

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF KEMPSEY
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2015
AT 7.30 PM. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: - Cllr Michael (Chairman), Cllr Geens, Cllr Bevan, Cllr Bowley, Cllr Waller, Cllr Bannister, Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Gerrard, Cllr Patrick (arrived 8.00pm), Cllr Campbell.

IN ATTENDANCE: - District Councillor Harrison plus 10 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Councillor Hay – work commitments – accepted
Councillor Stevens – personal – accepted
Councillor Smith – holiday – accepted
District Councillor Rea – long standing commitment - accepted
District Councillor Sutton – work commitments - accepted
Clerk - illness
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)
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. Minutes: The minutes of The Parish Council meeting of Monday 9th February 2015 having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.

The validity of the revised agenda was questioned, as it had only been produced that morning. Cllr Michael explained the legal position and stated that only business on the draft agenda that had been published could be transacted.

Queries regarding minutes – Cllr Bowley queried item 13 – Clerk has liased with Came and Co regarding the insurance re PACT litter picking. All concerns have been satisfied. Cllr Bowley requested copies of the letters.

Cllr Bowley queried item 14 - the registration of Plovers Rise Playing Fields and the Community Centre. This is in hand; Cllr Michael and Cllr Biddle have viewed the deeds. It would cost approximately £400 to get them registered; this will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Correspondence for Information:

Cllr Bowley requested that all correspondence was on the agenda at all Parish Council meetings.

1. Letter from M Howes-Jones re objection to any development on access road across Kempsey Common.

6. Reports from representatives: To receive an update

1. Neighbourhood Watch – No Crime Alert Information.
2. County Councillor – Cllr Sutton was otherwise engaged at Ripple Parish Council meeting. No report submitted.
3. District Councillor – The report was noted
4. Neighbourhood Development Plan Update – The report was noted.

Action

Clerk

7. Report Update including Proposals from Committees:

Action

1. Recreation Committee: Cllr Campbell

Cllr
Campbell

New signs at Playing Fields – it was decided that the size of the new signs was too big, so this will be revisited. Cllr Campbell is meeting with a sign Company at Plovers Rise on Wed 11th March to discuss sizing.

Wording on signs – The wording chosen is based on wording from ROSPA, but has been amended to suit our Parish. It was decided that the wording should be in bold type and the wording will remain the same.

2. Commons & Hams Committee: Cllr Bowley

Cllr Bowley

1. Horses and public Safety – Cllr Waller highlighted the importance of horses and public safety on the Common. He felt that it needed discussing at length and a solution found to the problem. His concern was that the Parish Council was taking no action on the matter. Commons and Hams Committee will address this issue at their next meeting. Cllr Geens stated that Cllr Smith was happy to approach concerned parties, but was stopped because Cllr Bowley had already visited them. Cllr Bannister had suggested that the visit should wait until Cllr Bowley returned from holiday.

2. Reinstatement of Commons Register – Cllr Michael suggested that this register should be reinstated and kept up to date. Cllr Bowley said the register was up to date and kept in the Parish office. The Parish office has received one notification from a Parishioner who wants to end her agreement re grazing rights. Register needs to be updated so it is clear who has grazing rights and stock on the Common. It is difficult to police the amount of stock on the common. As a Parish Council, we do not have the time or money to physically check stock on our commons, without this register.

Cllr Geens

3. Community Centre: Cllr Geens

1. Rent Review – Hair Gallery – lease is about to expire, Cllr Geens proposed that the lease be renewed and we continue to have them as our tenants. Seconded by Cllr Bevan. 10 in favour.

Cllr Geens

2. Insulation of Nursery walls – Parish office has received a letter from a parent of a child at Magic Moments, complaining about mould on the walls in the Nursery, where the children's coats are stored. Cllr Geens has had a report carried out on the wall and it appears to be black spot mould due to condensation. Two quotes have been received for the work (£975 and £1959). Cllr Geens requested that the quote for £975 be accepted and the work carried out over the Easter break, whilst the nursery is closed. This was carried in favour of DampCure

Cllr Geens

3. There have been problems with boiler pressure in the Community Centre, causing the heating to cease working. Cllr Geens has contacted the heating company and this is in hand.

4. Cllr Bevan and Cllr Geens have improved the airflow in the Nursery by opening up the fans. New switches for these will be sourced at a later date.

This work should prevent any further problems occurring with damp and mould on the walls of the Nursery.

4. Fire Risk Assessment – A report was carried out in 2012 on our risk of fire. It was concluded that our risk was moderate i.e. outbreak of fire could result in harm to 1 or more occupants. From this, a lot of work has been carried out on the Community Centre. Locks have been removed from the front and rear doors and replaced with turn knobs, which are far safer. Security is much improved too. New Fire Safety Equipment has been put into the building. Automatic sensors have been installed and there is a better siren system throughout the whole

Cllr Geens

building. For the benefit of the users, we need to show that we have a better attitude to fire, so a Fire risk assessment is needed. Cost £60. Proposed by Cllr Geens, Seconded by Cllr Patrick. 10 in favour.

Cllr
Blackwell

5. Environment Committee: Cllr Stevens

1. Cllr Blackwell reported that remedial work is needed on the path through the Rocky. Cllr Rea has kindly offered to donate his outstanding money to the project (approx. £250). The Environment Committee also has some money left over in their budget to contribute towards this. Cllr Blackwell will get some quotes asap, so Cllr Rea can donate before the elections.

6. Planning Committee: Cllr Patrick

1. Three applications were mentioned: Quaking House, Bestmans Lane, 2 Plovers Rise (consultation), and demolition of the swimming pool at The Lawns.

There were no objections to any of these, but concerns were raised regarding Quaking Farm. Comments will be submitted to MHDC.

2. Planning Applications have been received regarding Lafarge Tarmac and Norton parkway. Cllr Patrick will organise a public consultation within the next two weeks to look at the documents.

3. Cllr Patrick gave an update on the CIL meeting she attended with Mike Biddle. There will be a Community Infrastructure levy (Roof Levy) introduced after the SWDP is complete. This will run side by side with 106 money. Parish Council will be better off with 106 money if they have an adopted NDP. We will be able to claim 25% of the payments which must be linked with new developments. CIL contributions will be made at £40 per square metre for properties in rural areas. After the NDP has been adopted we will receive 25% of this money. There will be certain criteria which has to be followed and will be restricted.

7. F & GP Committee: Cllr Michael – deferred.

Cllr Michael mentioned that a working party needs to be set up to look at the investments of the Parish Council.

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8. Staffing Committee: Cllr Michael advised there are two items to discuss in Confidential Session. These were deferred to the next meeting.

9. Chairman's Report :-

1. The nomination papers for the elections are available in The Parish Office.

2. Cllr Michael, Cllr Geens and The Clerk presented Mrs Ruth Thomas with a bouquet of flowers to celebrate her 100 Birthday. The event was published in The Worcester News.

3. There are guides available in The Parish office regarding local council and parish council elections.

9. Finance:

1. Payments were approved as per schedule of payments list distributed.

10. Planning: Cllrs were reminded to view the MHDC website:-

11. An extraordinary Parish Council Meeting will take place on Monday 23rd March 2015 at 7.30pm at The Community Centre.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 11th May 2015 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre. Suggestions for a guest speaker to be emailed to The Clerk.

Meeting Closed at 9.42pm

Helen Emerick
Clerical Assistant

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Hannah Skate – 9 Broomhall Cottages.

Requested whether the Parish Council had any knowledge with regards to amendments re SWDP. She was concerned that there were three different maps available with three different access routes and wanted clarification.

District Councillor David Harrison responded to the query. He stated that new plans were submitted two weeks ago with proposals for the road network The A38 would be changed to include new roundabout, 2 T junctions, improvements to Taylors Lane etc.

There has been an application for 105 houses on the car boot site field from Worcester City Council. The access to this site will be 20-30 yards from the roundabout on A38 – deadline for comments is within the next 10 days.

There will be no alterations to the South of Broomhall Lane whatsoever.

The new road layout will make it very difficult for HGV's to get from The Southern Link Road to St Peters Garden Centre. The advantage of this would only be for the residents of Broomhall Cottages because it would be much quieter (like a cul de sac) and no longer a direct route as it is now.

Another proposal included shops in the middle of the complex and a conglomeration of shops along A38, next to a proposed roundabout. This would affect St Peters, Kempsey and Worcester's shops, pubs etc. This development needs to be appealed.

Traveller's sites - TBC

Standing Orders were reimposed

County Councillor – R Sutton

Monday 9th March 2015

In Cllr Suttons absence, John Michael reported that there were plans to purchase another VAS sign. The cost had been hugely under estimated (£4500-£5000). We are awaiting a response from Cllr Sutton.



District Councillor – D Harrison.

1. Plans for South Worcestershire Extension, including traffic coming out of Taylor's lane and proposing a slip road over The Severn Bridge were published on 7th February 2015.
2. Cllr Harrison explained that he had attended a 7 day Public enquiry at Sixways re development. Cllr Harrison will be attending more dates throughout April and May. The information given at these meetings by developers proved very interesting. One key point to note was that 40% affordable housing on new developments has gone. New development can now include up to 40% affordable housing.
3. The topic of gypsies will be discussed at the meeting in April. Cllr Harrison will be speaking on this topic.
4. Cllr Harrison had received complaints regarding the traffic through Kempsey when the M5 is shut. The traffic should only be diverted during the week, but it appears that it is also happening during the weekends too. New signs have been installed on the approach to the village requesting that care is taken when passing residential properties. These are not particularly well situated, but are hopefully having some impact on the speed of traffic through the village.
5. There has been a lot of damage to the road surface of the A38 because of the increased traffic during the night closures. There are a lot of cracks appearing and the manhole covers are sinking. Cllr Harrison suggested the Parish Council request that when the A38 is resurfaced, the same material as is used on the M5 should be used to limit noise.

Comments/Questions

Cllr Harrison thanked Cllr Biddle for standing in for him at one of the sessions at Sixways.

Cllr Geens asked whether the Industrial sector of the SWDP was going to happen between the middle roundabout and the St Peters roundabout. Is the site still at Norton Road designated for industry?

Cllr Harrison responded – within the latest plans (February 7th) The Hop fields will contain Industry. There will be some industry between Norton Road and The Railway Line, including a footbridge. SWDP have requested in their plan that there should be 2 non-surface crossings over/under The Southern Link Road. The developers, (St Modwen) will put one in south of the roundabout at a cost of 3 million pounds.

Cllr Harrison stated that he will be standing for District Councillor at the next election.

Chairman of Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Mr M Biddle.

NDP – Important dates to remember

1. Information from Kempsey NDP Working party sent ASAP to Kirkwells
2. Kirkwells send revised draft to Kempsey NDP Working Party by March 20th
3. Comments from Kempsey NDP Working Party returned to Kirkwells by March 27th
4. Kirkwells revise draft and return Final Draft 4 to Kempsey NDP Working Party by 31st March
5. Final Draft to be taken to Parish Council meeting on 14th April to hopefully approve for formal consultation. Draft will be sent to David Clarke for comment too.

There is a meeting scheduled for March 10th 2015 with developers to discuss a suitable area for the playing fields. This will be attended by John Michael, Ann Patrick and Mike Biddle.

Ann Patrick and Mike Biddle attended a meeting on 9th March 2015 to discuss developer contributions for 106 money, which will run alongside Community Infrastructure Levy. Ann Patrick to discuss under Planning.

Comments/Questions

Cllr Biddle commented on how well the presentation at Sixways went. He felt it was really positive and has certainly put Kempsey on the map.

