



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2018
AT 7.30 PM. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Cllr Geens (Chairman), Cllr Varley, Cllr Waller, Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Dodge, Cllr Michael, Cllr Gerrard, Cllr Allen, Cllr Hanmer, Cllr Frazer-Cann, Cllr Thompson and Cllr Ferguson

IN ATTENDANCE: - Michelle Alexander (Relief Parish Clerk), County Councillor Middlebrough (arr. 8.12 pm), District Councillors Harrison & Michael plus 24 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr Hodgkins, - Accepted
Sharon Baxter, Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (Illness) - Accepted
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 Dodge declared an ODI working as a Youth Worker for the Vicar. Cllrs Blackwell and Gerrard declared an ODI as members of the Church Lands Trust.
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
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4. Minutes: The minutes of The Parish Council meeting of 8th October 2018, had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Waller that item 8.2 be amended to read ‘as advised by Worcs C.C. Highways’. A vote was taken, 7 for/0 against/4 abstentions – carried. The Chairman amended the minutes accordingly and they were signed and agreed as a true record.

5. Correspondence for Information: - Under General Data Protection Regulations names of identifiable nature withheld.

1. Letter from Resident dated 02.10.18 re: Freedom of information Act – to be replied to once Clerk has returned to work.
2. Letter from Chase Veterinary Clinic.
3. Email from Chris Rimell re. bike area
4. Email from Mr & Mrs Fenton re. bike area
5. Letter from Eric Williams re. recreational facilities.
6. Letter from Doorbars re. access across Kempsey Common – Cllr Waller to respond.
7. Email from Freddie Winwood re. entrance to Taylor Wimpey site – noted by Cllr Allen.
8. Email from Mr Kislingbury re. concerned parishioners – Cllr Michael has responded.
9. Email from Mr Merrison re. off-road cycle track

6. Finance

1. Payment of accounts were authorised as per schedule.
Proposed Cllr Michael, seconded Cllr Allen. All agreed.
2. Monthly Bank Reconciliation Statement – For Information Only.
3. Capital Budget – For Information Only

Action

Clerk

Waller

7. 1. Neighbourhood Watch – Crime Alert Information as circulated. The Chairman confirmed that 2 properties had been broken into in Old Vicarage Close.
2. County Councillor’s Report – Cllr Middlebrough – The report was noted.
3. District Councillor’s Reports – Cllr Harrison’s report was noted. Cllr Michael made no report.
4. Parish Path Warden Update – Ms Lesley Cox – No report made.

8. Committee Report Updates and Proposals

1. Environment/Recreation: Cllr Frazer-Cann
 - a. **RESOLVED:** to engage a tree surgeon to remove tree roots and overhanging branches from a tree of ours at Plovers Rise playing field. Proposed Cllr Frazer-Cann, seconded Cllr Thompson. Agreed. The Contractor appointed is Wild Contracts.

There is a problem with an adjacent property’s overhanging conifer branches at the children’s play area. The householder is supportive of the work required to the fence line and hedge in order to install new play equipment. A proposal will be made to the next meeting.

2. Commons and Hams: Cllr Waller

Ashmoor Common – cattle going to market shortly. Scrub control work to commence.
Tree at Marlbank – Cllr Waller to check if Western Power have cut it back.
Email from Croome Estate noted re Normoor.

3. Community Centre: Cllr Michael

Soundproofing panels have been ordered and will be fitted late November.
The light stand at Plovers Rise car park is being concreted in shortly – cabling to follow.

4. Planning: – No report made. The revision to the Anchor Inn local store project was noted.

5. Finance & General Purposes: Cllr Geens

Currently preparing budgets for 2019/20. A Committee meeting is to be held on 19th November to set the precept. It was noted that MHDC have yet to confirm Band D properties.

6. Staffing Committee: No report made.

7. Infrastructure Committee: Cllr Waller
 - a. **RESOLVED:** to appoint Higgs & Sons of 3 Waterfront Business Park, Brierley Hill, DY5 1LX as Solicitors to the Parish Council for matters relating to the acquisition of land and facilities for a Community and Sports Centre at Pixham Ferry Lane, and that the Chairman can sign the letter of engagement on behalf of the Parish Council in the Clerk’s absence. Proposed Cllr Waller, seconded Cllr Michael. Agreed.
 - b. **RESOLVED:** to continue discussions with Malvern Hills District Council regarding the appointment of a Project Manager for the development and construction of a Community and Sports Centre at Pixham Ferry Lane. Proposed Cllr Waller, seconded Cllr Frazer-Cann. Agreed. (Abstained: Cllr Geens.)
It was noted that MHDC Officers will attend a Pixham Ferry Lane site meeting on 15th November.

8. Chairman’s Report: Cllr Geens
 - a. ‘The Battle’s Over’ held 11th Nov at Church Meadows – a great community event with a really good turnout. Thanks to all involved. It was agreed that the Chairman will write and thank the Bugler and Kempsey School Choir.

Frazer
-Cann

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- b. BMX Park – correspondence noted to date. Planning permission will be required as it is not PC land. Planning consent needed for Env. Agency to sign off. Wildlife survey also required. It was agreed that a community survey of young people would be a good idea to ensure need and potential users.

Geens

Standing orders were suspended

A resident offered assistance with the survey of young people.

Standing orders reimposed

Cllr Varley offered to progress the survey on behalf of the PC, which was agreed. Report to be made to the next meeting re survey plans. It was also noted that the PC will need to sign off any preliminary plans for the site before the survey. Cllr Waller would like to attend if Worcs Wildlife are involved. Site usage to be monitored once open.

Varley

- c. SWDP Revision – update given re meeting attended at County Hall with Cllr Ferguson, which included Neighbourhood Planning.

- 9. Adoption of the Management of Unreasonable Behaviour Policy: Cllr Geens

Draft policy as circulated. Amendments had been by the Chair and clarified with MHDC.

RESOLVED: to adopt revised Management of Unreasonable Behaviour Policy. Proposed Cllr Geens, seconded Cllr Thompson. Agreed. (Abstained: Cllr Hanmer).

- 10. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th December 2018 at 7.30pm at Kempsey Community Centre.

Meeting Closed at 9. 15 pm

Michelle Alexander
Relief Clerk

Signed Chairman..... Date

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Parishioners Questions/Comments:

- The campaign for speed limit reduction in PO Lane and Ellsdon Rise and one-way around the school. The traffic survey has been carried out in half-term, which does not give an accurate representation of local concerns. PO Lane and Dove Cottage are also narrow points on the lane which may have also affected the survey data. It should have been nearer Oakfield Drive.
- Recent criminal activity: A break-in occurred in Old Road North previously, and now in Old Vicarage Close. A red phone box has been stolen from St Mary's House. Can the PC write to the P&CC and the Chief Constable?
- Thanks to all concerned with The Battle's Over event. A request from the Church to re-use the posters if possible (or copies of them). Some concern re ASB in the Rocky during the event – the PC were asked to continue to put pressure on Police and the local M.P. re local concerns if possible. The reduction in Policing resources and funding was noted, but the PC were asked to look at Special Constables as an option.
- A resident queried point 8.2 of the October minutes. The amendment was agreed by the PC.
- Residents are pleased at the decision to look at white gate markers at the 30mph point in Brookend Lane.
- A vandalised car outside the Lychgate has been reported to Police.
- A new local resident is very impressed with local Policing and local safety – noted.
- BMX track proposal – clarification was sought re progress. Support also given for youth activity if local concerns can be overcome.

Standing Orders were re-imposed

County Councillor Middlebrough

The following matters were reported –

- Southern Link Road – update re the Ketch to Whittington stretch incl. x3 bridges planned (x1 farm bridge, x1 footway/cycleway, x1 accessible footbridge). Decision by Worcs CC on 15th Nov. Work to be completed within 18 months. The bridge from Broomhall will be paid for from future S.106 funding.
- Worcs CC & The Police and Crimes Commissioner's Road Safety Campaign.
- H&W Fire Authority – thanks to the PC for recent support in signposting fire hydrants etc.
- Thanks to all involved in 'The Battle's Over' event and to the Bugler.
- Meeting to be arranged re s.238 agreement.
- Discussion took place regarding electronic bus signs.
- Discussion took place regarding current communication with County Highways.
- Discussion took place regarding recent traffic survey data.

District Councillor – David Harrison

The following matters were reported –

- Update regarding discussions regarding the Taylor Wimpey and Lindon Homes development sites.
- Update regarding ongoing local drainage issues, road surfaces and STW works.
- Thanks to the PC regarding the Remembrance Soldier outside the Community Hall.