

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF KEMPSEY
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2014
AT 7.30 PM. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: - Cllr Michael (Chairman), Cllr Geens, Cllr Bevan, Cllr Bowley, Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Gerrard, Cllr Patrick and Cllr Campbell

IN ATTENDANCE: - County Councillor Sutton, District Councillor Rea plus 22 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Councillors' Hay, Waller, Bannister, Stevens and Smith - (Personal) - accepted
District Councillor Harrison – (received)
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. The minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of 13th October 2014 having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Correspondence for Information:
 1. Post Office – Local Public Consultation- Proposed branch re-opening
 2. TB Test Certificate – Please note all cattle tested clear – For notification
 3. Letter from Osborne Clarke – Exchange of Common Land, Kempsey (CL 72) - representations to be received no later than 12th November 2014 – No response required
 4. Worcestershire County Council – Encouraging Children to Walk to School in Kempsey – the footway works are due to be completed by March 2015.- For notification
6. Reports from representatives: To receive an update
 1. Neighbourhood Watch - Crime Alert Information was circulated. Please see attached.
 2. County Councillor -The report was noted
 3. District Councillor - The report was noted.
 4. Neighbourhood Development Plan Update – The report was noted.
7. Report Update including Proposals from Committees:
 1. Recreation Committee: Cllr Campbell
 - The lights in the car park at Plovers Rise have been serviced and repaired.
 - Emergency lighting works are due to commence at the Sports Pavilion this week.
 - A request has been submitted to District Council to ask for financial help towards the cost of purchasing three pieces of outdoor gym equipment.
 2. Commons & Hams Committee: Cllr Bowley
 - The cattle are due to be sold at market this Saturday.
 - The entrance to Ashmoor Common is to be prepared by Roger Martin by having the surface scraped and planings laid to allow for easier transportation of cattle to market.
 - Stumpcutters have cut the gorse on Kempsey Common.
 - Roger Martin to complete further gorse cutting on Kempsey Common.
 - Clerk to diarise for January 2015 to liaise with Mr. Gove concerning the management of the cattle.
 - Bylaw signs are due to be installed at the recognized entrance/gate to each common.
 - Referred to a letter from Natural England concerning payments under Environmental Stewardship agreement.
 3. Community Centre: Cllr Geens - Nothing to report
 4. Environment Committee: Cllr Stevens - No report available

Action

Clerk

Clerk

5. Planning Committee: Cllr Patrick confirmed a Traffic Commissioner Report document is received on a fortnightly basis. The Parish Council had requested further information concerning Morgan Sindall/ Clerkenleap application. Further information had been obtained and as a result there is no need for The Parish Council to object to this application or to submit any further response.
The Planning Application for The Inn at Stonehall (Planning application No: 14/00573/FUL) has been refused by the Planning Officers.
Cllr Bowley questioned 106 monies and the procedures/ processes in place to track and monitor these amounts? Cllr Rea advised he would refer to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and feed back to the Parish Council the procedure for MHDC to update the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed some internal procedures had been implemented.
6. F & GP Committee: Cllr Michael
Reminder an F&GP Committee meeting is due to take place on Monday 17th November at 7.30pm to devise budget proposals for 2015/16. A further meeting is to take place to consolidate all Committee budget proposals and to arrive at a precept for 2015/16.
7. Staffing Committee: Cllr Michael advised the Contract of Employment for the newly appointed Clerical Assistant would be presented at the December 2014 meeting.
Cllr Bowley referred to the minutes of the Staffing Committee of 17.04.14 not being approved. He was assured by the Chairman the minutes were now complete.
8. Chairman's Report: The 11th Parish Conference took place at County Hall on 29th October 2014 attended by Cllr Michael and Cllr Geens. Please refer to notes attached.
9. Finance:
 1. Payments were approved as per schedule of payments list distributed.
 2. Bank Reconciliation Statement Balance – For Information
10. The Council agreed to rescind the decision made at the Parish Council meeting on 13.10.14 regarding the installation of The Bob Bullock Memorial Bench. (In accordance with Standing Order 11). The Council then voted and agreed to appoint Roger Martin to install The Memorial Bench at a cost of £210.
11. Approval was granted for comments to be submitted on the proposed modifications to the submitted South Worcestershire Development plan by 14th November 2014.
12. Cllr Michael updated The Council on the NDP Consultation Process confirming the next meeting is arranged with Kirkwells on 6th February 2015.
13. Motion to accept the Draft Emergency Plan – Item Withdrawn.

Action

A Rea

Meeting Closed 9.20pm
Sharon Baxter
Clerk

Signed Chairman Date

Agenda Item 6.1 - Crime Alert Information

Between Monday 6th October at 22:15 and Tuesday 7th at 07:00 thieves attempted to break in to a house on Main Road Kempsey. Tool marks were found the next day on the kitchen door and frame, near to the Yale lock. The door was secured with two locks and entry was not gained. The owners were at home that night; no CCTV, further enquiries.0401S 071014

Theft from Motor Vehicle: Napleton Lane, Kempsey, Worcester.

Sometime overnight on 20th into 21st October. Someone has stolen the registration plate off a car parked on a driveway. The registration is: VK56KVT. The resident reports her neighbours car had also had the registration plate stolen (no further details at this time).

Force Incident Number: 0036S 221014 Received: 22-OCT-2014 05:47

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE occurred between Mon 20/10/2014 22:00 and Tue 21/10/2014 10:00. NAPLETON LA, KEMPSEY, WORCESTER, WORCESTERSHIRE Between times stated victim has left vehicle, blue Suzuki Swift parked and secure on the open driveway at home address. Between these times persons unknown have approached the vehicle and, using unknown instrument, have unscrewed and stolen the front VRM plate and the bracket securing it.
0036S 221014

THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE occurred between Mon 20/10/2014 23:00 and Tue 21/10/2014 05:00. FREEMANTLE DR, KEMPSEY, WORCESTER, WORCESTERSHIRE
Venue is the driveway at the front of a detached house situated within a residential area of Kempsey near to Worcester. The Victim parked motor vehicle, locked and secure at home address. Between the material times, person(s) unknown, has approached the Victim's unattended vehicle and proceeded to cut a small section out of the rear door, reached in and opened the door from the inside. Person(s) unknown have then proceeded to remove and steal power tools from inside the vehicle. There were no witnesses and no CCTV at the location.
0454S 211014

Between Monday 20th October at 18:00 and Tuesday 21st at 06:00 thieves broke into a Volkswagen T-Sporter panel van parked on its owner's driveway in The Oaks, Kempsey. A small hole was cut in the rear door of the van to gain entry and a tool box containing various tools and a transformer was stolen. No CCTV, nothing was seen or heard. Incident Ref OIS 0046S 211014

BURGLARY occurred between Wed 22/10/2014 08:00 and Mon 27/10/2014 13:00. NORTON RD, BROOMHALL, WORCESTER, WORCESTERSHIRE
[0183S 281014](#)

The victims are the Little Treasures Day Nursery situated in a large detached property in a rural location. To the front of the property is large circular driveway, accessed from main road through open access/gateway. At the rear of the property is the garden, at the bottom end of which is a wooden shed used to store children's toys and garden tools. This is where sometime between 0800 hrs 221014 and 1300 hrs 271014 persons unknown have accessed the garden, possibly from adjacent field and nearby track leading from Broomhall road, and have then gained entry to the freestanding shed via large rear doors which were left bolted but insecure/not padlocked. Once inside the offender(s) have thrown some of the contents around the interior, a wooden handled pick axe from the interior has been used to cause several holes in the rear doors and a panel in the ceiling. A makeshift settee has been created from cushions. Nothing removed/stolen

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Terry Dillingham representing East Kempsey Action Group

Representing EKAG East Kempsey Action Group which is fighting the David Wilson Homes Planning application for development off Post Office Lane

I have spoken at a previous PC meeting and wish to raise further issues -which have just come to light- and urge you to act on these matters

To recap

- 1.We recognise that the PC like ourselves take the view that this development is not necessary....
- 2.We also note that this planning application expected to be heard by MHDC in early September will not be heard at the earliest until January or February
- 3.The WCC Highways Authority on 24th July recommended refusal of the planning application as the developers had failed to demonstrate that a safe access to the site is achievable and in particular the junction of Post Office lane and the A38 along with the first 200 metres length of Post Office Lane is capable of accommodating the additional traffic
- 4.The PC were to write to the STWA regarding the adequacy of their infrastructure given the number of already consented developments. We would welcome an update on the outcome of that

Moving on

The revision of the SWDP is being made and the fact that this site was neither originally recommended for inclusion as a preferred site nor been proposed as an addition within the published list currently out for consultation and that the additional sites plus those already consented WILL provide the required housing supply-and understanding that the Neighbourhood Plan retains the site as open countryside

HOWEVER

There is every indication that an application for this development will be heard and we MUST ensure that we deal with any aspect which concerns us. And it does –the WCC High Auth have withdrawn their report and recommendation of 24th July and produced a new one dated 24th October which we only learnt of after chasing MHDC for an update on the application

- EKAG- are alarmed, shocked indeed in a state of disbelief that the WCC High Auth have done a complete U turn with no transparency, no reasoning and no justification for removing their refusal to recommend that the planning application be given their approval from a Highways perspective.

They seem to have based their U turn on car drivers on the A38 always acting rationally, sensibly and according to the law-waiting their turn, slowing down, queuing, accepting congestion, accepting possibility of rear end shunt collisions and in any event they tell us that the problems with the actual junction encourages slower movement of traffic-so everything is alright!!

The revised report goes on to say that the narrow footways on the first 100 metre length of Post Office Lane-where incidentally has reference gone to the first 200 metres mentioned in the July report-will see an increased number using the route to school given the other recently approved developments and together with the restrictive carriageway width over this length can result in vehicles overhanging the footways with consequential risk of injury to pedestrians. However they say there is no accident data to indicate this is currently occurring?

DO WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR SOMEONE TO BE BADLY INJURED? Fatally injured? A school child? An old person? Indeed any of us

Do they know about the recent accident nearer the School because someone ignored or didn't know the unwritten rule about the use of the road in a one way format?

The report goes on to acknowledge that they have reservations as they have expressed. HOWEVER having had regard to Para 32 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF they don't feel they could adequately defend a recommendation for refusal.

You will not be surprised to learn that Para32 of the NPPF is a vague document that you could just about hang anything on!!

In conclusion we urge our elected Parish Council-and indeed our CC and DC's- to look at this report from the WCC Highways Auth and inform that body in the strongest terms (copy to MHDC), that this revised consultation report lacks transparency and reasoned justification and you seek a full explanation of this revision which has been submitted. We cannot just rely on the SWDP and the Neighbourhood Plan and allow this application to slip through the process by chance having ignored this unjustified U turn by a major player

Thank you

John Goodreds, Yew Tree Cottage, Stonehall Common

Drew attention to the South Worcester Urban Extension (SWUE) plan to restrict traffic access from Taylors Lane to Allen Croft Farm and asked that the communities likely to be affected by these restrictions are kept advised of developments. He was advised that this proposed restriction had been requested by The Parish Council to protect the residents of Broomhall Cottages.

The Parish Council has developed a response in respect of SWDP modification

Adam Rea – Advised a package of measures/restrictions are being proposed to persuade drivers to use a different route.

Mr P Hunting – Plovers Rise

On behalf on the Grace Community Church he offered to gift a defibrillator as an asset to the village. This could be installed inside or out and would be housed in a lockable cabinet.

District Councillor Rea advised he would look into free CPR courses/ Medical training and advise accordingly. He would welcome an application from The Parish Council to apply for some funding if they wished to purchase and install a second defibrillator.

John Michael (Chairman of Parish Council)

Welcomed newly appointed Part Time Clerical Assistant Mrs Helen Emerick.

Standing Orders were reimposed

County Councillor – R Sutton

- Commented on the changes to the Post Office Lane Development (David Wilson Homes) advising he was appalled at the changes. He suggested that a Planning Officer attends a future Parish Council meeting to update further.
- The Maintenance Department have put together a footway improvement scheme to address the ponding issues in the footway along Ellsdon which currently face school children on their way to school. Works to be completed, at the latest, by March 2015.
- Post Office – The addition of a Post Office would be a wonderful benefit to Kempsey. Concerns the Post Office will generate more traffic and parking issues at the shop. Currently in discussion with Highways Department to try to resolve.
- Road Closure Broomhall Way (Norton to Ketch Roundabout) 8pm to 6am 17th -21st November 2014. Little/No publicity.
- Public Rights of Way – Advised it would not be necessary to use an approved list of contractors provided a detailed specification is submitted to the Country side Services.
- He is pursuing problems surrounding relocating the bus stop and failures in the bus service.
- He advises to liaise with Gerry Brienza directly in respect of relocating the VAS signs.

Questions

Cllr K Blackwell - Would McColl's be prepared to negotiate to purchase land to extend the car park to alleviate parking issues as originally pursued by Mr Singh?

Cllr Michael to liaise with McColl's concerning car park issues.

District Councillor – D Harrison.

No report available

District Councillor – A Rea.

Sharing Of Joint Chief Executive

At the MHDC Council meeting held on the 16th October 2014, both MHDC and Wychavon District Council voted to accept the recommendations made by the Joint Shared Appointments Committee. The Managing Director of Wychavon District Council, Jack Hegarty, will become the Joint Chief Executive/Managing Director of MHDC and Wychavon District Council. The post will commence no later than the 1st December 2014.

Post Office Lane

Both Councillor Harrison and I are aware of the recent submission of Worcester County Council's Highways Department in regard of the application for 76 dwellings at Post Office Lane, and we will look very carefully at this and any further submission.

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

The Neighbourhood Development working party met on Friday 7th November 2014 with Kirkwells Planning Consultants who are advising Kempsey Parish Council on The Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Kirkwells prepared a first discussion draft document which was circulated to all members of the Neighbourhood Development Task Groups.

Each task group had prepared statements to appear as part of the draft and it was agreed that further work would be carried out by each task group.

This information is to be submitted to Kirkwells by 17th November 2014 and a further meeting will be held with them on February 6th 2015.

Important dates:

Information submitted to Kirkwells – 17th November 2014

Redraft back to KPC – 24th November 2014

Amendments returned to Kirkwells – 28th November 2014

Documents returned from Kirkwells to KPC 2nd December 2014

Information presented to KPC at parish Council meeting 8th December 2014.

Pre consultation – February 2015 Parish council meeting

MB 10/11/2014

Mr Biddle confirmed he was proposing to supply background documents to each task groups to help.

Report on 'The 11th Parish Conference' at County Hall on 29th October, 2014,

at 6.30pm attended by Cllrs. J. Michael & T. Geens

C.Cllr Lucy Hodgson welcomed delegates announcing that the theme of the conference this year was 'Empowering Parishes'. She was also pleased to announce 'Project Optimise' for services, which would be spoken in depth about later by Jon Fraser from the Highways department.

Next to speak was Clare Marchant, Chief Executive of WCC. She sees 2015 to be a challenge but hopes that it will be the 'Year of Delivery'. It is their responsibility to '*land good ideas*'. They have £47m, from a central government pot, going into infrastructure projects over the next five years.

Adult care takes up a large portion of the budget, and over the next 10 years there will be a 200% rise in the number of people living to 85 years plus. She is hoping that the voluntary sector will take on some of the WCC's services.

There are 20+ libraries that they want to keep open for the foreseeable future.

The enormity of the above aims can be put into context by realising that although they are a £330m organisation, they are having to find savings of £25m per year for the next three years.

She sees the role of Parish Councils as looking after each other in the community – this was a very vague statement. More volunteers are required for services, and she said that '*it should be a joy to volunteer*'.

There was a short Q & A session which attracted questions on speeding, potholes, and parking. I asked about footpath resurfacing and if Parishes could receive their proportion of the budget and employ contractors of their choice as WCC do not appear to be value for money. I was told that WCC want at present to take advantage of economies of scale, but will look at devolving services for this.

Sue Baxter then spoke about the new Quality Parish Council Scheme. A new initiative in which PC's will progress through the scheme up to Gold Standard Award. There will be fees, but current Quality Councils will have free accreditation. Why be accredited? To be able to deliver services and to demonstrate to the community that we are professional.

Jon Fraser from Highways then spoke in detail about Project Optimise. This is a long awaited for scheme whereby County, District, and Parish Councils will communicate with each other to avoid duplication of services and works such as grass cutting, litter picking, road and pathway works. It is being trialled in three areas within the county and if successful will be used county wide.

He also stated that a new 'online reporting system' is up and running, whereby mapping is easier to use, and there is a much better feed-back loop.

He was pleased to announce that County have now set up a 'Local Works Gang' that, if requested, go into parishes to carry out one off jobs that Lengthsmen cannot manage.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.