



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30 PM.
AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: -

District Cllrs Harrison & Michael. Mr Biddle - Vice Chairman of NDP plus 7 members of the public

1. Apologies: - Cllr Gerrard – (Personal) & Cllr Hodgkins - (Illness) – both accepted.
County Councillor Sutton (attending another meeting)
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. Vacancy for a Councillor to be filled by co-option – The vacancy is currently being advertised.
5. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 12.12.16 having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record with the following addition to minute reference 6.7.
Cllr Waller objected to the motion being put forward, on the grounds it did not appear on the agenda for the meeting.
6. Correspondence for Information:
 1. Letter dated 12.12.16 from West Mercia Police – Acknowledging PC Paul Kennedy
 2. Letter dated 18.12.16 from Mr. R C Bowley and acknowledgement Re: Investigative Panel
7.
 1. Neighbourhood Watch – Crime Alert Information circulated by the Clerk to Councillors upon immediate notification to raise awareness.
 2. County Councillor’s Report – *Cllr R Sutton*. No report available
 3. District Councillor’s Reports – *Cllrs Harrison/Michael*- The report was noted.
 4. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Update (*Cllr Smith*)
The NDP document has had final amendments made. The Clerk has provided MHDC with names and addresses of consultees , as requested. Dates have been inserted into the document.
The consultation on the Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan will start on Friday 13th January to Friday 24th February 2017.
8. Committee Appointments
To appoint Staffing Committee (Comprising of Chairman & Vice Chairman) plus
 - a. One member selected by the Clerk – Cllr Michael
 - b. Two members appointed by the Council.**ITEM DEFERRED** - In the absence of having no Vice- Chairman and Cllr Gerrard absent this evening

Action

9. Finance
1. **RESOLVED** Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorized.
Cllr Waller queried the invoice to MHDC for £79.63. The Clerk confirmed this was in respect a quarterly charge for the hire and emptying of a wheeled bin located at the Sports Pavilion.
 2. **RESOLVED** the budget and precept for 2017/18 of £96,354.00 was agreed.
 3. **RESOLVED** monies held with Secure Trust Bank were earmarked for the purpose of Community Infrastructure Projects (Please note this was previously agreed but *only* for Financial Year 16/17).
10. Committee Report Updates and Proposals
1. Environment: *Cllr Smith*
The litter bin located by the shop has been moved to a new position to prevent vehicles from damaging it. Cllr Patrick highlighted this has now exposed a large amount of debris. Cllr Smith confirmed she would include having this removed when obtaining quotes for the area to be tidied by the bollards at the shop.
Referring to the budget 2017/18 District Cllr Harrison confirmed the developers are providing white marker gates to the south of the village.
 2. Commons and Hams: *Cllr Waller*
Following clearance works to the bank at Stonehall Common a large amount of litter has been revealed. A litter pick is to be organised.
Cllr Waller reported that he had walked Kempsey Common and had encountered no problem with the behaviour from the 18 horses present.
Western Power is to cut back the trees interfering with the power lines at Normoor Common and Kerswell Green. It is anticipated work will be complete by the end of January.
Cllr Geens confirmed following a parishioner complaint he had cut through a padlocked chain restricting access from the bridle path from Stonehall to Kempsey Common. He questioned Cllr Waller if he had heard anything concerning this. Cllr Waller confirmed he had not.
Cllr Geens asked Cllr Waller for an update on the Code of Practice for Horses. Cllr Waller confirmed he had found someone who was quite interested who may take the task on.
Cllr Geens requested an update on the flying of drones. Cllr Waller confirmed the next step is to contact the drone club who are preparing a constitution and advise them that there is strong opposition from local residents.
 3. Recreation: *Cllr Fraser-Cann* – Nothing to report.
 4. Community Centres: *Cllr Michael*
Work has commenced to refurbish the toilets located at the Youth Centre.
Cllr Michael is to meet with A&E Fire concerning the installation of the smoke detectors and emergency lighting in the kitchen at the Youth Centre.
The new sign for the Youth Centre is being organised by Cllr Geens.
 5. Planning: *Cllr Patrick*
A meeting took place on 19.12.16. Please refer to draft minutes.
An Open Day for the Taylor Wimpey Development located between Pixham Ferry Lane and Old Road South took place on Saturday 7th January 2017 between 10.30am to 3.00pm. This was extremely well attended with some useful comments and feedback. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Smith and Mr. Biddle for all their help on the day.
 6. Finance & General Purposes: *Cllr Geens*
 - a. **RESOLVED** to amend Financial Regulations 3.9 (page 7) to permit non-emergency expenditure up to the value of £250, within defined committee budgets, to be authorized by the RFO who will maintain a record of each request.
 7. Staffing Committee: *Cllr Geens* – Nothing to report
 8. Chairman's Report: *Cllr Geens*
RESOLVED to participate in the Battle's Over- A Nations Tribute 11th November 2018
Public Space Protection Order pursuant to Dog Control Consultation –Item referred to Recreation Committee. MHDC want to hear your views. Consultation is open until Sunday 26 February.
Speeding in Kerswell Green – Community Speed Watch – Item referred to Environment Committee. The Lengthsman is to gather statistics from the VAS Sign.
A request was received from Rev. Mark Badger re: Broomhall Village Free School bid – Councillors would like more information involving this, particularly from the other organisations who are also bidding, before considering offering support.
Cllr Waller mentioned councillors photographs still need to be uploaded onto the website. Cllr Geens confirmed there is the facility on the website he still required photographs.

For those Councillors interested ,the Clerk agreed to take photos of councillors using her mobile phone for this purpose. Should the quality not be suitable Cllr Michael offered to take more professional photographs using his camera.

11. Conclusion of Investigative Panel (*Cllr Waller*)

It was established that Cllr Waller circulated the final report from the Investigative Panel to councillors and Mr. Bowley at 18.23pm this evening. The Chairman stated this was totally unacceptable as it did not allow sufficient time for Councillors to read and digest it. He emphasized the importance of receiving information well in advance of Parish Council meetings. On this basis and in accordance with the December resolution he felt it should be disbanded. Arguably, Cllr Waller confirmed that he had completed and distributed the report in compliance with the December resolution. He highlighted the resolution did not specify any particular time frame in which he had to circulate the report by. Cllr Pugh fully supported Cllr Waller on this issue. Cllr Waller continued there was no indication, no motion and no recommendations on the January agenda as to how this matter was to proceed. Cllr Waller confirmed he would not vote on any proposal not specified on the agenda.

The Chairman made his proposal in accordance with the December resolution to close down this issue to enable the Parish Council to move forward on revising their policies. Councillors voted as follows- 2 for, 3 against and 5 abstentions. Therefore the proposal was not carried.

Cllr Geens expressed that there is no point in this council making resolutions, if they are not adhered to. He felt this highlighted bad practice and Cllr Waller is 'laughing at the council'. Cllr Waller specifically asked for this to be minuted.

Cllr Michael confirmed the report should be considered and should be put to a vote and judged on its merits. To bring Councillors up to speed he had circulated some background information concerning this issue. Cllr Smith reiterated we need to abide by the wording used in the resolution. Cllr Patrick highlighted in order to do the job properly the final report should be considered stating the gentleman concerned will cause aggravation in the longer term if the report is not fully addressed. Cllr Geens highlighted the Parish Council had been trying to do this for the last two years.

RESOLVED: Cllr Michael presented a new proposal for an EOM to be arranged to discuss the findings of the final Investigative Report and vote upon the conclusion/recommendations of this report. This is to be held in confidential session. This was seconded by Cllr Waller who, in his opinion, highlighted procedurally this was incorrect. He was advised this was not the case. The majority of members agreed and therefore the vote was carried.

The Chairman confirmed that from tomorrow he would be considering his position.

12. Welcome packs for new residents. Update on progress. (*Cllr Patrick*)

The welcome packs are progressing and are currently being compiled ready for distribution. Leaflets are required from the Surgery. It is hoped they will be delivered this week. Cllr Patrick is going to talk to the sales agents at the site office regarding distribution. Cllr Smith offered to help prepare them if required.

13. Update on the phone box/defibrillator located at Kerswell Green. (*Cllr Geens*)

The Parish Council was trying to establish it as a defibrillator station but then found out that no electrical power was available. We have subsequently tried manufacturers to find an AED cabinet that does not need power, but to no avail. We therefore do not need to retain the phone box. The resident who kindly offered to donate the defibrillator is liaising with local residents to see if anyone is interested in housing a defibrillator unit and supplying a small amount of power to it. The other option is to donate the defibrillator to a first aid responder who resides in Kerswell Green.

Meeting Closed at 21.07pm
Sharon Baxter
Clerk

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

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mike Biddle – Brookside

Is interested to know roughly how much time and effort has been wasted and the cost element associated in dealing with queries/correspondence from Mr Bowley?

The Chairman confirmed we will look into this. This is quite difficult to quantify as this was occurring last year whilst the Clerk was absent and the Chairman answered the letters of correspondence etc.

Mr Biddle confirmed it is possible the Parish Council can claim for expenses and the Parish Council should consider looking into this.

Joy Clee – Brookend Lane

Queried various items listed on the budget for 2017/18 to include the chain of office, riverbank clearance, dog fouling on Stonehall Common and weed control on the Lower Ham.

Cllr Geens confirmed the Chain of Office is unwearable; no monies had been allocated for riverbank clearance for 2017/18. Cllr Waller answered queries surrounding dog fouling and weed control.

David Harrison – Brookend Lane

Congratulated members who had helped at the Public Open Day on Saturday, with special thanks to Cllrs Smith and Patrick.

He was quite impressed with the budget figures for 2017/18 and queried the entry concerning fire testing at the Community Centre. Were we accounting for this twice? The Clerk confirmed an invoice from A&E Fire referring to this item, had been presented for payment for 2016/17 this month.

Standing Orders were reimposed

District Councillors – Michael & Harrison

District Cllr Michael

The hedge that runs between Sunnyside Garage to the end opposite Meadow Close has now been cut right back as requested some time ago.

The brash and undergrowth now needs clearing to widen the footpath properly this being the responsibility of the Parish Council to arrange either to be undertaken either by the Lengthsman or if this is beyond his scope or by contacting the County Council.

Cllr Smith confirmed she is in the process of obtaining quotes for this.

District Cllr Harrison

Severn Trent Water has reported that the sewer pipe located on the A38 by Post Office Lane is not a collapsed sewer pipe but a blocked sewer pipe. Work is due to be completed tomorrow night with lane restrictions in place. Severn Trent Water has apologised for the noise and inconvenience.

Development to the South of the Village – re: Road Networks. Cllr Harrison confirmed he has received no further communication and is frustrated to have received no response to date.

Foul Sewer from the Taylor Wimpey site is to be connected to the main sewer.

Flooding/Blockages

Reported when the tarmac was re-laid in Taylors Lane/A38 junction the drains were tarmacked over. Water now diverts into neighbouring gardens as it has no means of escape. Responsibility is trying to be established.

No further work has been carried out in Bestmans lane being worse by the Industrial site.

WCC Highways has cleaned all drains along A38 from Brookend Lane to the far end of the village.

The footpath along A38 needs clearing and a litter pick.

Drainage problems previously reported on Pixham Ferry Lane/Old Road South are still outstanding. (Cllr Michael confirmed some of Old Road South had been attended to the other day)

He had visited all 4 housing development sites where everything appears to be in order.

He confirmed the extra house proposed next to the Parish Hall has been refused on the grounds of insufficient parking and amenity space.

Questions

Cllr Geens asked if the A38 is closed tomorrow evening due to repairs concerning the sewer can it be ensured the artic lorries/concrete lorries do not use Squires Walk/Old Road South/Pixham Ferry Lane to get to the Taylor Wimpey and Linden Homes site. Can road signage please be arranged to divert traffic effectively?