

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 23rd MAY 2016 AT 7.30p.m.
AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: - Mr. T Geens (Elected as Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: - The attendance list indicated 15 parishioners were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: - Apologies were received from County Cllr Sutton, Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Fraser-Cann and Mrs Clee.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:-

The minutes from Monday 11th May 2015 had been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.

4. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: –

The Chairman referred to the Annual Newsletter recently distributed to households and thanked the team of volunteers organized by Mrs Joy Clee for their efforts.

Comments received from parishioners included to advertise the Annual Parish Meeting in both the magazine and the annual report. This will be taken on board next year.

Councillors past and present were thanked for their time and effort in improving the community. Mrs Coen thanked Councillors for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the villagers.

Cllr Harrison commented that road improvements around the Ketch island should be alleviated with the introduction of double yellow lines being installed from Taylor's Lane to A38.

Cllr Geens thanked people for their comments in respect of the recent NDP consultation confirming a lot of work is happening behind the scenes.

Cllr Geens confirmed the Parish council had successfully taken over the ownership of the Youth Centre. The formation of the new committees would combine the Community Centre and the Youth Centre as one Committee.

5. POLICE REPORT:

Annual Crime Figures for Kempsey Parish, year ending 20/04/2016

Total number of recorded crimes is 84, an increase on the 61 crimes recorded in the same period the previous year (2014/15) but similar to the 83 crimes recorded in 2013/14.

Arson	0
Theft	15
Theft from vehicle (Inc. attempted)	7
Theft of vehicle	3
Theft of pedal cycle	3
Interference with vehicle	2
Criminal Damage	14
Burglary (non-dwell)	16
Burglary dwelling	1
Attempted burglary	1
Harassment	6
Assault	12
Sexual assault / crime	1
Drugs	3

There were 43 recorded incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour this year, compared to 44 in the same period for 2013/14.

The broad picture is that recorded crime in the parish in 2015/2016 has increased compared to 2014/2015. However the figures this year are similar to those from 2013/14. Thefts, criminal damage, assaults and harassment offences account for most of the increase this year.

The number of reported incidents of anti-social behaviour is little changed from last year. From our perspective on your Safer Neighbourhood Team, anti-social behaviour is at a historically low level at the moment, particularly youth ASB.

Parking issues associated with the new building developments came to the fore a few months back, but these have largely been resolved after active interventions by the Safer Neighbourhood Team and West Mercia Police's Safer Roads Partnership with the various developers.

Q1. Request from Cllr Patrick to target speeding from Hillside and Brookend Lane.

A1. Martin Butcher will refer this request to focus on two locations for speeding.

6. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: - Cllr R Sutton - No report available

7. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: - Cllrs Michael/ Harrison

- The SWDP was ratified in February 2016. Planning applications now have to be compliant with the NPPF and SWDP.
- Controversy concerning 21 dwellings at Saxon Meadows/Significant Gap
- Various drainage problems have been resolved throughout the village Bestmans lane to Baynall, Draycott lane to A38 bus stop at Baynall
- Confirmed we lost Post Office Lane Appeal – In the appeal document it stated the application for section 106 did not confirm to current guidelines. However contributions of £366K are still to be awarded.
- The appeal for the Farmers Arms was won.

8. DISCUSSIONS ARISING FROM REPORTS:-

Mrs Jenkins queried the pumping station on Saxon Meadows Development. Cllr Harrison reported that the sewerage system from Saxon Meadows had not yet been connected to the mains and is currently being tankered away. He is querying the drainage strategy with Dean Kinsella at MHDC Cllr Geens to investigate the situation with the developers.

9. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2014/15:-

The Annual Accounts were distributed (subject to audit) for information only.

Questions

Cllr Harrison queried two amounts on miscellaneous receipts – RFO confirmed one related to a cancelled cheque from SWARCO and the other is to be confirmed.

10. AOB

Mrs Biddle encouraged parishioners to complete a Health Care survey by logging onto the Haresfield Surgery website. Responses to be submitted by 30th May 2016. This is an exercise in trying to save £25m.

Mr. Jenkins commented that there was an application in the Berrows Newspaper on Thursday 19th May for "BALFOR BEATTY" to place two lorries at Brookend Farm.

Cllr Patrick confirmed the Parish Council would offer comments against this application by the deadline on 10th June 2016.

The Chairman thanked parishioners for attending. He then closed the meeting at 9.07pm

Sharon Baxter
Clerk
24th May 2016

Signed Chairman..... Date