

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 p.m.  
AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** - Cllr Bowley (Chairman), Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Gerrard, Cllr Rea, Cllr Stevens, Cllr Michael, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Patrick, Cllr Hay & Cllr Martin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** - Clerk, District Councillor Mr. Harrison and 14 members of the public

1. Apologies: Cllr Hart (Illness) & Cllr Bannister (Work) – accepted.
2. Declaration of Interests:
  1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
  1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI): All members declared a DPI in respect of participating and voting on the budget as tax payers living in the village.
  2. Other Disclosable Interests (ODI): Cllr Martin declared an interest on Kempsey Common and Ashmoor Common holding commons rights. Cllr Rea and Cllr Stevens declared an interest as residents living on The Limes in respect of budget item. Cllr Campbell declared an interest in respect of hosting the website as she is a director. Cllr Hay requested that it be noted he had recommended a supplier to replace the photocopier but had no financial interest in this matter.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes.
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3. To Consider Written Requests from Councillors' for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)  
Cllr Bowley, Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Bannister, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Gerrard, Cllr Hart, Cllr Hay, Cllr Martin, Cllr Michael, Cllr Patrick, Cllr Rea, and Cllr Stevens had each requested a Dispensation to participate in discussions relating to setting the annual precept and to participate in any vote in relation to this business. Members agreed to allow the Dispensation until May 2015.
4. Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council Meeting held on
  - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were signed as a true and correct record.

District Cllr Harrison highlighted that the Contractors names who had been awarded the contractors for the Community Centre had not been recorded in the November 2102 minutes. These are as follows:-

It was agreed to approve an Asbestos survey at a cost of £285 by **Inti Services Ltd**

It was agreed to proceed with the floor inspection to The Hair Gallery at a cost of £80 by **Steve Jarvis**

It was agreed to proceed with roof repairs to replace 30 slates at a cost of £325 by **Steve Jarvis**

It was agreed to proceed with roof repairs to replace coping stones at a cost of £400 by **Steve Jarvis**

It was agreed to replace the windows to The Hair Gallery at a cost of £2691.67 offsetting the £1500 Energy Grant acquired towards these costs by **Pears Home Improvements**

5. Casual Vacancy: It was confirmed the vacancy was available for co-option. Applications to be submitted to the Clerk for consideration by 4<sup>th</sup> January 2013.
6. Correspondence: Noted as per list.
  - 6.3 The Chairman requested feedback from parishioners which would prove helpful in determining if The Sunday Bus Service would be a worthwhile project in the future.
  - 6.4 With reference to GVA a meeting is to be arranged with the developers in respect of land to the south of the village.
7. Reports from representatives:

7.1 Police Report - Crime Statistics for November 2012

ASB – 2  
Assaults – 4  
Burglary – 0  
Criminal Damage – 1  
Thefts – 3  
Vehicle Crime – 0  
RTC – 2 Damage only

7.2 County Councillor's Report: - No report available.

7.3 District Councillor's Reports: Cllr Rea reported on

**Kempsey Flood Defence** thanking the work of all the emergency services attending Kempsey on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2012 and the help and support given by The Parish Council and the residents of Kempsey when the flood defence did not operate as intended resulting in a flood event. An independent report is awaited to identify the problem and measures must be taken to ensure that this event does not reoccur in the future.

**SWDP/CPG Report Special Council Meeting**

A special meeting took place on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at the Bank House Hotel, to deal with the recommendations detailed in the CPG (Council Policy Group) report. As a result of that meeting, the final motion passed by The Council contained significant changes to the SWDP which would have implications to the SWDP Timetable. As a result, Wychavon District Council indicated they would pursue their own plan, Worcester City is expected also to follow suite.

There is a special meeting to be held at the Bank House on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 where several motions are to be debated. One of those motions, if successful will remove MHDC from the SWDP process.

Cllr Harrison thanked the emergency services, including Cllr Bowley and Cllr Rea for their cooperation due to the failure of the flood defence. He also thanked The Jenkins family for their help and support in delivering a first class service in helping parishioners effected by the floods. He thanked The Environment Agency and MHDC for collecting, cleaning and clearing debris.

He confirmed an SWDP Meeting is to be held at The Bank House Hotel on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 to discuss the following:-

1. To rescind the result of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012
2. To take on board recommendations from CPG
3. Motion of No Confidence in the Leader and Deputy Leader.

He referred to the Waste Collection Changes over the Christmas Period. Clerk confirmed information was available on the noticeboards and website.

**8. Reports from Committees:**

- 8.1 Recreation Committee: Nothing to report
- 8.2 Commons and Hams Committee: A letter from Natural England in respect of Ashmoor Common is to be addressed at the next Commons & Hams Committee meeting.
- 8.3 Community Centre: Cllr Hay reported that various work and reports had been carried out to the Community Centre to include gutters/rainwater goods, roof repairs to the brick shelter, asbestos and legionella assessments.
- 8.4 Environment Committee: Cllr Stevens reported that due to adverse weather conditions meetings with the Environment Agency and Wade Muggleton had been cancelled and needed to be rescheduled. Works to the bridge and railings at the Rocky had also been delayed due to the flooding.
- 8.5 Planning Committee: Dates had been set for meetings in 2013.
- 8.6 F & G P Committee: Meetings had taken place to devise draft budgets.

**9. Chairman's Report:** The Chairman confirmed the Lloyds TSB Bank Accounts had now been closed.

Following the resignation of Cllr Austin, Mr Biddle had kindly agreed to Chair the Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Chairman requested suggestions for a guest speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Stevens suggested a speaker from The Hive – talk on storage of Kempsey artifacts.

**10. Environment Committee: (Cllr Stevens)**

1. The Council agreed to award the contract for paving works planned as part of the Rocky Improvement Project and to pass on advice received from Malvern Hills District Council with regards to the risk of damaging tree roots to the required standard. The contractor appointed was AJP Building Services ( submitted via Wild Contracts.)

**11. Community Centre Committee: (Cllr Hay)**

1. The Council agreed to purchase 40 chairs for the Community Centre at a maximum cost of £900 and to delegate the final decision to the Clerk.

**12. Finance:**

- 12.1 Payments were agreed as per schedule.
- 12.2 Bank Reconciliation Statement Balance – For Information.
- 12.3 The Council agreed to allow Cllr Patrick and Cllr Blackwell to become authorized signatories with HSBC together with existing signatories Cllr Bowley, Cllr Hart & Cllr Gerrard.

- 13. To agree Budget 2013/14 and set precept** – Budget figures were distributed which suggested an increase in the precept by 13.9%. Following some discussion in which some members felt this increase to be too high, drawing reference to monies held in reserves, The Council agreed to defer this item until January 2013 agenda allowing time for further information to cascade from Central Government (plans on capping and housing benefit are announced) which could have an impact on the precept request and any decisions made.

**14. Planning Application:** To consider planning applications referred by MHDC for comment:

Planning Application No: 12/01191/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of outbuilding to residential use

Location: 38 Main Road Kempsey Worcestershire, WR5 3JA

**Comments: Strong Objections** on the basis there are already drainage problems in this area.

Condition of earlier planning approval was that there should be a turning circle but this space has never been fully provided and will disappear totally with this further development. There could be up to six vehicles at these four units but there is only parking for four. Double yellow lines outside the entrance which is very narrow and busy junction with A38. No outside space for parking and bin storage.

Planning Application No: 12/000075/CM (Worcestershire County Council)

Applicant: Severn Trent Water Ltd

Proposal: Construction of a new Motor Control (MCC) Kiosk

Location: Kempsey Sewage Treatment Works, Pixham Ferry Lane, Kempsey, WR5 3NH

**Comments: No Objections**

- 15. Discuss Kempsey Flood Protection situation** – A report is in the process of being compiled to indicate the problems as to why the flood defence failed to operate. This report will be made available to the public. The Emergency Planning Procedures are currently being updated. Words of thanks and appreciation were expressed from the Parish Council to The Emergency Services, The Jenkins Family, Mr Harrison and Jan Fowler.

**16. Discuss South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) following decisions from MHDC**

Some members of the Parish Council expressed their disappointment at the Chairman in that he had not communicated with the Council or members of the public concerning his representation at the Extra Ordinary Meeting held at The Bank House on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Cllr Bowley explained his reasons and the consequences and read out his statement which is available on file. A request was made by Cllr Hay asking if the Council could be informed should this situation arise again. Cllr Bowley

confirmed he would be attending the next SWDP meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 and asked if the Council were happy if he approached the subject in the same way - to have controlled development?

**(Please note Cllr Rea made no comment in respect of the SWDP)**

17. The Council agreed that consideration be given to work with a Graphic Design Student (Free of Charge) from the University of Worcester to develop an official logo or crest which could be used by the Council as an official emblem.
18. The Council agreed to donate £250 in respect of the upkeep of the churchyard and £350 towards the cost of the magazine.
19. **The Council agreed to lease a new photocopier for the Parish Office from KingFisher Office Solutions.**
20. **Item withdrawn as covered in Standing Orders.**
21. **Proposals to seek alternative methods of distribution of Parish Council** correspondence to parishioners i.e. Annual Newsletter - Agenda item to be discussed in January 2013
22. **Tender Documents (Cllr Bowley)** - Agenda item to be discussed in January 2013

**Meeting Closed 9.56pm**

**Sharon Baxter**  
Clerk

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

### **Ms Baker – Old Road North**

Asked if statements made by the Chairman are meant to be a representation of the whole Parish Council? Was the Chairman's letter printed in the Parish News a personal opinion? She confirmed parishioners want to be consulted and listened to.

### **Miss A Patrick – 90 Main Road**

*Directed to Cllr Bowley* – Why did you not inform members/public at last month's meeting that you were going to attend and speak at the SWDP Extra Ordinary Meeting held at the Bank House on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012? Very disappointed with your actions.

In response to Ms Baker and Miss Patrick, Cllr Bowley confirmed the reality of the SWDP situation has to be taken into account and the long term situation assessed. More hope if speak as a member of the Parish Council that as a resident of Kempsey. He read out his comments made to the SWDP and CPG Report.

### **Mr J Michael – 18 Meadow Close**

Has sympathy for the Chairman in that at this late stage of the consultation process unregulated development is being forced upon us and the goal posts have changed.

**Mrs J Clee – Brookend Lane**

In response to Agenda Item 21. Proposal to seek alternative methods of distribution of Parish Council Correspondence -Please endeavor to deliver the Annual Newsletter to every household within the village as it is a great deal of benefit and a strong opportunity to engage with the parishioners.

**Mr N Brookes – Hillside**

The verge at Hillside has worsened in that the corner has been cut off. The A38 needs the road sweeper to sweep the road from Clerkenleap into Kempsey

**Mr J Robinson – Bestmans Lane**

Requested help and support from the Parish Council.

Problems flooding in Church Street and passed on condolences to these people caught out.

Problems Draycott Lane and Bestmans Lane (Via Mr D Harrison) several issues in respect of gullies, culverts and the allowing of water from agricultural Land onto the lanes. Mainly a County/District Council issue but still effects Kempsey. Requests the full support from the Parish Council to write to MHDC and WCC with respect to ditches. Programme of gully clearance, survey results from 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012 and undertake a camera survey which has already been agreed to inspect the drains and culverts and an independent examination and to liaise with residents. Where Parish Council has direct responsibility to instruct the Lengthsman on at least two occasions annually to ensure the grips and feeds are cleared ie. October/April.

**Mrs L Jenkins – 12 Brookend Lane**

Surprised a meeting had not been called to address the issues with flooding and the emergency centre. She highlighted that the emergency centre (Community Centre) was not well equipped. There were lack of instructions and contact numbers. She felt it would be beneficial to have a practice run.

Cllr Bowley confirmed all these comments would be addressed by the Emergency Plan Working Party And implemented into the procedures.

**Mr N Stevens – Darwin Close**

Requested clarification on number of houses proposed under SWDP plans at Pixham Ferry Lane.

**Sue Price – Lanes End**

Thanked Mr Harrison for his help in visiting the area several times a day during the flood alert.