

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD**  
**ON MONDAY, 13th AUGUST 2012 AT 7.30 p.m.**  
**AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** - Cllr Bowley (Chairman), Cllr Austin, Cllr Bannister, Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Gerrard, Cllr Hart , Cllr Rea, Cllr Stevens, Cllr Michael, Cllr Hay, Cllr Campbell (arrived 7.35pm), Cllr Patrick & Cllr Martin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** - Clerk, County Councillor Mr. Bullock, District Councillor Mr. Harrison and 16 members of the public

1. Apologies: None.
2. Appointment of Elected Councillors: Cllr Patrick and Cllr Martin were duly elected.
3. Register of Members' Interests: Cllrs Patrick and Martin had completed and signed their forms.
  1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI): None
  2. Other Disclosable Interests (ODI): Cllrs Rea, Austin, Stevens and Bannister declared an interest in on Agenda Item 7.3 (2) as they live in the vicinity of The Limes Green, but would not be withdrawing from the meeting.

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 held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012 were approved.
5. Correspondence: Noted as per list.
6. Reports from representatives:
  - 6.1 Police Report: – Crime figures as indicated:-
    - 2 ASB – Noise complaint and dispute
    - 0 – Assault
    - 0 – Burglary
    - 0 – Criminal Damage
    - 1 – Theft – Domestic Related
    - 1 – RTC – Non Injury
  - 6.2 County Councillor's Report: - Mr. Bullock reported on
    1. Red road markings are due to be reinstated along the A38.
    2. No overtaking signs. These are not implemented on main roads.Cllr Michael reported a damaged DVLA road sign situated between Walkers Lane junction and the DVLA junction opposite Clerkenleap Motors showroom. Mr. Bullock agreed to look at.  
Cllr Blackwell thanked Mr. Bullock for replacing the damaged drain grid located outside the Talbot Public House.
  - 6.3 District Councillor's Reports:  
Mr. Rea:-
    1. Congratulated Councillor Patrick and Councillor Martin on their election to Kempsey Parish Council.
    2. The Official Opening of the Flood Defences was well attended and congratulations were expressed to those who had successfully campaigned.
    3. A meeting was held to discuss the strategic future of Kempsey Youth Centre
    4. A special MHDC Council Meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2012 to debate the Weekly Collection Support Scheme Bid to sustain weekly collections of residual waste and improve recycling collections using wheeled bins.Mr. Harrison:-
    1. Is composing a report on flooding in several parts of Kempsey. This relates to item 5. (6) Correspondence for Information.
    2. Congratulated all candidates who put themselves forward for election.

3. South Worcestershire Development Plan – Proposed Significant Changes to The Preferred Options Document can be viewed:-
  - 10<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at Upton-upon-Severn Memorial Hall 14.00 to 20.00 hours
  - 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at Priory Lodge Hall 14.00 to 20.00 hours
  - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 at St. Peters Garden Centre 14.00 to 20.00 hours
 Concerns were expressed with the proposed increase in travellers' sites.

7. Reports from Committees:

7.1 Environment Committee:

1. Cllr Stevens confirmed following a successful application for LEADER funding for improvements to The Rocky £18k had been awarded for improvement activities covered within the application.
2. The Council agreed to distribute a newsletter regarding the Rocky Improvement Project to surrounding residents and to publicise on the website and notice boards.
3. It was agreed to wait until after the meeting with Leader before signing the Leader grant funding agreement.
4. The Council agreed to obtain planning permission for the improvements planned for the Rocky covered within the Leader Application.

7.2 Commons and Hams Committee: Cllr Bannister confirmed a meeting had taken place following a request from Mr. Butlin (re: his application for access to his garage across Kerswell Green Common).

**Normoor Common:** The verges had been cut by Worcestershire County Council) to improve visibility. Also the access problem was the need to cut the long grass along the drive to the cottage on the common.

**Kerswell Green Common:** Grass cutting had been attended to.

**Stonehall Common:** A meeting is due to take place on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 at 10.30am with Wade Muggleton Senior Community Greenspace Officer at Worcester Woods Country Park to discuss the restoration of the ponds.

**Kempsey Common:** A letter has been issued to the Allotment tenant requesting the removal of the lock from the gate. Estimates for gorse cutting on the common are being obtained.

7.3 Recreation Committee:

1. The Council accepted a quotation for £870 from Abi White for painting the play equipment at Plovers Rise.
2. Due to the lack of clarification this item was not discussed. It will be placed on the September agenda.
3. Due to outstanding queries concerning security tenure and provision of a map the Tennis Club Lease was not ready for signing

7.4 Community Centre: Cllr Hay provided an update report on

1. Confusion of the age of the Community Centre.
2. Specifications are being devised to enable quotes to be obtained
3. We should consider the long term future of the Community Centre against suitability and cost implications.

7.5 Chairman's Report: Cllr Bowley

The new councillors were welcomed and were appointed to the following committees

Cllr Patrick: Recreation and Planning Committee

Cllr Martin: Commons & Hams Committee

Reference was made to the Flood Bund being a great success

8. Finance

8.1 The payments of accounts as per schedule were agreed. In addition further payments were authorized to:-

K Blackwell	Mileage Expenses	£12.00
Npower	Electricity	£2.24
Staples	Stationery	£53.02
Aon Uk Limited	Mid Term Insurance Adjustment	£2002.72

8.2 Bank Reconciliation Statement Balance – For Information only

8.3 Budget 2013/14 - Cllr Bowley suggested the preparation of a three year budget projection forecast.

9. Planning:

Planning Application No: 12/02015/AGR

Proposal: General purpose implement/fodder store

Location: Common Farm, Kempsey Common, Kempsey, WR5 3QE

No discussion took place. This application was granted under permitted development

10. The Strategic future of Kempsey Youth Centre is currently under review.

11. Quotes are in the process of being obtained to provide costings to address requests made from The Hair Gallery

12. Magic Moments Nursery intend to commence project works in September 2012
13. A timetable for reports from representatives on outside bodies is to be devised.
14. The Council agreed to dispose of the redundant Post Office Equipment.
15. The Council agreed to approve the request for an easement for Malvern Cottage, Kempsey Common
16. The Lengthsman will resolve the issues highlighted in Mrs. Robin's letter.
17. Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)
  1. Cllr Patrick offered to loan the Parish Council £500 from the KPPWP (Kempsey Parish Plan Working Party) to pay for costs incurred in providing the necessary statement objectives that the Neighbourhood Development Plan will cover. The Council voted to accept.
  2. The Council voted that the Parish Clerks offer assistance to the NDP Working Party whilst preparing the plan.
18. The Council voted that a letter should be issued to each property owner to establish land responsibility as a solution in trying to resolve the problems with vegetation overgrowth along the A38.
19. Lengthsman Scheme – Due to time restrictions this item will be discussed on the September Agenda.
20. The Council agreed that a Working Party will study the significant changes to the SWDP proposals and report/approve at the next Parish Council meeting before submitting by the deadline of 17.00 hours on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2012.
21. A proposal was made to enter a three year fixed contract with EON to secure gas prices and reduce price. This was vote against. A further proposal was then made to enter a one year contract with Southern Electric. This was accepted.
22. The following Policy Documents were circulated for comment and information:
  1. Update to Standing Orders in respect of The Code of Conduct
  2. Update of Financial Regulations (to be distributed at PC Meeting)
  3. Update on Additional Policy Documents
23. Date of next meeting: Monday 10th September 2012 at 7.30pm at Kempsey Community Centre.

The meeting closed 9.40pm  
Sharon Baxter (Clerk)

Signed .....  
CHAIRMAN

Date .....

#### NOTES OF PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Sixteen members of the public were in attendance and raised the following concerns during Public Question Time:

1. Mr. Campbell (7 Church Street) Referred to Members Register of Interests and Other Disclosable Interests
2. Mr. Androlia (Tennis Club Representative) Referred to tenure in respect of the Tennis Club Lease.
3. Mrs. Clee – (Brookend Lane) Thanked the Parish Council for their good wishes in respect of her late husband.
4. Mr. Legg – (Kerswell Green) Questioned the disposal of the Post Office Equipment. It was confirmed this project would no longer be viable as the requirements did not suit the Post Office Model Framework.  
Reference was made to topping at Stonehall Common as to when this would be completed. It was confirmed this had been deliberately left in this condition for natural habitat purposes. Mr. Legg highlighted Normoor Common requires attention due to access restrictions.
5. Mrs. Whitehead (21 The Limes) asked the percentage of turn out for the recent Elections. This was confirmed as 28.73%.