

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, 14th JANUARY 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, Cllr Bannister & Cllr Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE: - Clerk, District Councillor Mr. Harrison and 26 members of the public

1. Apologies: Cllr Blackwell (Holiday) & Cllr Rea (Work) – accepted. C.Councillor Mr Bullock (received)
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): All members had previously declared a DPI in respect of participating and voting on the budget as tax payers living in the village.
 3. Other Disclosable Interests (ODI): None disclosed

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes.

3. To Consider Written Requests from Councillors' for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011)
Cllr Hay had requested a Dispensation for the period 14/01/13 to May 2015 inclusive to participate at meetings as a Councillor in discussions only with regard to Legionella Risk Assessments and management of Legionella within the Parish due to his specialized training and knowledge. Members granted this Dispensation.
4. Having been previously circulated the minutes of The Parish Council Meeting held on
 - Monday 3rd December 2012 were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Casual Vacancy: Following a brief presentation by Mr. Geens as to why he would like to become a Councillor and a paper ballot vote, carried unanimously, he was appointed by co-option and his Declaration of Office and Undertaking to abide by the Code of Conduct duly signed, together with his Register of Interests and Dispensation Request Form requesting participation and voting on the budget.
6. Correspondence: Noted as per list.
 - 6.3 Draft Police and Crime Plan and Precept Options
A Working Party consisting of Cllr Geens, Cllr Michael, Cllr Patrick and Cllr Gerrard and the Clerk will devise a response. Authority delegated to the Clerk to submit.
7. Reports from representatives:
 - 7.1 Police Report - The Parish Crime Figures for the month of December 2012 are:-
 - 3 ASB incidents - 1 harassment incident related to an on-going neighbour dispute; 2 reports of ASB/harassment via telephone at one address.
 - 1 Violent Crime - a violent altercation between two males outside a garage premises led to one male being charged with malicious wounding and the other with criminal damage to a vehicle
 - 0 Burglary
 - 3 Thefts - A pedigree ewe was illegally killed in a field location and its carcass stolen. A vehicle registration plate was stolen from a parked vehicle; and a person made off without paying for their fuel at a garage premises.
 - 1 Criminal Damage (see above)
 - 2 RTCs - (damage only)
 - 7.2 County Councillor's Report: - No report available

- 7.3 District Councillor's Reports: - Cllr Harrison reported
1. District Council were proposing an increase of 2%
 2. The Flood Defence had been carefully monitored and a thank you letter was going to be published in the Parish Magazine.
 3. Flooding issues were being addressed and the problems alleviated along Bestman's Lane/Draycott Lane and along the A38.
 4. Waste Collection over the Christmas period had gone according plan and the dates will be advertised earlier this year.
 5. Next PACT meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd January 2013 at 12.30pm at the Community Centre
 6. South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) Draft Submission Document Statement of Representations Procedure is available for comment until 5.00pm on 22nd February 2013
 7. Lioncourt Homes Exhibition on 15th January 2013 at the Community Centre 4-8pm.

8. **Reports from Committees:**

- 8.1 Recreation Committee: Cllr Campbell reported that the hedge had now been planted on the Southern boundary of the playing field.
- 8.2 Commons and Hams Committee: Cllr Bannister advised that options were being looked into in respect of Kempsey Common and Ashmoor Common.
- 8.3 Community Centre. Cllr Hay confirmed that The Legionella and Asbestos Risk Assessments had now been completed. New windows to the Hair Gallery have been installed.
- 8.4 Environment Committee:
 1. Cllr Stevens confirmed modification works had been carried out to the existing bridge at the Rocky and works to replace the railings had been completed. Permission was in the process of being obtained before works can commence on the installation of the new bridge. Further advice in respect of trees is being sought before any paving works can begin.
Cllr Bannister is in correspondence with Wade Muggleton (Senior Greenspace Officer) from County Council and Cllr Campbell is liaising with Local Schools.
 2. Cllr Stevens confirmed the Lengthsman had combined his work for December 2012 and January 2013 repositioning the VAS sign at Kerswell Green and from The Nash to the Main Road clearing a few branches and ensuring the drains are clear of leaves.
In Post Office Lane, Roman Road, and Brookend Lane the grips have been checked and
- 8.5 Planning Committee : Cllr Patrick confirmed the following planning decisions from MHDC
Application No:12/01433/HOU – Hill House Napleton Lane – Approval
Application No: 12/01191/FUL – 38 Main Road – Refusal
- 8.6 F & G P Committee: Nothing to report.

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cleared.

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

1. SWDP Update – 6 week Consultation Period – ‘A Test of Soundness’
2. Flood Defence Update – Drop in session that was organized by the Environment Agency
Copies of these documents available to view in the Parish Office.
3. Neighbourhood Development Plan – Mike Biddle to pursue together with a Working Party
4. New Police Commissioner – Do we wish to have a say? See minute item 6.3
5. Bight Farm Developments. A meeting has been organized between MHDC and GVA Developers for 4th February 2013 to be attended by Chair & Vice Chair/Cllr Patrick.
6. Annual Parish Meeting – A Guest Speaker Date, Time and Venue to be organized.
Provisionally this was scheduled for mid to late April dependent on Guest Speaker and Venue availability.
7. Tenants – Magic Moments Nursery have signed all agreements. The Hair Gallery lease is expected to be signed shortly.
8. Room 1 Hire Charge Review – Item for February 2013 agenda.
9. Monitoring of essential actions to avoid losing funding i.e. Ashmoor Common and The Rocky.
10. Clerk to update the website with the latest version of Financial Regulations
11. Would we like to express our thoughts to the Chief Constable in respect section 61 of The

Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994? Chairman confirmed that he had written in a private capacity regarding the use of Section 61 of this Act.

12. Sunday Bus Service – No feedback has yet been received regarding the benefit of this service or otherwise.
13. Request for Minutes and Accounts from the Village Hall – Cllr Hart to obtain

10. Finance:

- 10.1 Payments were agreed as per schedules. In addition a further cheque was authorized to Mr. D Martin for £200 in respect of clearance works at the Community Centre.
 - 10.2 Bank Reconciliation Statement Balance – For Information.
 - 10.3 The Council approved the setting up of a Community Development Fund to facilitate improved Parish/Community amenities under any Neighbourhood Development Plan, including enhancement of recreation facilities and to ear mark monies of approximately £70k from the Santander Investment Account for this purpose.
11. Due to limited time availability and receipt of new information the Chairman suggested to defer this item for further consideration and to hold an Extra Ordinary Meeting within the next two weeks to approve the budget and set the precept for 2013/14. This was agreed.

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

Planning Application No: 12/01546/HOU (**AMENDED**)

Proposal: Demolish single storey extension and replace with two storey rear extension. Erection of single storey extension to front. Construction of garden room/ outbuilding. Creation of vehicular access.

Location: 8 Broomhall Cottages, Broomhall, Norton, Worcestershire, WR5 2NX

Comments: No objections

Planning Application 12/01710/HOU

Proposal: Single storey extension to rear and side

Location: 18 The Limes, Kempsey, WR5 3LG

Comments: No objections

13. Two nominations were received. A ballot will be conducted at the Extra Ordinary Meeting.
14. Proposals to seek alternative methods of distribution of Parish Council correspondence to parishioners i.e. Annual Newsletter. Councillors agreed before any decision could be reached they required some costings in respect of distribution costs. Cllr Campbell to provide some information to the Clerk. Further figures to be obtained for price comparison.
15. Confirmation of tender procedure to be followed in future. Councillors approved new procedures of this document.
16. It was agreed to form a working party to investigate possible sites for a new improved Community Centre. The Working Party members to include Cllr Stevens (Chairman), Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Patrick, Mr. Austin and Mr. Morris. Ideas to be formulated in the form of an action plan and to report/update Full council in six months time.

Meeting Closed 9.45pm

Sharon Baxter

Clerk

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. B Clarke – 96 Main Road

Expressed concerns regarding the flyer issued by Lioncourt Homes. The Chairman confirmed this was not a formal proposal and therefore there is nothing to consider at this stage.

Mr. Clarke questioned The Parish Council as to what response we would make. The Chairman confirmed

until we have the specific plan available we are unable to make any decisions or comment. However we would listen to people's concerns that would influence our decision.

Mr Clarke then questioned has MHDC got a chance of submitting the SWDP plan by 27/03/13? The Chairman advised it was his understanding they expect to submit on time.

Lyn Hartley – 35 The Limes

Very concerned in the way Lioncourt are conducting business and their reputation. She expressed concerns regarding timeframes and whether any application would be placed in the public domain. The Chairman confirmed the public would be consulted if/when an application has been received.

Mary Williams expressed concerns over the time available for the Parish Council and parishioners to submit planning comments. She emphasized the need for careful consideration on issues such as potential flooding.

Bill Armstrong – Main Road

Highlighted the premeditation of the developers following an erection of a hedge which can be identified on the flyer issued by the developers. District Cllr Harrison advised the hedge was planted 18 months ago.

Robin Austin – 54 The Limes

Highlighted that residents have a chance to voice their individual concerns at planning concerns and can submit online.

Joy Oram – High Tree Main Road

Should a formal application be submitted to seriously consider the excessive water run-off which could exacerbate the situation along the A38 and result in flooding issues.

Joy Clee – Brookend Lane

Requested the Parish Council take on board any increase in precept. The Parish Council had suggested a 13% increase which would equate to the same increase as state pension. Therefore pensioners would receive little benefit. She urged to please carefully consider.