

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY
20th AUGUST 2014
AT 7.00 PM. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: - Cllr Michael (Chairman), Cllr Bevan, Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Bowley (arrived 7:10), Cllr Geens, Cllr Gerrard (arrived 7.52pm), Cllr Patrick, Cllr Smith, Cllr Stevens and Cllr Waller

IN ATTENDANCE: - 6 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Councillor Campbell & Councillor Hay – (Personal) – accepted.
2. 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.
3. To Consider Written Requests from Councillors’ for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of The Localism Act 2011): None

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes
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4. To consider the adoption of the minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of 11th August 2014: The adoption of the minutes was deferred until the next meeting to allow the inclusion of amendments requested by Cllr Bowley

5. Item 5 was discussed after Item 6. Following a review of the presentations made by the three parties on the 13th and 14th August and a discussions of the merits of each party the Council resolved to appoint Kirkwells as consultants for the construction and delivery of a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Kempsey Parish.

6. It was agreed that the Parish Council shall continue to support the requirements of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party (NDPWP) following the appointment of a replacement office assistant who may be asked to carry out this work outside of agreed working hours as Mrs. Cutler was going to do. In the short term it was suggested that clerical assistance for the NDPWP could come from volunteers within the working party. Cllr Smith and Cllr Michael both offered help with this.

Meeting Closed at 8.40pm
Minutes Taken by Cllr Stevens (Clerk on Leave)

Signed ChairmanDate

Action

Clerk to amend minutes

Clerk to appoint

Cllr Smith and Cllr Michael to support NDPWP

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr David Harrison, 8 Bookend Lane

- Raised the issue of the installation of new Superfast Broadband equipment on Brookend Lane. He expressed concerns about the size of the equipment and the location and questioned whether the installation would require planning permission.
- Cllr Michael informed District Cllr Harrison that Kempsey Parish Council had not received any consultation on the installation, and that as he had already been made aware of the issue he was taking it up with County Cllr Sutton as the implementation of Superfast Broadband is being led by Worcestershire County Council. It was reported that Cllr Sutton was unaware of the installation of the Superfast Broadband equipment in Kempsey but would make enquiries.
- Cllr Stevens questioned whether District Cllr Harrison could confirm the planning requirements with Malvern Hills District Council

Tony Denny, 11 Bookend Lane

- Mr Denny informed the Council that he had enquired with Malvern Hills District Council and they have received numerous applications from BT to install Superfast Broadband and that he felt that they had been granted without adequate consideration.
- Mr Denny reported that contractors had commenced installation of one of the superfast broadband boxes outside of his house but had stopped work after he had spoken with them about his concerns. He stated he had not been consulted about the installation and had particular concerns about the size of the equipment and its location close to a road junction, which could obscure vision.
- Cllr Geens questioned the method of working applied by the contractors when installing the broadband equipment elsewhere in Kempsey: he reported that in some locations the contractors appeared to dig holes for installation which were left a long time before the equipment was fitted.

Linda Jenkins, 12 Brookend Lane

- Mrs Jenkins commented that she was surprised that no one else in the village had complained about the installation of the Superfast Broadband equipment as there were several sites around the village where this was being installed.
- Mrs Jenkins expressed concerns about the size of the boxes that are being installed, the potential of noise issues arising from cooling fans contained within similar boxes that she has seen elsewhere and problems with visibility when the boxes are installed near to road junctions. Mrs Jenkins also questioned what planning rules applied to the installation of this equipment.
- Cllr Stevens reiterated that District Cllr Harrison should speak with the Planning department at Malvern Hills District Council to clarify the requirements for planning permission.
- Mrs Jenkins referred to the minutes of the 11th August Parish Council meeting where County Cllr Sutton gave an update on the Superfast Broadband programme. She asked whether this report contained information about the installation of equipment in Brookend Lane. Cllr Michael clarified that Cllr Sutton's report did not go into this level of detail.

Mike Biddle, Brookend Lane (Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party Chairman)

- Mr Biddle reported that he had attended presentations made by the three consultants for the Neighbourhood Development plan and offered his thoughts on which ones were best.
- Mr Biddle requested clerical help the Neighbourhood Development plan following the resignation of Mrs Cuttler (Assistant to the Clerk). He reported that his wife has kindly offered to help for two months whilst a replacement was found but that this arrangement could not be indefinite.
- It was reported that Cllr Smith will be taking on the position of vice-chairman of the NDPWP.