



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
 KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019  
 AT 7.30 PM. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** - Cllr Geens (Chairman), Cllr Varley (left at 9pm), Cllr Michael, Cllr Gerrard, Cllr Allen, Cllr Hanmer (left at 10.05pm), Cllr Frazer-Cann, Cllr Thompson, Cllr Blackwell and Cllr Ferguson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** - County Councillor Middlebrough (arr. 8pm), District Councillor Michael, District Councillor Harrison, Michelle Alexander (Relief Clerk) plus 12 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Councillors Waller & Dodge, Sharon Baxter, Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (illness) – All accepted.
2. 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.
3. 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

4. Minutes: The minutes of The Parish Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019, had been circulated prior to the meeting. Amendments were agreed as follows –

- 8.4 – to read ‘recent planning applications and decisions were noted’
- 8.5 – Chairman to check 1.0002% with the Clerk and confirm to the PC.
- Public session – ‘it’ to be deleted.

The minutes were then agreed and signed as a true record - proposed by Cllr Frazer-Cann, seconded by Cllr Gerrard. All in favour.

5. Appointment of Vice-Chairman: It was agreed to bring this matter forward on the agenda. The PC noted the resignation of Cllr Varley as Vice Chairman, which had been accepted by the Chairman. The reasons for resignation were discussed and noted, but in the absence of anyone else coming forward, it was agreed that no one should be appointed to the role.

6. Correspondence for Information: - Under General Data Protection Regulations names of identifiable nature withheld.

- Email from Parishioner re pedestrian barriers at crossing near Talbot Inn – noted but not considered a viable option currently. Chair to write in response.
- Reply to Parishioners letter dated 24.01.19 re Kempsey sewage problems. Chair has replied.
- Chairman’s letter to STW Chief Exec. and response to sewage problems as above. Noted.
- Notification from Appeal Court re appeal being struck out. Noted.
- Chairman’s reply 24.01.19 to Magic Moments request for additional nursery space. Noted – may still require planning permission?
- Parishioner’s request to lay a water pipe connection to residential property. Cllr Michael to speak on the matter at this meeting.
- Resignation as Vice-Chairman - Cllr Varley. Noted.

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- Letter dated 26.01.19 from Parishioner – Data Protection. Noted but agreed the matter has already been dealt with, so the Clerk will not respond again.
- Letter dated 27.01.19 from Parishioner – Communication. As above.
- Letter dated 28.01.19 from Parishioner – Unlawful destruction of Council records. As above.

## 7. Finance

1. Payment of accounts were authorised as per the schedule. Proposed Cllr Allen, seconded Cllr Thompson. All in favour
2. Monthly Bank Reconciliation Statement – noted.
3. Capital Budget – For Information Only.

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  1. Neighbourhood Watch – no report made.
  2. County Councillor’s Report – Cllr Middlebrough – a report was made to the meeting.
  3. District Councillor’s Reports –Cllr Michael – a report was made to the meeting.
  4. Parish Path Warden Update – Ms Lesley Cox - no report made.

## 9. Committee Report Updates and Proposals

### 1. Environment/Recreation: Cllr Frazer-Cann –

- Proposal to cut back large conifer branches from hedge extending over our play area at Plovers Rise to reclaim the space around new play equipment – 2 quotes for consideration - £1248.00 ex-vat and £740.00 ex-vat. Discussion took place regarding whether a further conversation should be held with the homeowner and it was noted that the work has been budgeted for and it has previously been agreed to progress the work. A vote of 7:3 was carried to progress the work.

**RESOLUTION:** to accept the quote of £740.00 to cut back large conifer branches from hedge extending over our play area at Plovers Rise to reclaim the space around new play equipment. Proposed by Cllr Frazer-Cann, seconded Cllr Varley. Vote 7:3 carried.

- Proposal to install a waste bin in Pixham Ferry Lane – Previous discussions at this meeting were noted. Location possibly by the entrance to the footpath to rear of the houses? More signage was agreed – D. Cllr Harrison to arrange this.

**RESOLUTION:** to install a waste bin at Pixham Ferry Lane by the entrance to the footpath to rear of the houses. Proposed Cllr Frazer-Cann, seconded Cllr Blackwell. All in favour.

### 2. Commons and Hams: Cllr Geens

- Update on Kempsey Common Easement – Solicitors have given advice and costs. A planning application has now been submitted for the track/roadway across the common.
- Proposal to determine if KPC wants to allow, or not, an easement for the construction of a hard surface track across Kempsey Common – Planning Committee have objected but there has been no decision yet from MHDC. A statement from Cllr Waller was read out to the meeting by the Chairman. Concerns were discussed by those present and D. Cllr Harrison made a statement to the meeting to confirm he has no financial interest in this application. He also offered to share documents with the PC via Cllr Michael. It was noted that advice from MHDC suggested that a residential park home / Gypsy Traveller Site would fail under current planning regulations. Residents are concerned that future planning regulations may change what is allowed. The meeting noted that the easement charge for the PC sounds beneficial but will not compensate residents for loss of amenity. There was great concern that the road traffic generated from a caravan/static home park would have a detrimental and congestive effect on the very narrow lanes leading up to Kempsey Common. It is also considered that a site in this location will detract from the peace and tranquility for users of the common. It was noted that not allowing the easement may result in legal challenge and costs.

**RESOLUTION:** to change agenda item 2b to read ‘proposal that Kempsey PC does not grant Mr Cooper an easement across Kempsey Common to his caravan site.’ Proposed Cllr Geens, seconded Cllr Allen. All in favour (Cllr Michael abstained due to being on MHDC Planning Committee).

**RESOLUTION:** that Kempsey PC does not grant Mr Cooper an easement across

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Kempsey Common to his caravan site. Proposed Cllr Geens, seconded Cllr Ferguson. All in favour (Cllr Michael abstained due to being on MHDC Planning Committee).

3. Community Centre: Cllr Michael

- It was noted that a statutory five-year fixed wiring survey /test has been carried out at the Community Centre and that repairs are needed. JM
- **RESOLUTION:** to have electrical repairs carried out following 5-year test. Cost £395.80 (A.J. Taylor). Proposed Cllr Michael, seconded Cllr Gerrard. All in favour. JM
- **RESOLUTION:** to accept the quotation to rectify areas of damp in the nursery rooms. Cost £975.00 + vat (DampCure). Proposed Cllr Michael, seconded Cllr Geens. All in favour. JM
- Proposal for the Scouts to display signage (size 1200 x 800mm) under the existing Youth Centre signage. Deferred as no artwork has been circulated and no details for materials to be used. JM
- **RESOLUTION:** to re-site radiator in the disabled toilet to allow a baby changing unit to be purchased and fitted in its place at the Youth Centre. Minimal cost to carry out work – up to £250.00 for work + approx. £100 for the unit. Proposed Cllr Michael, seconded Cllr Allen. All in favour. JM
- Ongoing problem at the Youth Centre noted re the safety tile floor breaking up. Floor needs to be replaced and will be expensive. Options to be considered in the future and tile examples to be left in the office. Costs to be explored and brought to a future meeting for consideration - £6-8K costs possible. JM

4. Planning: Cllr Ferguson updated the meeting regarding proposals for land at Sheepfields Farm. Re siting of storage containers in Bestmans Lane, an objection has been submitted and controls re. usage suggested.

Two approvals – St Peter’s Peugeot and St Modwen’s development.  
New details submitted for the Co-op shop at Anchor Inn.

5. Finance & General Purposes: Cllr Geens. No report.

6. Staffing Committee: Cllr Geens. No report.

7. Infrastructure Committee: Cllr Geens

a. Section 106 – very close to completion but land transfer document to be finalised. May also be liable for stamp duty land tax so need to find out PC liability based on market value of the land. TG

b. Proposal to accept and sign the S106 agreement for sports and community land at Pixham Ferry Lane. Cllr Geens withdrew this proposal.

8. Chairman’s Report: Cllr Geens

- School bus survey is underway re the laybys, vehicle delays and danger to children. TG
- A letter has been received from the Kempsey Primary School – there is a Foodbank on site and the PC are asked to publicise. TG
- Police Sgt Hallam has agreed to speak privately with the PC – dates suggested week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> February. Cllrs Allen and Ferguson expressed interest in attending. TG

10. Police & Crime Commissioner to attend a future PC meeting.

It was agreed that the Chairman should invite the PCC to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in May. TG

11. **RESOLUTION:** to grant approval to lay a water pipe connection to a residential property on the edge of Roman Road bridleway, with the most direct route being on the bridleway alongside the edge of the property. Proposed Cllr Michael, seconded Cllr Gerrard. All in favour. Cllr Michael to draft a letter to state that the PC have no liability for future damage – all agreed. JM

12. Date of next meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30 pm at Kempsey Community Centre.

Meeting Closed at 10.15pm

Michelle Alexander  
Relief Clerk

Signed ..... Chairman..... Date

*Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time*

Under General Data Protection Regulations names & addresses of identifiable nature withheld.

## PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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### Parishioners Questions/Comments:

- A resident stated that they were very pleased with the CCTV at the lychgate.
- L. Ford raised concern about the lorry parking at Kings Hill Rd and the blocked access for a disabled person. Please can the PC write to the company regarding the unloading of vehicles? Windmill Lane and Kings Hill are also experiencing vibration from the vehicles. The Chairman asked D. Cllr Harrison to take up the matter. D. Cllr Harrison attended site and has seen the problem. It is a planning matter (permission cond. 6) so he will contact MHDC and request action and a copy of the condition. Tree works also started 7-10 days ago; the Site Manager is inspecting the work to be done. DH
- L. Ford also raised the matter of the public footpath. D. Cllr Harrison confirmed that they will have to fence along the hedge to retain the footpath along Kings Hill Rd (1m width). There is no legal right of way from Kings Hill Rd to the Ham, down the hill. An order for closure has been made, then a diversion will be made to retain for the future (approx. 18 months' time).
- B. Benstead raised concern about the amount of dog fouling along Pixham Ferry Lane. Should an extra dog bin be installed? (Noted that the matter is on the agenda for this meeting.)
- B. Benstead also raised concern about the following matters -
  - The drain at Old Road South adjacent to Linden Homes, has still not been dealt with. D. Cllr Michael has spoken to County Cllr Middlebrough as there are ongoing matters to be dealt with via contractors. JM
  - The drain half way down Pixham Ferry Lane is blocked and needs clearing – Cllr Michael to request. JM
  - The emergency bollard entrance to Linden Homes – concerns with wheelchair access not being kept open as cars are parking in the access area.
  - Grass pavements at Saxon Meadows estate – are they to be removed? People are consistently parking on them so are now mostly mud.
  - Brookend to Saxon Meadows footpath signage has been damaged/ fallen down.
- T Ward reminded the PC of the next litter pick is on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2 – 2.30pm start with MHDC Officers. There were also 42 people at the last PACT meeting. Community events are important to the parish and the 2012 Funday Sunday was well supported – could a similar event be held this year? The PC gave provisional support to the idea.
- Mr Bowley asked if the PC has made a submission about the new Minerals Plan? The Chair confirmed no submission has been made. Mr Bowley also asked if the Capital Budget has been created? The Chair confirmed the matter was being dealt with by the Clerk. Mr Bowley asked that the letters sent to the PC be responded to; the request was duly noted. Clerk
- D. Harrison noted that the matter of a litter bin at Pixham Ferry Lane was to be discussed on the agenda and explained to the PC about a bin being removed by MHDC as it had always been full of dog waste, not mixed waste. (A bin should only contain up to 50% of dog waste for MHDC to empty it.) It was also noted that leaving dog waste on the path attracts a £100 fine but if you bag it and hang it up in a bush as litter, the fine is up to £1000. If MHDC refuse to empty a bin due to the amount of dog waste it would become a PC liability, so careful consideration is required. Signage may be a better initial option? The Chairman suggested the matter be discussed by the Env. & Rec. Committee. F-C

Standing Orders were re-imposed

## County Councillor P. Middlebrough

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The following matters were reported –

- Pedestrian railing – Road Safety Team to look in to the matter.
- Meeting arranged this Friday about speeding and the traffic flow around the school.
- Meeting attended re the Southern Link Rd. Temporary traffic lights to be used in the next few weeks to remove vegetation along the route. D. Cllr Harrison also attended.
- Liaison meeting to be attended regarding Parkway Station delays.
- Thanks to the Chairman for collection of data re the use of laybys. Needs to go to County Council, MHDC, Snr Management at Taylor Wimpey and Linden site. Residents also need to pursue the matter as well.
- County Council budget – Councillors to have funds to spend on Highway matters over a 2 year period.
- A38 junction with A4104 at Upton will have a roundabout scheme in the near future.
- STW correspondence noted. Similar issues at Drakes Broughton, so keep up the pressure.
- Concern about parking outside the village shop – yellow cross hatch markings to be used? PC to consider options. The pavement outside the shop is in a bad state.

## District Councillor – John Michael

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The following matters were reported –

- Attended the liaison meeting with Tarmac. A restructure has taken place – the extraction of sand and gravel from the east side has been re-thought and now considering a pipe across to the west side. Land adjacent Ashmore Common was going to be worked ‘wet’ – this may well be challenged and worked ‘dry’. May impact on water levels on the common. Natural England also informed. Land on the west side is being restored as per the plan before moving to the east side.

## District Councillor – David Harrison

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The following matters were reported –

- Southern Link Rd – view point at the Ketch has been closed. Signage has been requested. The compound at Powick is to be constructed by mid-March.
- Norton Road – due to close from 19thFeb to end of March from SLR roundabout to Taylors Lane. Taylors Lane East to West will be one way only.
- Planning has been submitted for the new pedestrian bridge from Kempsey to St Peter’s. (SLR) This is a County / MHDC matter.
- Waste / Wheelie Bins – black bin waste has been reduced significantly. Routes and collection dates are to change in the summer and 5 new waste collection vehicles have been purchased.
- SWDP ‘Issues & Options’ responses have been published. A response is needed to the Minerals Plan as it will impact on parish areas – Pixham Ferry Lane to new playing fields / A38 and east of M5 / Kerswell Green area.
- Cllr Michael suggested that as tarmac at Clifton had been a large scale extraction, could smaller companies be used in future?
- Cllr Blackwell remarked on parking outside the shop / removing yellow line in Church Street – could conifer hedge be cut back? Old Rd North safer to park in.

