

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING OF
KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 29TH JULY 2014
AT 7.30 PM. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Cllr Stevens, Cllr. Blackwell, Cllr. Bowley & Cllr. Bannister

IN ATTENDANCE: - 5 members of The Public

1. Cllr Stevens was re-elected as Committee Chairman.
2. Apologies: None
3. Declaration of Interests:
 1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI): None.
 3. Other Disclosable Interests (ODI): None

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time.

4. Having been previously circulated, the minutes of 31st October 2013 were signed as a true and correct record.

5. Engagement with Environment Agency regarding altering the operating levels of the flood defence scheme to protect the footpath in the Rocky - The Chairman and Vice Chairman are due to attend a meeting with Anthony Perry on 12th August 2014 10.30 – 13.00 hours.

Action by
Chairman/
Vice Chair

6. It was agreed to await the outcome of agenda item 5. before discussing how best to address the footpath where it has been damaged by flooding. Item deferred to next meeting.

7. Review latest information on the tree works planned for the Rocky and plan necessary work. The Clerk is to circulate information obtained from Cllr Geens to all Committee members. Item deferred to next meeting.

Clerk

8. A proposal will be placed on the August agenda to proceed to purchase and install a bench in memory of Mr. Bob Bullock to the value of £800 (previously budgeted) with the following words engraved/carved 'In memory of Bob Bullocks contribution to The Parish'.
Cllr Stevens suggested he would look at the quotes we had obtained for installing the bench in the Rocky to get an idea of installation costs. The suggestion was to allocate an 'up-to' amount to cover installation when making the proposal to full council and that we would approach a single contractor to install rather than getting three quotes. The reasoning was that the value was likely to fall below the requirement for 3 quotes and we felt it wasn't worth wasting the time of three contractors to do this.

Cllr
Stevens

9. Signage for the Rocky – This is in association with the Leader project. Cllr Stevens to liaise with Wade Muggleton and Cllr Waller for guidance and help. He will also approach Worcestershire Wildlife and The County Council for help to obtain with any illustrations. Clerk offered to supply a photograph of a similar project that had taken place near her home to assist.

Cllr
Stevens/
Clerk

10. Fencing around the Fish Pass – Clerk to liaise with the insurance company to check insurance cover. (Cllr Stevens to supply a photograph to assist). Cllr Bannister agreed to obtain quotes.

Clerk
Cllr Bannister

11. Clerk to liaise with David Hunter WCC for further advice and guidance to use the additional

Clerk

money budgeted for Lengthsman / caretaker activities.

12. Adding Parish Logos to notice boards – Cllr Blackwell to check sizes of existing signage in the noticeboards together with wording.

Cllr
Blackwell

13. Correspondence: Travel Issues Kempsey Primary School with Mercia Traffic Management and Worcestershire County Council – A recommendation is to be placed on the August agenda that The Council writes to WCC to support the school and that communication is made to PACT to offer their support.

Cllr
Stevens

Meeting Closed 8.47 pm
Sharon Baxter
Clerk

Signed Chairman Date

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Pat Whitehead – 21 The Limes

Roy Padden – Brookside

Margaret Davies – 46 The Limes

Expressed the urgent need for overgrown vegetation to be cut back along the A38 encroaching onto the public footpath reducing the width by at least 50% for pedestrians and limiting visibility.

A request was made that The Parish Council writes to the home owners along Old Road North (approximately 6 houses) to request the overgrown vegetation be cut.

Cllr Stevens emphasized County Council has a responsibility to main public footpaths.

In response to Mrs Whiteheads questions Cllr Stevens proposed the following actions :-

- Ask the Lengthsman to confirm which properties have offending hedges and what actions he has already taken to approach them.
- Ask the Lengthsman to approach the property owners if he hasn't already.
- Next, refer the issue to David Hunter for advice on how to tackle the problem
- Consider lobbying County Councillor if nothing is done and suggest the parishioners also do this (as recorded).

Cllr Stevens agreed to update on progress at each Parish Council meeting.

Trevor Geens – 16 Squires Close

Presented a hand over of work he had carried out in respect of agenda items 5, 7 & 8.

He confirmed the meeting date in respect of agenda item 5.

Three quotations had been received in respect of item 7.

He confirmed a licence to place the bench by The Lych-gate had been granted by Highways and handed over prices and illustrations of three bench quotes he had obtained.

He was thanked by Cllr Stevens for his hard work and efforts.

Standing Orders were reimposed
