



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018  
AT 7.30 PM. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** - Cllr Geens (Chairman), Cllr Waller, Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Dodge, Cllr Michael, Cllr Gerrard, Cllr Allen and Cllr Varley (arr. 7.45 pm)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** - Michelle Alexander (Relief Parish Clerk), County Councillor Middlebrough, District Councillors Harrison & Michael plus 17 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr Hanmer, Cllr Frazer-Cann, Cllr Hodgkins, Cllr Thompson and Cllr Ferguson - 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.
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 Parish Council meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018, having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record. Proposed Cllr Dodge, seconded Cllr Gerrard. All agreed.
5. Correspondence for Information: - Under General Data Protection Regulations names of identifiable nature withheld.
  1. ICO letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – For Information Only
  2. Request received to relocate the Kempsey Primary School PTFA fireworks from Nov 2019 (see item 11)
  3. MHDC offer regarding the RBL Standing Soldiers project 2018 (see item 10)
6. Finance
  1. Payment of accounts were authorised as per schedule.  
Proposed Cllr Allen, seconded Cllr Dodge. All agreed.
  2. Monthly Bank Reconciliation Statement – For Information Only.
  3. Capital Budget – For Information Only
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  1. Neighbourhood Watch – Crime Alert Information received as circulated.
  2. County Councillor’s Report – Cllr Middlebrough – The report was noted.
  3. District Councillor’s Reports – Cllrs Harrison & Michael – The reports were noted.
  4. Parish Path Warden Update – Ms Lesley Cox – No report available.  
A fallen tree bough at the Marlbank was noted – Western Power to attend.  
Tree to be felled and wood to be left for residents.  
Footpath currently blocked – Lengthsman to be notified.

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8. Committee Report Updates and Proposals
1. Environment/Recreation: Cllr Geens and Cllr Allen
    - White gates installation at Brookend Lane – Potential for District Cllr funding.  
Location of gates to be considered.  
Road Safety issues at Ellsdon - an update was given following the recent meeting held with Worcs CC  
BMX cycle track – see (c) below.
    - a. **RESOLVED:** To progress the white gates and place the matter on the next agenda.
    - b. **RESOLVED:** To continue to monitor road safety issues in liaison with Worcs CC.
    - c. **RESOLVED:** To make a preliminary application to MHDC, followed by a full application to the Env. Agency.
  2. Commons and Hams: Cllr Waller
    - Ashmore Common – cattle tested clear for TB and can be sold. Bull now removed. Heifers injected as required. Two quotes received to clear the brambles, Contract awarded, and access arranged for work to start asap.  
Kempsey Common – former BMX site earthworks eroded - and to be reinstated over winter. Pile of bricks reported to the last meeting – matter to be dealt with personally.  
Stonehall Common – Tarmac verge outside former inn being reinstated to a grass verge.  
Kerswell Green – culvert broken is the responsibility of Kinnersley Engineering as advised by WCC Highways Dept.  
Pollinators – working on two trial areas at Stonehall Common and Kerswell Green.  
Winter works programme – to be advised.
  3. Community Centre: Cllr Michael
    - Magic Moments tenancy agreement to be arranged shortly. Carparking at Youth Centre going well – lamp post to be removed. Lighting cables to be re-laid. Soakaways in place. Completion due Nov. 2018. Sound proof panels awaited.
  4. Planning: – No report made.
  5. Finance & General Purposes: No report made.
  6. Staffing Committee: No report made.
  7. Infrastructure Committee: Cllr Geens
    - Meeting held last week – waiting for the land to be given to the PC. MHDC need to know legal representatives – Cllr Waller agreed to progress.
  8. Chairman’s Report: Cllr Geens
    - a. Local issues currently with foul water drainage – work in progress to relieve the pressure and find the exact location of the problem.
    - b. ‘The Battle’s Over’ – 11<sup>th</sup> Nov at Church Meadows – event to be placed in the parish news by Cllr Allen.
  9. Adoption of the Management of Unreasonable Behaviour Policy: Cllr Geens
    - Draft policy as circulated. Amendments noted and will be modified by the Chair. To be re-circulated.
  10. RBL Standing Soldier Project: Cllr Geens
    - a. **RESOLVED:** To participate in the project and to locate the statue outside the Community Centre. District Cllr Harrison to confirm location with MHDC. Chairman to draft a letter.
  11. Kempsey Primary School annual firework display: Cllr Geens
    - A request had been received to relocate the annual fireworks display (see item 5.2). Standing Orders were suspended to allow the Treasurer of the PTFA to explain the reason for the request. There would be no 2018 event, this would be from Nov 2019 onwards.

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- a. **RESOLVED:** Chair to feed back to Kempsey Sports Assoc. (KSA)
- b. **RESOLVED:** Kempsey Playing Field to be used in future years subject to KSA approval as well.
- c. **RESOLVED:** Decision deferred to enable Kempsey PTFA and KSA to feed in to the process.  
Standing Orders were re-imposed.

12. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm at Kempsey Community Centre.

Meeting Closed at 9. 55 pm

Michelle Alexander  
Relief Clerk

Signed ..... Chairman..... Date

## *Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time*

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### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

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**PRESENTATION:** A presentation was made to the meeting by the Head of Kempsey Primary School, the Head of Hanley Castle High School and the Head of Hanley Swan Primary School regarding their bid to incorporate the proposed school at the Welbeck site off the Ketch roundabout in to the HUET Multi Academy Trust. The HUET plans to submit a bid to open the new school under the Trust, and those present explained the advantages for a local solution and the overall vision for the bid, including the wish for 'science excellence'. The tentative name for the new school is The Mayflower Academy. Opening would be in 2022, with the bid being made in 2019. Competition would be from other academy trusts and the Diocese. The Local Authority will decide on the bids and local support will be needed as community engagement is a key feature of the process. Local High Schools are being consulted as part of the planning. Initially one form entry would be taken (approx..30 pupils), increasing year on year to a full school. **IT WAS RESOLVED** to place the matter on a future agenda as required to discuss the proposal in more detail.

#### **Parishioners Questions/Comments:**

A resident requested an update about the BMX track. The Chair confirmed that an enquiry had been made to MHDC, followed by a meeting with the Env. Agency. (see also item 8.1)

A resident requested information regarding the old Baptist church, which District Cllr Harrison responded to via an update from MHDC Planning Enforcement. Actions regarding Building Regs and s215 notices were also noted.

Standing Orders were re-imposed

### **County Councillor Middlebrough**

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The following matters were reported –

- The County Council current position, including capital infrastructure in the local area.
- County revenue budgets and the current year over spend to meet social care demands.
- 2019-20 budget pressures and spending cuts required.
- An expected 3% increase in Council Tax.
- Districts working together and a new scheme for business rates retention in local areas.
- Highways funding pressures and the impact on local services.

### **District Councillor – David Harrison**

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The following matters were reported –

- Local repairs and maintenance issues reported.
- Local planning issues.
- Worcs Parkway Station – progress on works.
- Southern Link Road expansion programme of works.
- Neighbourhood Plans and SWDP revision – P&TCs meeting to be held 6<sup>th</sup> Nov at County Hall / Open meeting to be held 20<sup>th</sup> Nov at Upton Memorial Hall.
- RBL Standing Soldier Project.

### **District Councillor – John Michael**

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The following matters were reported –

- SWDP revision meeting attended.
- Gypsy/Traveller Assessment out of date – revised figures and scheme to follow.