

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 22ND APRIL 2013 AT 7.30p.m.
AT KEMPSEY YOUTH CENTRE

PRESENT: - Mr. B Bowley (Elected as Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: - The attendance list indicated 18 parishioners were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: - Apologies were received from Cllr Hart, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Martin, Cllr Bannister, Cllr Geens and Cllr Stevens

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:-

The minutes from Monday 1st May 2012 had been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record. One minor amendment under County Council report Q3. Should read Brookend Lane.

3. GUEST SPEAKER – MR PAUL HUDSON FROM THE HIVE

Mr. Hudson presented an interesting and informative talk on the Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service. He presented some snap shot stories together with historical examples specifically relating to the history of Kempsey, together with some photographic evidence. He advertised Walkpast 2013 –A guided tour is scheduled to take place around Kempsey on Saturday 5th October 2013 – 2-5pm. He also advised that the Archive and Archaeology Service of Worcestershire County Council are set to undertake a survey of Kempsey village as part of the English Heritage Assessment, and are looking to engage and consult with the local community. Leaflets are available for both events for interested parishioners.

4. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: –

The Chairman apologized in the first instance that not all parishioners had received delivery of their Annual Newsletter.

Mr. Harrison highlighted that in the Annual Newsletter the report for the Community Centre was inaccurate, as the floor and ceiling in Room 1 were completed in 2010 and the kitchen and painted hallway in 2011. Cllr Bowley confirmed the key objective was to highlight how desirable the room is.

Mr. Biddle highlighted that under the section The Future of Kempsey his contact details had been omitted. Cllr Bowley apologized for this omission confirming space was at a premium.

5. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12:-

The annual accounts were distributed (subject to audit).

This raised the following questions. Mrs. Clee highlighted the following points:

1. Commercial rents look healthy and expenditure low indicating healthy accounts.
2. She questioned if the fees relating to removing the gypsy travellers were included in the Commons & Hams budget. Cllr Bowley confirmed they were.
3. Have we purchase the cattle yet? The Council was in the process of sorting out a contract to purchase the cattle.
4. Delivery of The Annual Report – Delivery companies are not always the best option to reach every household within Kempsey. This should be shared with Councillors.

6. POLICE REPORT: - Sergeant Ian Blanchard confirmed for the period April 2012 to March 2013 there had been 73 crimes, averaging 6 offences per month. This was very low. The following

Crime Statistics were quoted:-

CRIMES	YEAR	2011/12	2012/13
THEFT		29	16
CRIMINAL DAMAGE		11	11
BURGLARLY		11	8
VIOLENCE TO 3RD PERSON		4	4
ANTI - SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR		60	53

Questions

Q1. Cllr Michael requested figures for RTA

A1. Ian Blanchard confirmed he could obtain these.

Q2. Cllr Blackwell confirmed his garage guttering is often vandalized and could this be reported?

A2. Yes, it would be recorded under anti-social behavior.

Q3. Cllr Blackwell asked about SMART WATER.

A3. The Police explained how this method of marking items worked.

Q4. Cllr Bowley asked are the police alerted/informed regarding gypsy travellers moving into an area.

A4. The police will endeavor to work with Parish Councils to keep them informed in these situations.

7. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: - No report available due to the sad death of Mr. Bullock. Elections are due to take place on 2nd May 2013.

8. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: - Mr. Harrison reported on

- Planning applications for The Limes and The South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP).
- Recycling and wheelie bins.
- Neighbourhood Watch Forum on 24th April 2013
- PACT Meeting on 30th April 2013.

Mr. Rea reported on

- Free energy and resources
- Recycling and Assistive Collections
- Change to The Hub Opening Hours (Mon-Fri 8-6pm and Sat 8-1pm)
- Congratulated Cllr Stevens on the birth of his son Joshua born today.

9. DISCUSSIONS ARISING FROM REPORTS:-

Mr. Goodway highlighted that there was still a considerable amount of rubbish on Normoor Common left as a result of the Gypsy Travellers and requested if this could be cleared. Cllr Bowley advised him to speak to the Commons & Hams Committee Chairman.

The Chairman thanked parishioners for attending. He then closed the meeting at 8.53pm

Sharon Baxter
Clerk
30th April 2013