



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 14th AUGUST 2017
AT 7.30 PM. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Cllr Geens (Chairman), Cllr Michael, Cllr Waller, Cllr Dodge, Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Ferguson, Cllr Frazer-Cann and Cllr Smith.

IN ATTENDANCE: - County Councillor Middlebrough, District Councillors Harrison & Michael plus 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr Patrick (Ill Health), Cllr Hanmer (Holiday), Cllr Gerrard (Illness) & Cllr Hodgkins (Illness) - accepted.
Mr Biddle (NDP Vice Chairman) – received
2. **RESOLVED:** Following the opportunity for Councillors to ask questions, Mr Russell Varley was co-opted to fill the Councillor Vacancy by paper ballot.
3. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Varley was appointed to Recreation, Environment & Commons & Hams Committees.
4. Declarations of Interest
 1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 2. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature - None.
 3. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests on items on the agenda and their nature - None.
5. To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of The Localism Act 2011) - written requests to be submitted to the clerk prior to the Meeting - None.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes

6. Minutes: The minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of 10.07.17 having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.
7. Correspondence for Information:
 1. ICO Complaint from Mr R C Bowley dated 25.07.17 and response dated 31.07.17
 2. Letter dated 04.08.17 from Mr R C Bowley re: Parish Council Meeting 13.02.17 & Email of 16. 06.17.
 3. Letter dated 04.08.17 from Mr R C Bowley re: Unreasonable Behaviour by The Parish Council
Cllr Waller asked whether any action would be taken regarding Mr. Bowley's formal complaint in this letter. The Chairman confirmed all relevant information had been provided.
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 1. Neighbourhood Watch – Crime Information was circulated
 2. County Councillor's Report – Cllr P Middlebrough – The report was noted.
 3. District Councillor's Reports – Cllrs Harrison/Michael - The reports were noted.
 4. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Update (*Cllr Smith*)
The NDP was passed by MHDC for referendum. This will take place on 5th October 2017 at the Parish Hall. MHDC will run the election but are to remain neutral. The Parish Council has previously minuted their support for the document but are not allowed to campaign. However the NDP Working Party will become the Neighbourhood Plan Campaign Group to carry out this function.
A flyer has been prepared, to assist the new Neighbourhood Plan Campaign Group which is promoting the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum. It is anticipated the flyer will be delivered to all parishioners. Cllr Smith will arrange the first meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Campaign Group to action further.
 - a. The initial proposal was amended. The amended proposal states 'To use budgeted NDP Funds of up to £3.5K to support the referendum, at the discretion of the Clerk and Chairman, with up to £2.3K being under the control of the Neighbourhood Plan Campaign Group'.
RESOLVED: To accept the above stated amended proposal.
RESOLVED: The amended proposal was then voted on and accepted.

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9. Finance
1. Payment of accounts were authorized as per schedule.
 2. Bank Reconciliation Statement Balance – For Information Only.
10. Committee Report Updates and Proposals
1. Environment: *Cllr Smith*
The Rocky Interpretation Panels are ongoing.
Dog Fouling – MHDC were happy to provide some leaflets but insisted on installing signs themselves.
 2. Commons and Hams: *Cllr Waller* - Update:

Ashmoor Common
7 Cattle have been purchased. They are due to be TB tested in October prior to selling them through an agent instead of the cattle market.
Maintenance issues - The ragwort has been partially pulled. The brambles are due to be cut. In the process of liaising with Natural England to improve the fences. The contractor has dealt with the overhanging tree. Chris Gove to top Ashmoor in September.
Bird survey – Awaiting a report from Mr Box.

Kempsey Common
Hard surface track to the caravan park – Currently liaising with Doorbars.
Cllr Waller to devise a letter for the Clerk to issue to two allotment holders re: fencing.
Bramble/Gorse control to be looked at.
No action regarding replacing the missing/damaged posts as they may have to be removed to accommodate the hard surface access track to the caravan park.

Normoor Common
The access track to Mis Moorhouse’s cottage was cut by the Lengthsman, failing action from the appointed contractor.
Mr Steve Coole has cut the grass and removed the hay.
A complaint was received that children were making a bike track on the common.

Kerswell Green
Maintenance issues - One poplar tree needs to be removed – Advice is being sought.
It was reported a lorry became stuck in the ditch on the track to Kinnersley Engineering.
More information is required to understand the full extent of the problem.

Stonehall Common
The grass has been cut.
The access gate (on the west side) is to be fitted.

Worcestershire Wildlife Trust is looking at ways to improve the management of the common.
They are offering advice on Community Engagement. Cllr Waller to follow up.

It was noted there are no Dog Fouling Signs on the Lower Ham and those sited by MHDC on Stonehall Common were placed in the wrong location.

Lower Ham – The Committee were of divided opinion as to whether the Lower Ham should be cut or not, following praise of the different variety of birds sighted there as a result of it not being cut.
Reference was made to the awful mess of the riverbank and what could be done to improve this area.

Allotments - acquisition of land.
Cllr Michael is looking into the viability /options of securing allotments.
- a. **RESOLVED:** For the C&H Committee to carry out a consultation with local residents in the vicinity of the caravan park adjacent to Kempsey Common regarding the construction of a hard surface track to the caravan park.
 - b. The proposal was amended to state ‘Proposal for additional dog fouling notices to be placed at entrances to any public areas used by dog owners.’
RESOLVED: To accept the amended proposal.
RESOLVED: The amended proposal was then voted on and accepted.
 - c. **ITEM DEFERRED:** For legal advice to be sought on fences and other commons matters.

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3. Recreation: *Cllr Frazer-Cann*

Wicksteed have now replaced the ‘spinner’ piece of play equipment. This is now fully functional and of a different design. After waiting for many months, there was no communication from Wicksteed as to when this was actually carried out. (A note to grease the bearings will be added to the annual inspection list).

A request was made by WMAS that the defibrillator ID number is clearly indicated on the outside of the defibrillator cabinet. This had been checked and is compliant.

Cllr Michael reported that following a successful cycle event held at the Youth Centre building a chain and padlock had disappeared from the entrance gate from the playing field onto Napleton Lane. This has now been replaced and made secure.

- a. **RESOLVED:** To accept contractor quotation to cut two Hawthorn bushes interfering with BT cables in Napleton Lane. Please note as this is under £250 expenditure it was delegated to the Clerk to arrange.

Clerk

4. Community Centres: *Cllr Michael*

- a. **RESOLVED:** For Magic Moments Day Nursery to erect a lean to structure to the rear of the Community Centre building.

A letter is to be written outlining the conditions. Clerk to notify the Insurance Company.

In the next week work will be carried out to install LED lighting, decorating and hedge removal at the Youth Centre.

A lock has been fitted to the cellar door at the Community Centre to make secure.

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Clerk

5. Planning: *Cllr Geens*

Please refer to minutes of 19.07.17 and draft minutes of 10.08.17

6. Finance & General Purposes: *Cllr Geens* – Nothing to report

7. The Infrastructure Committee: *Cllr Smith*

The next meeting is to take place on Wednesday 30th August 2017 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre

- a. **RESOLVED:** To identify Location B on the plan provided by Taylor Wimpey as the preferred location for a foul pump station to serve Pixham Ferry Lane Scheme.

- b. **RESOLVED:** To approve direct negotiations with Taylor Wimpey on the matter of the Stamp Duty as per MHDC and our solicitor recommendations. (*with PGA Management Ltd*)

Clerk

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8. Staffing Committee: Cllr Geens – Nothing to report

9. Chairman’s Report: Cllr Geens – Nothing to report

Meeting Closed at 9. 24 pm

Sharon Baxter
Clerk
15th August 2017

Signed Chairman..... Date

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Clee – Brookend Lane

Referred to the initial reason why a grasscrete driveway had been constructed at the Firs, following receipt of a recent planning application to replace this with an asphalt driveway. This was because many trees located nearby have a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) placed on them and the grasscrete surface took into consideration the tree roots.

The Chairman confirmed this application was discussed at the last Planning Committee meeting.

Mr Bowley - Kerswell Green

Referred to items 7.1 and 7.2 on the agenda which initially are one of the same thing, which have generated a total of nine letters between the Parish Council and himself.

Standing Orders were reimposed

CRIME ALERT- July/August 2017

Burglary, Kinnersley

Between 23:30 on Tuesday 11th July and 09:00 on Wednesday 12th July the lock securing the doors of a detached garage of a residential premises in Kinnersley were forced open to gain entry. Nothing was reported stolen.

Burglary, ANGLIA CRESCENT, KEMPSEY

POLICE REF: 0337S 240717

BURGLARY ANGLIA CRESCENT, KEMPSEY

In the last 7 days

A property has been broken into and a messy search carried out, nothing reported stolen at this time.

Burglary, Anglia Crescent , Kempsey

Whilst occupiers of the home were away on holiday, the property was broken into and goods were stolen, many items which include jewellery and PC. This happened between 1030am on Monday 17th July and 1400 hours on 24th July. Anything seen or heard please ring 101 and quote above ref number.

County Councillor – P Middlebrough

Thanked District Cllr Harrison for the work he does in relation to Highways and keeping him informed.

Commented on the signage in Napleton Lane – Referring to a tree in a private garden. Will await comments from the Parish Council before any action is taken.

Stonehall Common – Will look into how feasible it is to provide a parking area, subject to consent and funding.

Cllr Waller referred to a triangle piece of land on the opposite side of the road which may be suitable for this purpose and would welcome further discussion on this matter.

Reported in the last three months the number of senior management staff who have left and secured better paid jobs elsewhere.

District Councillor – D Harrison.

Referred to the children's play boat from The Anchor Inn and reported on the chain of events leading to this piece of equipment being removed and relocated elsewhere.

Reported on the road closures up Post Office Lane, creating problems with access. The sewage pipe has been installed and now Severn Trent are trying to install a new water main and new stop taps to all properties but are experiencing problems.

Malvern Hills District Council have been having great difficulty in trying to get to empty the bins and collect rubbish from Post Office Lane as a result.

He confirmed to S106 and Planning in that there is no specific timescale for completion of play area in Public Open Space.

District Councillor – J Michael.

Nothing to Report