSUES

Mr. Bullock reported that a drain on A3 8 Byefields had been urgently repaired. Ms Baker thanked Mr. Bullock for the clearance works carried out in Old Road North. Mr. Legg made enquiries as to when Kerswell Green was scheduled for works. He also commented that the flashing speed indicator sign was not having a great effect in reducing speeding. Mr. Brookes made a request for a pedestrian crossing at the Ketch Roundabout.

6948 DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. Walters reported on the problems concerning the litter bins. Mr. Evans from MHDC apologized profusely and can confirm that he has spoken to his operatives and will also carry out spot checks. The damaged road sign for Squires Walk has still not been replaced despite being reported at the end of July. Mrs. Walters also provided an update on The South Worcestershire Development Plan with the emphasis to attend one of the timetabled forthcoming events.

6949 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence, both for report and for information had been made available for inspection by Parish Council Members between 7.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

- (a) WCC - Public Rights of Way Footpath 615 - Trying to establish who is the land owner
- (b) WCC - Waste Core Strategy - Chairman to complete questionnaire.
- (c) West Mercia Police Authority - Introduction - For Information
- (d) Natural England - Higher Level Stewardship - Claim Form has been submitted
- (e) Kempsey Post Office - Leader Funding - Audit process on track with return.
- (f) WCC Report of drain A3 8 Byefields - Thank you to County Councillor Mr. Bullock
- (g) Kissing Gate at Lower Ham - The handle to the left hand bridle gate to be changed.
The metal access gate is the responsibility of the landowner.
- (h) WCC - Post Office Lane - Road Closure - Chair has posted this information onto the website.

6950 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Ms Baker reported problems with litter at the Talbot car park, appealing to parents and children who use the car park during term time to take special care in disposing of litter. Two estimates were received in respect of the repairs to the bench and bridge at the Rocky. On the proposal of Ms Baker, seconded by Mrs. Gerrard the Parish Council resolved to accept the lower estimate from Simon Davis for £180.00 (to include painting the hand rail by the Lychgate). Two estimates were also received in respect of Clearance Works to the Rocky. It was proposed by Ms Baker, seconded by Mrs. Hart and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should accept the lower quotation from Wild Contracts for the £180.00. Mr. Harrison highlighted that strimming works to the Rocky should be carried out at the beginning of August in future, before the Himalayan Balsam seeds in order to save both time and costs.

6951 PLANNING REPORT.

To Discuss proposed provisions of a Pharmacy in Kempsey

There were serious concerns about the impact on the surgery of a proposal to establish a pharmacy in Kempsey and the Parish Council is to make known to the Primary Care Trust its concerns that nothing should be permitted to endanger the continued existence of the surgery.

Comments made under delegated powers in respect of the following applications :-

Application Ref: 10/000045/CM

Proposal: To use a parcel of land adjacent to Astons Coaches at Clerkenleap, Broomhall, Worcester, WR5 3HR for the storage of road planning's and ancilliary highway materials.

Location: Clerkenleap, Bath Road, Broomhall, Worcester, WR5 3HR

Response: Kempsey Parish Council strongly objects to the above application on the following grounds:

1. The records show that the general site was treated as an 'exception site' in order to achieve the movement of a commercial operation (Astons Coaches) from the centre of Kempsey village. Since then there have been successive applications to develop the site as the coach/travel business has grown.
2. It is not apparent that the proposed development is in any way connected with or relevant to the operation of the existing business.
3. There is no apparent benefit by way of additional local employment.
4. The Parish Council is not convinced (and no calculations are given) that the proposed site is large enough for the proposed volume of material to be deposited there.
5. It is not clear how the perimeter of the area will be fenced: we believe that the fencing should not permit any spillage of material on to adjacent land.

6. We are concerned that water run-off to adjacent green space may lead to contamination (we do not know whether road planning contains toxic or pollutant elements).
7. We are concerned that albeit spasmodically, there will be additional numbers of heavily laden vehicles entering and leaving the site to join the A3 8 in close proximity to the Peugeot main dealer, Watts motor repair business, DVLA offices and BP service station - all close to a congested roundabout and the junction with Taylors Lane. (ad hoc observations of road works seem to indicate lorries laden with planning arrive/leave working sites at intervals of a few minutes)
8. No vehicles or handling material should be permitted to stay on site at night, and the site should not be lit at night outside the hours permitted for the neighbouring businesses.

Planning Application No: 10/01122/HOU

Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey garage and replacement with two storey double garage.

Location: 84 Main Road, Kempsey, Worcestershire, WR5 3JY

Response: The Parish Council had no basic objections to the proposed extension, but queries if the proposal conforms to guidelines concerning roof lines and has concerns as to whether the sewage system in the immediate area which suffers blockages has adequate capacity.

Planning Application No: 10/01059/HOU

Proposal: Demolition of existing extension and construction of two storey side extension, two storey rear extension and replacement porch.

Location: St.Catherines Farm, (Formerly Malvern View), Stonehall Common, Kempsey, WR5 3QQ

Response: The Parish Council had no additional comments to make.

For Information:-

Planning Application No: 10/00940/HOU Proposal:

Porch Extension Location: 14 Squires Walk,
Kempsey WR5 3 JB Planning Permission Granted

Planning Application No: 10/00961/HOU

Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding (workshop/garage) to create ancillary accommodation

Location: 14 Squires Walk, Kempsey WR5 3JB

Planning Permission Refused

Planning Application No: 10/00303/CCO

Proposal: Approval of details reserved by condition - conditions 2, 3,4,5,6 & 8 of planning permission 09/01151/FUL

Location: Huntsman Inn, Green Street, Kempsey, WR5 3QB

Approval of Details Submitted to Comply with Conditions

Planning Application No: 10/01061/CPU

Proposal: Application for a lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Development - single storey rear extension, insertion of rooflights, sun tubes and solar panels.

Location: 14 Squires Walk, Kempsey WR5 3JB

Approval of Certificate of Lawfulness of Proposed Use or Development.

6952 COMMONS AND HAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Harrison had previously declared a personal interest in this report.

The Committee Chairman Mr. Michael provided an update. Two estimates have been received for

ditching and remedial works at Normoor Common and Kerswell Green with a third one expected. Once in receipt of the third quotation, Mr. Michael requested that, as he had made a commitment for the works to commence with immediate effect, proposed to accept the lower of the three quotations. This was seconded by Mrs. Gerrard with a majority in agreement. Mr. Legg reported that the Highway Agency was carrying out an assessment and works to resurrect the milestone. The bus timetable needs securing. A suggestion was made to secure the bus timetable onto the brick wall of the bus shelter on the Main Road.

6953 RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mrs. Campbell, the Committee Co-Chairman reported there was no further news to report in respect of the Playbuilder grant. A meeting will be arranged for people to see what is envisaged for the wider proposals for new play equipment at the playing field. Numerous projects to improve a range of play facilities were approved.

1. On receiving three quotations to supply and install safety matting to Kempsey Playing Fields it was proposed by Mrs. Campbell to accept the quotation for £5525.00 plus VAT from MattaProducts. This was seconded by Mr. Brookes with all members in favour to accept.
2. Three quotes were also received for supplying and installing new play equipment at Plovers Rise Play Area. It was proposed by Mrs. Campbell to accept the lowest from Wicksteed Leisure for £2225.00. This was seconded by Mrs. Jones with a majority agreement.
3. Mrs. Campbell also proposed to accept a quotation from Jim'll Fix It for £365.00 to rub down and paint some existing play equipment at Plovers Rise. This was seconded by Mr. Harrison with all members in agreement.
4. Mrs. Campbell also proposed Wicksteed Leisure supply the paint that Jim'll Fix It will use to undertake works, as stated above. This was seconded by Mrs. Willcox with all members in agreement to accept.
5. Finally, Mrs. Campbell proposed the replacement of the cradle swing and chains at a cost of £205.20. This was seconded by Mrs. Gerrard with all members agreeing in favour.

Repairs to the roof at the Sports Pavillion have been completed. Fencing has also been replaced at the Pavillion area.

6954 COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE REPORT

Emergency repairs to an upstairs floor in the Nursery have been completed at a cost of £415.00 and the accident damage to the Hair Gallery has now been made good. New ceiling panels and insulation have been fitted in Room 1 in addition to double glazing, making the room quieter and hopefully more fuel efficient. Estimates are being sought for redecorating this room. The central heating timers to the Community Centre and the Hair Gallery are in the process of being replaced. Mr. Ward proposed that repairs to the damaged toilet window at a cost of £50.36 be carried out with an attempt to recover the cost from the vandals. This was seconded by Mrs. Jones with all members agreeing in favour. Usage of the Community Centre needs to be considered when considering the precept for 2011/12.

6955 PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MONTHLY UPDATE

We thank Seabourne for ensuring the safe delivery of the steel building to house the proposed Post Office on site. The Post Office application process is underway.

A wreath from the Parish Council has been ordered to mark our respects for Remembrance Sunday on 14th November 2010.

PACT is organizing a litter pick on 7th November 2010 at 2pm meeting at the Village Hall.

BT's plans to rollout super fast broadband across the country seem to be likely to favour those areas that show greatest interest. We therefore urge everyone to vote on-line at

www.racetoinfinity.bt.com in order that Kempsey doesn't miss out on this opportunity.

6956 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK AND FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Parish Council confirmed the appointment of Mrs. Sharon Baxter as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer in succession to Mrs. Halford who has retired after 25 years of distinguished service.

6957 RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS/RECONCILIATION OF BALANCES TO 30/09/10

September 2010 Bank Reconciliation to be presented next month.

6958 CONFIRMATION OF ACTION

On the proposal of Mrs. Hart, seconded by Mr. Harrison the Parish Council ratified the payment of the following urgent accounts which had been made under delegated powers :-Staff salaries for September - as shown on the list circulated to the Parish Council Members and annexed to the Signed Minutes.

6959 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

On the proposal of Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mr. Harrison the Parish Council resolved to authorise payment of the following accounts :-

Mr M Holloway - Windows - £4795.00 (inc. £714.15 VAT)

Mr S Davis - Sports Pavillion Repairs - £840.00

Mr S Davis - Repair to Church Gate - £70.00

Mrs. A.P. Halford - Petty Cash for September - £13.53

Mrs C Campbell - Community Play Spaces Project - £39.00

S. Cordell - Community Centre cleaning - £150.00

Playsafety Ltd - ROSPA Inspection - £77.56 (inc. £11.56 VAT)

Playdale Playgrounds Ltd - Play Equipment - £1038.11 (inc. £154.61 VAT)

S M Jarvis Building & Renovations - Repairs to Hair Salon - £445.00

S M Jarvis Building & Renovations - Works made to Community Centre £1295.00

K Wilkinson - Replace fence - £400.00

New Farm Grounds Maintenance - Grass Cutting - Plovers Rise £148.85 (inc. £22.17 VAT)

In addition to the above the following payments were also authorized:-

R.S Clarke - Grass Cutting- £38.50

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New Farm Grounds Maintenance - Grass Cutting - Plovers Rise £122.41(inc.£18.23 VAT)

ActiveFire Worcester Ltd - Annual Inspection - £131.60 (inc. £19.60 VAT)

S M Jarvis - Repairs to nursery fioor-£415.00

6960 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

In view of the nature of the business about to be transacted, the Parish Council resolved that the public and Press should be asked to withdraw from the meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.37p.m.

Mrs S Baxter Clerk
and RFO 15th
October 2010