



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2018
AT 7.30 PM. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Cllr Geens (Chairman), Cllr Michael, Cllr Waller, Cllr Dodge, Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Hanmer, Cllr Hogkins, Cllr Frazer-Cann, Cllr Varley, Cllr Smith and Cllr Gerrard.

IN ATTENDANCE: - County Councillor Middlebrough, District Councillors Harrison & Michael plus 13 members of the public.
Mr Biddle (NDP Vice Chairman)

One minute silence was held as a mark of respect for fellow councillor Ann Patrick who sadly passed away just before Christmas 2017.

1. Apologies: Cllr Ferguson (Work Commitments) - accepted
Cllr Blackwell needs to depart at 9.00 pm.
County Cllr Middlebrough confirmed he would join this meeting after Ripple Parish Council at 7.00pm.
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 – Cllr Waller declared an ODI in respect of agenda item 5.2 being his neighbour.
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 Extra Ordinary Meeting of Kempsey Parish Council of 21.11.17, having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Correspondence for Information:
 1. Letter dated 12.11.17 from R C Bowley and PC response 23.11.17 Re: Minute 5.1 PC Meeting 13.06.16
 2. Letters from M Martin dated 18.11.17 and 12.12.17 Re: Ditch Clearance Stonehall Common and PC response 04.12.17
 3. FOI Complaint dated 22.11.17 from Mr R C Bowley – Information request made 20.02.17 – No further correspondence received to date.
 4. Email dated 07.12.17 from Mrs Chown Re: 7.5 Tonne Weight Restriction Request - Post Office Lane Request sent to County Councillor Paul Middlebrough.
 5. Complaint 13.12.17 – Lack of Grit Car Park Kempsey Community Centre. Referred to Community Centres Committee for discussion.
 6. DM Payroll Services – 15.12.17 General Data Protection Regulations. Referred to F&GP Committee
 7. Email from Claire Vaughan 02.01.18 - Offer of Support – SW Rural Communities Programme. Referred to F&GP Committee.
 8. Resignation of Councillor Ann Smith – Clerk to acknowledge.
6.
 1. Neighbourhood Watch – No new crime information to report.
 2. County Councillor's Report – Cllr P Middlebrough – The report was noted
 - a. In theory councillors felt that it would be a good idea to have double yellow lines on the bend at the Doctor's Surgery in Old Road North. County Councillor Middlebrough to raise this request with WCC Highways.
 3. District Councillor's Reports – Cllrs Harrison/Michael – A report was noted.

Action

PM

Clerk

4. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Update (*Cllr Smith*)
- a. **RESOLVED:** To have 100 copies of the final /made Neighbourhood Plan printed by Norman Long Printers Ltd at a cost of approximately £600 and for this document to be uploaded onto the Parish Website.
7. Finance
1. Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorised.
 2. Bank Reconciliation Statement Balance – For Information Only.
 3. Ashmoor Common Expenditure to Date – For Information Only
 4. Draft budget 2018/19 and precept – For circulation
An Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will take place on 22.01.18 to agree the budget and precept for 2018/19 for submission to MHDC by 31.01.18
 5. Quarterly Budget monitoring to December 2017 – For Information
8. Committee Report Updates and Proposals
1. Environment: *Cllr Smith*
 - a. Update on speeding in Kerswell Green – Unfortunately nothing further to update as awaiting a meeting with Hannah Davies from WCC Highways. This is now due to take place on Monday 22nd January 2018. Seeking a volunteer from this committee to take on the project of the White Marker Gates. An application is to be made to the Conservation Officer Mr Lewis-Farley concerning brushwood clearance in the Rocky to improve visibility throughout the area and reducing the height of some of the willow trees..
 2. Commons and Hams: Cllr Waller
 - a. **RESOLVED:** For the Commons & Hams Committee to look into the acquisition of parts of the Lower Ham including, in conjunction with the Clerk, engaging a third party to conduct initial negotiations.
 - b. **ITEM DEFERRED:** To draw £2000 from the earmarked Ashmoor funds to pay for scrub clearance on Ashmoor Common. This money will not be required until August 2018.
 - c. **RESOLVED:** To purchase two post mounted dog waste bins from Glasdon U K Limited at a cost of approx. £84.00 each for Stonehall Common . They will be installed and managed by local volunteers.
 - d. **RESOLVED:** To carry out an aerial survey of Ashmoor and Kempsey Commons to assist with maintenance works.
 - e. **ITEM DEFERRED:** To accept quotation for maintenance work on Ashmoor Common.
As Ashmoor Common is now very wet there are concerns that any work carried out may cause considerable damage. Taking into consideration the bird nesting season, it was felt the best option was to defer work until the Autumn.
 - f. **RESOLVED:** To accept quotation from RMS Services at a cost of £3520.00 plus VAT for scrub removal on Stonehall Common
 - g. Cllr Waller gave an update on the public consultation on the hard surface track to the caravan park.
RESOLVED: To formally request some further information from Doorbars Chartered Surveyor's client before proceeding any further.
Cllr Dodge is looking into work to be carried out on the poplar trees on Kerswell Green.
Cllr Waller has registered for the Pollinators Conference in March 2018.
Cllr Dodge/Michael are carrying out an inspection on the culvert located in Kerswell Green on the track way leading to Kinnersley Engineering.
 3. Recreation: Cllr Frazer-Cann
In the process of installing dog fouling signs.
 4. Community Centres: Cllr Michael
Cllr Hanmer and the Clerk have submitted a planning application to extend the car park at the Youth Centre. The gas contract for the Community Centre has been changed to a new supplier on a better rate on a two year deal. The electricity contract has been renewed at the Youth Centre on a three year deal.
 5. Planning: Cllr Hanmer
Cllr Hanmer was appointed as new Chairman for the Planning Committee.
He confirmed the last meeting was held on 19.12.17 where the following comments were made:-
Planning Application No: 17/01733/OUT
Proposal: Outline application for the erection of 2 dwellings and associated works with all matters reserved except for access.
Location: Land at (OS 8664 5112), Broomall, Norton
Comments: Kempsey Parish Council Objects to this application as it does not comply with the Kempsey Neighbourhood Plan, (Policy K2- New Housing Development in Kempsey Parish Outside of Kempsey Village).It also non-compliant with the SWDP and Para.55 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Application No: 17/01757/FUL

Proposal: Construction of detached brick-built garage

Location: Grove End, 147 Main Road, Kempsey, Worcester WR5 3LH

Kempsey Parish Council has no objections

Next Planning Committee Meeting is to be held on 11.01.18 at 10.00am at the Community Centre.

6. Finance & General Purposes: Cllr Geens – Nothing to report
7. The Infrastructure Committee: Cllr Smith - Nothing to report
8. Staffing Committee: Cllr Geens – Nothing to report
9. Chairman’s Report: Cllr Geens
Reminded Councillors on the training sessions available via CALC.
There is a Malvern Hills Area Meeting available tomorrow at 7.30pm at County Hall with Guest Speaker Hannah Davies for those who wish to attend.

Meeting Closed at 9.57 pm

Sharon Baxter
Clerk

Signed Chairman..... Date

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Alice Spearing, Engagement Officer from St. Richard's Hospice

Presented a brief overview of services to raise local awareness in the community with the opportunity for people to ask questions.

Joy Clew – Brookend Lane

Expressed concerns to acquiring portions of the Lower Ham with the cost and benefit effectiveness to the parish. She raised specific concerns regarding on going expensive maintenance issues.

Mike Biddle – Brookside

As a member of the Patients participation Group was very pleased to see agenda item 6.2(a.) to discuss the potential for double yellow lines on the bend at the doctors surgery in Old Road North.

Paul Bowness – Doorbars Chartered Surveyors

Representing his client in respect of agenda item 8.2.g. Hard Surface Track across Kempsey Common to the Caravan park, confirming there would be a cash consideration by his client.

He suggested that the Parish Council seeks advice from the District Valuation Office.

Mr Tyler – Napleton Lane

Requested an update as to the time frame of when the overgrown hedges/bushes will be cut. This item has previously been referred to WCC. County Councillor Middlebrough to pursue.

Linda Jenkins – Brookend Lane

Raised concerns that the cycle/pedestrian entrance at Saxon Meadows is now being used by motorists. This query is to be pursued by the District Councillors.

She raised a number of concerns with developments including:-

- Why are the pavements on many of the developments grassed?
- Why are they not user friendly to wheeler chair/pram users/walkers?
- Why hasn't Saxon Meadows been landscaped? Where are the trees and orchard as stated in the original plan?
- Why do plans not indicate where the pumping stations are to be placed being so unsightly?
- Can statistics be placed on noticeboards and the website to alert people to the recent burglaries?

She was advised this is done with all official notification received via the Parish Office.

Mr Bowley – Kerswell Green

Referring to the budget and precept 2018/19 queried the Tax Base and a need for a Capital Budget.

District Cllr Harrison – Brookend Lane

Confirmed that the fence had fallen down between Kempsey Common and Croome Estate.

This query will be referred to Cllr Ferguson to address.

Standing Orders were reimposed

County Councillor – P Middlebrough

Advised County Council Annual Budget would increase by 5% (1.94% General Increase)
County Council covers Highways, Vulnerable People, Children's Services, Libraries and Support Services.

Currently looking/inspecting various issues/complaints concerning land ownership and hedges including Old Road North, Napleton Lane, and the pavement on Post Office Lane at the David Wilson Homes site.

Looking into a consolidated approach to a speeding limit scheme from the Ketch roundabout along the A38 to the M50.

District Councillor – D Harrison.

The SWDP that was published and agreed expires in 2021 under Government proposals.
A new plan should be put to the Inspector in 2019.

Confirmed residents will soon receive an information pack offering details of the delivery of their new wheelie bin, to replace black sacks and the collection service, which will be operational from April 2018.

District Councillor – R J Michael.

Due to illness - Nothing to report.