

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD  
ON MONDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013 AT 7.30 p.m.  
AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** - Cllr Bowley (Chairman), Cllr Gerrard, Cllr Hart, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Patrick, Cllr Stevens, Cllr Michael, Cllr Hay (arrived 7.50pm), Cllr Bannister, Cllr Geens, Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Rea & Cllr Martin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** - Clerk, County Councillor Mr. Bullock, District Councillor Mr. Harrison and 8 members of the public. Police Inspector Jane Francis and Sergeant Ian Blanchard.

1. Apologies: None. Clerk confirmed Cllr Hay would be arriving later due to work commitments
2. Declaration of Interests:
  1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
  2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI): None
  3. Other Disclosable Interests (ODI): Cllr Martin declared an interest on Kempsey Common and Ashmoor Common holding commons rights.

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): None
4. Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Extra Ordinary Meeting held on
  - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Correspondence: Noted as per list.

Clerk to acknowledge letter received from Mrs. Lewis detailing her concerns following The Lioncourt Exhibition.
6. Reports from representatives:

Inspector Francis expressed her disappointment concerning a statement made in the press 'we do not have a local beat bobby anymore' and requested further clarification. Cllr Michael admitted to making this statement explaining that it had been taken out of context and was not meant as a criticism but merely reference to the days when villages would have had their own designated beat officer in a police house within the village.

Inspector Francis explained policing was now encompassed under Safer Neighbourhood Schemes and she had to use resources available and allocate police officers to target crime where it was highest. Kempsey did not fall into this category.

A suggestion made was that local people could take on the role of Community Support Officers with the Parish Council working in conjunction with the Police.

Cllr Geens also apologized for a statement made in the same press article which implied that 'police officers are walking about doing nothing'. This too was taken out of context by the press with Cllr Geens trying to emphasize the point that Police Officers have to serve many different communities, impinging on time to travel from one location to another.

Inspector Francis concluded should anyone have any concerns to please feel free to talk to her. Sergeant Blanchard had nothing further to add to this report.

Cllr Stevens confirmed that the Police and Crime Commissioner Mr. Bill Longmore is seeking to build strong relationships with Parishes and suggested we might like to invite him to talk to us.

6.1 Police Report - The Parish Crime Figures for the month of January 2013 are:-

2 ASB-Neighbour dispute and youth related (snow balls)

0 Assaults

0 Criminal Damage

0 Burglary

0 Theft

3 Vehicle crime- damage to vehicle which is domestic related. Stolen hub caps from a vehicle in Windmill Lane and stolen vehicle along A38 on 05/01/13.

6.2 County Councillor's Report: - Mr. Bullock will address problems concerning

- Vehicles mounting the bank on Hillside causing a great deal of mud and debris onto the road.
- Potholes on the corner of Post Office Lane, Bottom of Plovers Rise and by Redmond House
- A map was requested detailing the footpaths and alleyways and the ownership of each so that improvements could be highlighted.

Words of thanks were expressed to Mr Bullock for his help in obtaining a no parking restriction for the bus lay-by located outside the Community Centre, which is frequently occupied by parked vehicles.

6.3 District Councillor's Reports: - Nothing to report

Cllr Hay made reference to the Byelaws on the Common and requested if MHDC could replace the signage. Cllr Harrison to make enquiries.

## 7. Reports from Committees:

7.1 Recreation Committee: Cllr Campbell confirmed that the Tennis Club lease had now been signed by both parties and £200 contribution towards the legal fees had been paid by the Tennis Club.

7.2 Commons and Hams Committee: Cllr Bannister confirmed a tree causing an obstruction by The Nash had been cleared. Gorse clearance at Kempsey Common would be addressed once ground conditions improve and after the bird nesting season.

7.3 Community Centre: Cllr Hay confirmed an order had been placed for 40 new chairs. The floor inspection to the Hair Gallery had been carried out, which indicated that work was required. Cllr Hay to liaise with the contractor in order for a specification of floor works to be devised. This item is to be placed on the March agenda.

7.4 Environment Committee:

1. Update on Rocky - Cllr Stevens confirmed two claims had been submitted in respect of the Leader Project. Environmental Agency had granted approval for the bridge across the brook. This document is available for inspection in the Parish Office. A meeting had been held with Mr Lewis - Farley to try and resolve problems concerning trees / roots as the whole area of the Rocky is considered to be in a conservation area. Cllr Rea is also trying to resolve this issue with Mr Rudge from MHDC.
2. Update on Lengthsman's activities – Mr Clarke has been busy moving the VA Sign from one location to another. He has also been busy clearing snow and siding out the Main Road.

7.5 Planning Committee : Nothing to report

7.6 F & G P Committee: Nothing to report

**8. Chairman's Report:** Cllr Bowley reported on

1. The Flood Defences are working well
2. SWDP – 'Soundness Consultation' may not be submitted by March deadline
3. We must consider the future of the Community Centre
4. Bight farm – GVA Meeting with MHDC attended by himself and Cllr Michael  
Cllr Michael confirmed a piece meal development is not favoured.
5. Mr Biddle is working on the Neighborhood Development Plan preparing documents for the Working Party. This item will be given a regular agenda slot.
6. The Council agreed to renew CPRE membership for 2013/14 in compliance with Standing Orders.
7. Mrs. Bowley reported badger baiting activities to the police. Please be vigilant and report anything suspicious of this nature.
8. Potential Development Community Trust – The Chairman and Cllr Michael met with Mark Patchett to look at the options of how to integrate community spirit within a new community. They will attend further meetings for further information.
9. Youth Centre – Cllr Campbell to obtain an update.
10. It is not the responsibility of The Parish Council to install a kissing gate on Kempsey Common

**9. Recreation Committee:**

1. The Council agreed to accept quotation for removal of rubbish and soil in the south east corner of Plovers Rise Playing Field costing £400 plus VAT. The contractor appointed to carry out the work is R. Anstey & Son.

**10. Community Centre Committee :**

1. Until costs are established to repair the floor in the Hair Gallery consideration could not be given for the installation of a suspended ceiling. A meeting is to be arranged with the tenants. This item will be placed on the March agenda for further consideration.

**11. Commons & Hams (Cllr Bannister)**

1. Proposal to purchase six Hereford Cross cows for the purpose of managing Ashmoor Common as per Natural England recommendations for acceptable management of the commons . Following some debate this item was withdrawn and will be placed on the March agenda. Clerk to liaise with the solicitors to check the legality of the letter as a form of agreement between the Parish Council and Mr. & Mrs Gove.

**12. Finance:**

- 12.1 Payments were agreed as per schedules.  
(Mr. Hay declared an Other Disclosable Interest (ODI) in respect of purchasing the new chairs)
- 12.2 Bank Reconciliation Statement Balance – For Information.

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

Planning Application No: 12/01615/ LBC  
Proposal: Replace 7 existing timber windows with new timber frames and glass.  
Location: Clerkenleap, Bath Road, Broomhall, WR5 3HR  
Comments: No objections

14. **The Annual Parish Meeting** will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 at 7.30pm at the Youth Centre (Free refreshments available from 7.00pm) with Guest Speaker Paul Hudson from The Hive bringing some artefacts of Kempsey and speaking about archiving work.
15. Clerk to advise FLAG that the Community Centre is already a designated building to use as a rest centre and to invite comments from FLAG to incorporate into the Emergency Plan.

**16.** Alternative methods of distribution of Parish Council correspondence will be considered on the March agenda.

(Cllr Hay) declared an ODI on the Legionella Assessment as per his dispensation granted

**17.** The Council agreed to accept the Legionella Risk Assessments for the Community Centre and The Sports Pavilion and to seek quotations to address risks identified.

**18.** Members approved to accept the Asbestos Survey Report for The Community Centre and seek quotations where risks had been identified. Members agreed acceptance on the condition that the wording was amended to be the same as agenda item 17.

**19.** Cllr Rea circulated The Council's Communication Policy, Complaints Procedure and Disciplinary Procedure. This item to feature on the March agenda.

**20.** Delegation was granted to The Clerk to purchase of a fire safe (up to the value of £250) for the storage of the Parish Councils sensitive documents and data

**21.** To Council agreed to increase hire charges for Room 1 from £7.50 per hour to £10.00 per from 6th April 2013 (Start financial year).

**22.** The Council approved to clear the Passage way located at the side of the Parish Office and if required to hire a skip for the removal of rubbish (up to the value of £250)

**23.** Motion to approve Terms of Reference governing the operation of the NDP Working Party in preparation of the Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan. This item is to be discussed on the March Agenda.

Meeting Closed 10.03pm  
Sharon Baxter  
Clerk

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

### **Robin Austin – 54 The Limes**

Reported that a barbed wire fence had fallen down on the approach to the doctor's surgery. This was particularly hazardous and could the Lengthsman speak to the property owners. He also reported that the homepage on the website required updating. He requested an update on the ownership of the land at The Limes.

### **Mike Legg – Kerswell Green**

Referred to grazing on Ashmoor Common and the purchase of cattle. He was concerned that there could be a potential loss and would The Parish Council be prepared to explain the situation to parishioners in this event? Cllr Michael reiterated The Council were following advice from Natural England. Mr Legg emphasized that a parishioner from Kerswell Green would be looking after the cattle not the Parish Council.

### **Neville Brookes – Hillside**

Questioned the cost of vet fees and asked had this been taken into consideration. Cllr Bannister explained Further about the cost implications.

### **Tony Goodacre – Kerswell Green**

Asked if there was sufficient graze/food on Ashmoor Common to feed animals. Cllr Bannister confirmed Natural England recommended this was the best method of maintaining the common.

### **David Harrison – Brookend Lane**

Emphasised those people voting to place cattle on Ashmoor Common should be responsible for taking care of them. In the past The Parish Council paid a farmer for delivery /collection of cattle to Ashmoor Common. He was pleased to see that the suspended ceiling for the Hair Gallery was back on the agenda. This will be extremely beneficial to them and is well within budget.

### **Trevor Geens – Squires Close**

Highlighted problems concerning an overhanging hedge at Eastern Lodge obstructing high vehicles. This is to be brought to the attention of the Lengthsman who will approach the property owner.

### **Neville Brookes – Hillside**

Thanked County Cllr.Mr. Bullock for attending to the A38 carriageway from Kempsey into Worcester. He emphasized the ongoing problems in Hillside and offered a personal invitation for someone to watch the refuse collectors, whose carts churn up the verges. There is mud dispersed all over the road and the area is a total disgrace. County Cllr Mr Bullock agreed to inspect this area again to address these problems. District Cllr Rea will investigate the situation and make enquiries if a smaller freight vehicle can be used for this particular round.

### **Terry Ward – Post Office Lane**

Would like to promote a Litter Pick blitz for a whole week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> March 2013. This will be the first litter pick after winter.