

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST MAY 2012 AT 7.15 p.m.
AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: - Mr. J Michael (Elected as Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: - The attendance list indicated 62 Parishioners were present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: - Apologies were received from Councillor Austin (in attendance at a SWDP event and Councillor Rea (work commitments).

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:-

The minutes from Monday 20th April 2011 had been previously circulated and were granted approval and signed by Mr. Michael.

3. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARISH COUNCIL: –

A brief report was presented by the Chairman which reiterated the report distributed in the Annual Newsletter. Thanks were expressed to County Councillor Mr. R. Bullock and District Councillors' Mr. Harrison and Mr. Rea for their excellent work and commitment carried out within the last year. The Chairman also thanked the Clerk and Assistant Clerk and the Lengthsman for their hard work and support. It was announced that the Open Day in respect of The Rocky may have to be altered to support a grant application for this project.

4. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12:-

The annual accounts were distributed (subject to audit).

5. POLICE REPORT: - The following Crime Statistics were reported by Sergeant Ian Blanchard for the period April 2011 to April 2012. Unfortunately due to the police computing system the Crime statistics quoted also included Alfrick. Statistics for Kempsey could not be given in isolation.

Burglary 22
Burglary Other 47
Criminal Damage 61
Drug Offence 22
Fraud 16
Violent Crime 46
Theft 142
Theft from Vehicles 34
Theft of Vehicles 12

Questions

Q1. Were all burglary crimes cleared?

A1. No

Q2. When did new statistical reporting system come in to operation as last year's crime figures reported were only in respect of Kempsey?

A2. Not sure but can only work with data provided.

6. COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: - Mr. R. Bullock gave a brief explanation of his duties.

He reported that any queries addressed to him at monthly Parish Council Meetings were directed to the appropriate County Council Official and as a result these problems were dealt with in an efficient manner usually by the next Parish Council Meeting.

Q1. Who makes the decision regarding road surfaces? Are cost implications involved? Loose

chippings on the road surface are noisy and hazardous?

A1. Highways Department.

Q2. Is tarmac still used?

A2. Yes, a full programme of details may be obtained from the website.

Q3. Brookend Lane had tarmac why place stone chippings on top of this?

A3. To protect the tarmac

Q4. Why place stone chippings on a road surface in a residential area. They do not stay in place and are not appropriate?

A4. Mr. Bullock to address this query to Highways and report.

7. DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT: - Mr. Harrison stressed the importance of the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) with the proposal of 2450 houses and 60 acres of Industrial land proposed between Kempsey and the Southern Link. He requested that people make their voices heard by attending a seminar at the Bank House on the 4th July 2012.

8. DISCUSSIONS ARISING FROM REPORTS:-

Mr. Clark referred to the painted pipework surrounding the Flood Defense System in that it spoilt the landscape and was totally unacceptable. This issue was discussed at great length at a recent FLAG meeting. The Environment Agency is to resolve this issue.

Mr. Michael confirmed he was attending a meeting with MP Harriet Baldwin and a Senior Director of the Post Office to discuss the viability of opening a Post Office in the village. Report to follow.

Mrs. Whitehead urged everyone to support the Parish Council and expressed her thanks for the good work achieved throughout the year.

9. GUEST SPEAKER – WORCESTER ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Jon Webster kindly presented a very interesting and informative presentation on the archaeological investigations and findings on land to the south and west of St Mary's Church. This work was undertaken on behalf of the Environment Agency, who constructed Kempsey Flood Alleviation Scheme. Human skeletal remains, associated burial ground and landscaping Features provided unique archaeological data and evidence dating from the late Saxon and early medieval period in Kempsey.

The public were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Chairman thanked parishioners for attending. He then closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Sharon Baxter
Clerk
2nd May 2012