



**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2017
AT 7.30 PM. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Cllr Geens (Chairman), Cllr Michael, Cllr Waller, Cllr Dodge, Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Hanmer, Cllr Hodgkins, Cllr Frazer-Cann, Cllr Varley, Cllr Smith and Cllr Gerrard.

IN ATTENDANCE: - County Councillor Middlebrough (arrived 7.55pm), District Councillors Harrison & Michael plus 3 members of the public.
Mr Biddle (NDP Vice Chairman)

1. Six Month Rule: **RESOLVED** - To approve Cllr Patrick's absence beyond six months for non-attendance to Parish Council/Committee Meetings due to long term illness.
2. Apologies: Cllr Ferguson (Personal) and Cllr Patrick (Illness) - accepted
3. 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 - None
4. 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

5. Minutes: The minutes of The Parish Council Meeting of 14.08.17 having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record. Action
6. Correspondence for Information:
 1. Cambridge & Counties Bank – Maturity Notice Letter
 2. Letter dated 29.08.17 from R C Bowley – Parish Council Meeting 13.02.17
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 1. Neighbourhood Watch – Crime Information was circulated. The Chairman confirmed the Monthly Police Newsletter indicating the crime offences would be displayed on the website each month.
 2. County Councillor's Report – Cllr P Middlebrough – The report was noted.
 3. District Councillor's Reports – Cllrs Harrison/Michael – Report/s were noted.
 4. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Update (Cllr Smith)

Last month a resolution was passed to use budgeted NDP Funds of up to £3.5K to support the referendum, at the discretion of the Clerk and Chairman, with up to £2.3K being under the control of the Neighbourhood Plan Campaign Group. It has since been confirmed that public money cannot be used for this purpose. The Parish Council will adhere to these instructions.

From the NDP Working Party a Yes Campaign Group has been formed (Please note this is completely separate from the Parish Council) who will devise their own approach in support of the referendum. The Parish Council has arranged for 100 copies of the referendum document to be printed. Notices and posters will also be produced and displayed. Cllr Varley to liaise with Cllr Waller regarding social media friendly material to encourage people to register and vote.

 - a. **RESOLVED:** For the Parish Council to encourage voter registration and voting in the forthcoming Neighbourhood Plan Referendum.

RV/CW

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<p>8. Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Payment of accounts were authorized as per schedule. 2. Bank Reconciliation Statement Balance – For Information Only. 3. a. RESOLVED: The proposal was amended to read ‘To reinvest money held in this account in a 1 Year Fixed Rate Business Bond paying 1.30% Gross/AER’. <p>RESOLVED : To reinvest money held in this account in a 1 Year Fixed Rate Business Bond paying 1.30% Gross/AER.</p>	RFO
<p>9. Committee Report Updates and Proposals:-</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environment: Cllr Smith Reported that the new owners at 4 Bramblewood, Main Road, have confirmed that the area of land that the Parish Council maintains (near the shop) actually belongs to their property and they would like to take back ownership. Cllr Smith to check their property deeds before formal confirmation can be issued. 	AS
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Commons and Hams: Cllr Waller As there has been no response received from Doorbars, the missing posts on Kempsey car park are to be reinstated. Item to be discussed at the next Commons & Hams Committee meeting is the condition of the back common on Kempsey Common and the clearance of brambles/gorse and trees. (Please note District Cllr Harrison highlighted some of the trees were owned by Croome Estate) Cllr Blackwell expressed his thoughts regarding car parking at Stonehall Common. Cllr Waller will look into this idea. Cllr Geens asked Cllr Waller for a progress update regarding The Code of Conduct for parishioners with grazing rights. Cllr Waller confirmed as no complaints were received last year this featured low on the priority list and has not progressed as yet. Cllr Michael confirmed he had contacted WCC -Countryside Access to request the a horse rider friendly latch be fitted to the gate at Common Farm. 	CW
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Recreation: Cllr Frazer-Cann – Nothing to report. 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Community Centres: Cllr Michael <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. RESOLVED: The proposal was amended to read ‘ To appoint a qualified electrician to refit 5 heaters at the Youth Centre, following decorating, up to a maximum cost of £500’. <p>RESOLVED: To appoint a qualified electrician to refit 5 heaters at the Youth Centre, following decorating, up to a maximum cost of £500.</p> b. RESOLVED: The proposal was amended to read ‘To purchase 6 new fire safety guards and install them (plus one existing), to place over heaters at the Youth Centre, up to a maximum cost of £500.’ Should the cost exceed £500 the old fire safety guards to be utilized. <p>RESOLVED: To purchase 6 new fire safety guards and install them (plus one existing), to place over heaters at the Youth Centre, up to a maximum cost of £500. Should the cost exceed £500 the old fire safety guards to be utilized.</p> c. RESOLVED: The proposal was amended to read ‘To apply for Ward Budget 2017/18 to cover costs of purchasing and installing one new heater for the Youth Centre.’ <p>RESOLVED: To apply for Ward Budget 2017/18 to cover costs of purchasing and installing one new heater for the Youth Centre.</p> d. RESOLVED: The proposal was amended to read ‘To purchase and have installed a smoke detector for the passageway at the Youth Centre, linking into the existing system, up to a maximum cost of £500.’ <p>RESOLVED: To purchase and have installed a smoke detector for the passageway at the Youth Centre, linking into the existing system, up to a maximum cost of £500.</p> 	JM
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Planning: Cllr Gerrard - A meeting took place on 30.08.17 where the following was discussed:- Planning Application No: 17/01241/FUL Location: The Firs, Old Road North, Kempsey, Worcester, WR5 3JZ Proposal: Road way lighting scheme to previously approved planning application 16/01518/FUL Comments: No Objections <p>Planning Application No: 17/00119/OUT Location: Astons Coaches, Clerkenleap, Bath Road, Broomhall, WR5 3HR Proposal: Proposed residential development of up to 66 dwellings and 31 bed care home (C2 Use) including demolition of existing buildings. All matters reserved apart from access. This application is due to be considered by the Northern Area Planning Committee on 6 September 2017.</p>	Clerk

Planning Application No: 17/01221/FUL
Proposal: Replacing existing grasscrete driveway with an asphalt driveway.
Location: The Firs, Old Road North. Kempsey, WR5 3JZ
Additional Comments: Kempsey Parish Council has concerns that this may affect tree roots located nearby with Tree Preservation Orders attached.

- 6. Finance & General Purposes: Cllr Geens – Nothing to report
- 7. The Infrastructure Committee: Cllr Smith – A meeting took place on 30.08.17
Progressing with the business plans.
Creating a S106 application for professional fees and costs.
Cllr Waller raised concerns regarding the lack of communication with Taylor Wimpey and asked what could be done to improve this? Cllr Smith confirmed Peter Griffiths had tried to make contact. Cllr Waller suggested to make strong representation to the Director/Board of Directors concerning this problem. The Chairman agreed to contact Mr Jason Bennett a director at Taylor Wimpey.
- 8. Staffing Committee: Cllr Geens – A meeting has been arranged for 15.09.17 to try to arrange cover for the Clerk who is to be hospitalised in the future.
- 9. Chairman’s Report: Cllr Geens
Tried to establish the parking situation outside the Parish Hall following a query raised by the mobile Fish & Chip seller who had been advised that a parking ban is to be imposed in this location. County Cllr Middlebrough confirmed the primary objective was to remove the rubbish from the house next door. There are no parking ban restrictions in place.
Requested a progress update on the entrance to the Linden Homes site and the S278 agreement?
To be pursued with County Cllr Middlebrough.

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Meeting Closed at 9. 20 pm

Sharon Baxter
Clerk
12th September 2017

Signed Chairman..... Date

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Bob Bowley – Kerswell Green

Complained that a letter submitted to the Parish Council dated 04.08.17 - Unreasonable Behaviour by The Parish Council, had not been responded to.

The Chairman thanked him for his comments, confirming that a copy of the last response would be reissued to him.

Mike Biddle – Brookside

In defence to Mr Bowley's complaint Mr Biddle offered his support and praised the Parish Council for its good work carried out.

Standing Orders were reimposed

CRIME ALERT- August/September 2017

Kempsey and Alfrick

Crime No. 22CC/75032F/17 Incident No. 0298S 200817

This THEFT NOT OTHERWISE CODED took place between 18:00:00 on SUNDAY 06-AUG-2017 and

10:00:00 on MONDAY 07-AUG-2017 at KEMPSEY COMMON, KEMPSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE

Head collars removed from ponies kept at the location, one subsequently found, covered in diesel.

MAIN ROAD, KEMPSEY

KEMPSEY AND ALFRICK

POLICE REF:0161S 290817

CRIMINAL DAMAGE, MAIN ROAD, KEMPSEY

Over the weekend persons unknown have used superglue on the locks at the Parish Hall and its gates.

County Councillor – P Middlebrough

- Is to arrange a meeting with the Chairman, Vice Chair & Clerk to devise a definitive list of work required throughout the village for monthly update.
- No significant changes to the bus timetable
- Confirmed Essex County Council is now managing Children's Services.
- £12 million investment available for Highway Schemes
- Funding for the dualling of the Carrington Bridge is expected to be allocated by the end of the month.
- WCC Initiative – Brisk 10 min Walk Scheme

Comments/Questions

Following attendance at the recent NADMC Cllr Geens expressed the importance of maintaining a corridor of land adjacent to Dines Green, where a new estate is proposed, in order that a future extension to the ring road to join up with a new river bridge north of Worcester will still be possible and urged support of this.

When is work to start on A4103 into Upton?

Work is scheduled to commence October – February 2018, which will be traffic light controlled. There will be some night closures and work will be suspended over the Christmas period.

District Councillor – D Harrison.

- Is participating in a trial of fortnightly waste collection until the end of November.
- Continuing to pursue the access problems into the new housing developments.
- Has submitted a FOI request to Worcester City/WCC/MHDC to try to establish what monies are being spent on Kempsey and what money is available for bus service provision/cycle networks/ footpaths and education etc.
- Chasing the Land Drainage Officers re: Drainage in Bestmans Lane and Napleton.
- Looking into queries regarding road resurfacing Elgar Drive and Vicarage Close
- Formally thanked Cllr Geens & Smith for their attendance at the NADMC
Re: Astons Coaches Planning Application – where 50% of S106 monies was approved for public open space at Kempsey.
- Expressed his frustration concerning the ongoing complaints re: Footpaths in Post Office Lane (This will be referred back to County Cllr Middlebrough)

Questions

Cllr Blackwell noted that the aluminium dog waste signs had been removed from the village. Was there an explanation for this?

He also highlighted that the Churchyard Extension had been placed on hold until the galvanised metal fence had been painted black. District Cllr Michael to raise this issue with Dean Kinsella.

District Councillor – J Michael.

Nothing further to report.