

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF KEMPSEY**  
**PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014**  
**AT 7.30 PM. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** - Cllr Michael (Chairman), Cllr Stevens, Cllr Gerrard, Cllr Campbell, Cllr Patrick, Cllr Hart, Cllr Bowley, Cllr Bannister, Cllr Geens, Cllr Blackwell, Cllr Bevan & Cllr Hay

**IN ATTENDANCE:** - District Councillor Mr. Harrison and 5 member of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr Rea (MHDC Meeting) – accepted.  
County Councillor R Sutton (Personal) – received.
2. Declaration of Interests:
  1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests. Cllr Stevens confirmed that he had updated his register of interests and would declare if necessary under agenda item 11.3.
  2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI): None.
  3. Other Disclosable Interests (ODI): None
3. To Consider Written Requests from Councillors’ for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of The Localism Act 2011): None

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

4. Having been previously circulated, the minutes of Monday 9<sup>TH</sup> December, 2013 were signed as a true and correct record. Cllr Bowley highlighted there was no mechanism within the agenda to address matters arising from previous minutes. The Clerk confirmed this would be incorporated within the agenda in future.

**Action By**  
Clerk

5. Correspondence for Information: Noted as per list.  
Cllr Michael confirmed the dates of the meetings in respect of The Public Engagement Exercise for the A4440 Ketch junction.  
The posters from the Citizens Advice Bureau ,seeking volunteers, will be displayed on the Parish noticeboards and website.

Clerk

6. Reports from representatives: The following updates were received:  
6.1 Police Report

Due to time constraints The Parish Council will no longer receive monthly crime statistics from The Police. These can be obtained via the internet (crime mapper) or via NHW who receive crime alerts. Cllr Michael confirmed as he is a NHW coordinator he would forward any alerts to the Parish Office for crime statistics to be collated.

J Michael/  
Parish Office

Criminal damage to a vehicle in Napleton lane, Kempsey.  
Theft of pedal cycle from Ellsdon Rise.  
Theft of fuel from a stationary unattended vehicle over-night along Main Road.  
Attempt theft of a motor vehicle in the Limes, however offenders attempt to steal the vehicle failed.  
Theft of a catalytic converter in Windmill Lane.

There have been incidents of ASB in Church Street involving two youngsters in the village. Both have been interviewed and receiving early intervention by local team utilising the ASB unit. Martin and Sarah are continuing foot patrols, daily (operational commitments allowing) and varying the times, which has been well received by residents who have spoken to them. There has been a significant rise in catalytic converter theft, which has been a force wide issue.

Arrests have been made recently and enquiries on-going. Crime prevention initiatives are in the process of being planned over the coming months.

6.2 County Councillor: Mr. Harrison provided an update in the absence of Mr. Sutton

1. Consultation of Ketch roundabout A4440
2. Consultation of closure of Upton library
3. Bus Service Consultation – closes Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2014
4. Siding out work along A38 – in progress
5. Consultations are due to take place concerning the culvert at Kerswell Green

6.3 District Councillor : Report from Mr. Harrison

1. The appeal has been granted for The Lioncourt Development
2. A further application for 255 houses has been submitted.(St Modwen)
3. In some areas where planning permission has been applied for and a NDP is being developed, planning permission has been refused and gone to appeal by various councils as a result of conflict with NDP. A two page document has been produced which will be referred by Cllr. Harrison to Mr. Biddle.

Cllr Patrick expressed her disappointment to Cllr Harrison that some residents had not been notified of any revised refuse collection days over the Christmas period. She had reported this via The Hub but had not received a response until chased. Cllr Harrison confirmed he would refer this matter to Ivor Pumfrey.

Cllr Geens questioned Cllr Harrison as to why the refuse tip at Newlands Depot, Malvern limits times and permits for small commercial vehicles and trailers to dispose of domestic rubbish. Cllr Geens voiced his concerns that this could actually promote flytipping. Cllr Harrison confirmed this was a County Council matter where a WCC policy had been implemented.

Cllr Bannister reported flytipping along Broomhall Lane by Anstey Cheese Factory. Cllr Harrison agreed to resolve.

Cllr Blackwell referred to the bus service consultation highlighting that in Callow End public consultation had taken place, organized by Tom Wells. He questioned why Cllr Rea had not organised a similar meeting. Cllr Harrison confirmed that this was not within the remit of District Council. He suggested Tom Wells may have supported this event in his County Councillor capacity.

6.4 Neighbourhood Development Plan: Report from Mr.Biddle

Please see Neighbourhood plan – Step 2 Preparing Draft Plan of Order previously circulated.

*I am in the process of collating relevant documents in order that the updated situation in respect of the NHP can be placed on the Parish Councils website.*

*In addition it appears desirable to hold a public meeting in order to gain residents' opinion as to preferred facilities and location on parish needs. I intend to hold a NH Planning working party in order to progress this shortly.*

*A meeting was held just prior to Christmas between your chairman, Cllr Patrick, myself and Andy Faizey (strategic land director for Lioncourt Homes) in order to discuss the PCs views on various details in respect of their application which has now been approved under appeal.*

*(1) Proposed location of the bus stop on the A38, it is recommended that the PC formally requests a meeting with Highways department on site to discuss this. Request County Councillor to assist.*

*(2) Maintenance of open spaces. AF stated that Lioncourts present proposals were to have a management group made of residents of the new development and initially Lioncourt representation. Any purchaser of Lioncourt Homes will have a legal requirement to contribute to this on an ongoing basis.*

*This is a highly undesirable situation bearing in mind the PC policy is normally to undertake*

**Action By**

D Harrison

<p><i>maintenance of any usable public open spaces within the village.</i></p> <p><i>There is a grave danger that if Lioncourt proceeded with their proposals this would end up in a highly undesirable them and us situation with in particular the children's play area proposed being available only for Lioncourt residents. Even if this was not legally enforceable it is likely there will be friction particularly between the residents of the Limes and Lioncourt.</i></p>	<p><b>Action By</b></p>
<p>Cllr Bowley suggested a separate Parish Council meeting be organised for discussion/update on the NDP.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Chairman</p>
<p>Cllr Bowley emphasised that he had recently attended a meeting at MHDC, together with Mrs Cleo purely on a personal basis and not Parish Council business.</p>	
<p>7. Reports from Committees (Update Only)</p>	
<p>7.1 Recreation Committee: Cllr Campbell confirmed there was nothing to report.</p> <p>Following a meeting with Came &amp; Co it was agreed to write to the Sports Association to remind them of their legal obligations to check the football pitch prior to every match.</p> <p>Cllr Geens highlighted that the signs stating 'dogs on leads only at all times' have not yet been displayed at the entrances to the playing field at Plovers Rise. Cllr Campbell to review.</p>	<p>C.Campbell /ParishOffice C Campbell</p>
<p>7.2 Commons and Hams Committee: Cllr Bannister confirmed there was nothing to report.</p> <p>He provided an update on the display of the byelaw signs, which need to be proof read.</p> <p>Permission will also be needed to be obtained if using the MHDC logo.</p> <p>Under Standing Order 4(P) The Council agreed to accept the offer from Mrs.Georgetti to use the top soil and machinery to maintain the land on Normoor Common at a cost of £100.00</p> <p>Cllr Bowley confirmed a contractor had not been appointed to clear the culvert located at Ashmoor Common as the problem may have rectified itself but this needed checking.</p> <p>Authorisation for the gorse clearance at Kempsey Common has been actioned.</p>	<p>M Bannister</p>
<p>7.3 Community Centre: Cllr Geens reported :-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The distribution box has been moved from the nursery to the kitchenette corridor.</li> <li>2. The water stop tap has been installed by the water meter in the kitchenette corridor.</li> <li>3. A small set of step ladders have been purchased.</li> </ol> <p>He will look to improve the outside lighting surrounding the Community Centre building and car park.</p>	<p>T Geens</p>
<p>7.4 Environment Committee: Cllr Stevens</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Lengthman's Activities: - The leaves have been cleared, drains and grips cleared. The crab apples in Ellsdon cleared and the VAS sign maintained.</li> </ol> <p>Leader is keen to meet.</p> <p>Cllr Geens is carrying out the groundwork for the memorial bench for the late Mr. Bullock.</p> <p>Cllr Blackwell/Cllr Bowley questioned has there been any progress regarding the state of the footpath in the Rocky? Do we approach the Environment Agency and ask for the water levels to be managed differently? Cllr Stevens confirmed this matter would be discussed further at an Environment Committee</p>	<p>T Geens</p>
<p>7.5 Planning Committee: Cllr Patrick confirmed there were two large planning application to deal with St Modwen Developments Ltd and Linden Homes. Public Consultation would be made available for both.</p>	<p>M Stevens</p>
<p>7.6 Finance &amp; General Purposes: Please refer to item 11.3</p>	
<p>8. Chairman's Report: Cllr Michael</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Youth Centre – a meeting is to be arranged in the next fortnight. All representatives have now resigned.</li> <li>2. A response to the Fire Service review has been submitted online.</li> <li>3. Public Consultations have been arranged to discuss the A4440 Ketch roundabout</li> <li>4. An audit has been conducted on the Emergency Flood Food box and consideration should be given to donate food with a short shelf life date to a local food bank.</li> <li>5. Police crime statistics will no longer be provided. The Parish Council will receive Crime alerts as an alternate via a NHW coordinator.</li> <li>6. Request for ideas for the Annual Parish Meeting – Guest Speaker.</li> </ol>	

Cllr Patrick reported there was graffiti located inside the bus stop and in the telephone box located outside the Community Centre. This has not yet been reported to the police. Cllr Blackwell agreed to inspect the graffiti and try to remove before approaching the Duckworth Trust.

**Action By**  
K Blackwell

9. Planning Application: To consider planning applications for comment.

Application No: 13/01624/CPU

Proposal: Porch roof to drain to existing/new soakaway. Making good driveway/garden

Location: The Hollies, 1 Old Road South, Kempsey, WR5 3NB

Comments: No objections

Application No: 13/01617/OUT

Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved except for access, for a mixed development comprising residential development up to 255 dwellings, employment (B1) (b and c), B2 and/or B8, access, footpath, cycleways and highway infrastructure, pedestrian/cycle bridge over A4440, public open space, landscaping and associated development and drainage.

Location: Land north of Taylors Lane, south of and part north of A4440 Broomhall Way

Comments: Withdrawn awaiting plans to organise Public Consultation.

Application No: 13/01130/OUT

Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved (except for access) for the development of up to 80 dwellings, formation of open space, formation of vehicular access and associated engineering works.

Location: Bight Farm, 31 Main Road, Kempsey, Worcestershire, WR5 3NF

Comments: Kempsey Parish Council strongly object to this amended application for roundabout access to this development. Kempsey Parish Council continue to believe that this roundabout is both unnecessary and unwanted.

Application No: 14/00007/HOU

Proposal: Proposed conservatory to rear elevation

Location: 4 Brookend Lane, Kempsey, Worcestershire, WR5 3LA

Comments: Withdrawn from this meeting

10. Finance and General Purposes:

1. Cllr Stevens confirmed arrangements for Chairmanship Training on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7pm. He requested interested members to inform him if they were able to attend by the end of this Parish Council meeting.

M Stevens

11. Finance

1. Payments were authorized for payment as per schedule distributed.
2. Bank Reconciliation Statement Balance – For Information
3. The budget was approved for 2014/15 and a precept was agreed by a majority for £78392.00

Meeting Closed 9.10 pm

Sharon Baxter

Clerk

Signed ..... Chairman ..... Date

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

### **Mr T Ward – Post Office Lane**

Confirmed the next PACT Meeting was due to take place at 12.30pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014 at the Community Centre.

He also referred to the artists impression in the Berrows Journal of the new A38 roundabout and the impact this would have on the traffic flowing down the side roads in Kempsey. What can be done to mitigate this before it becomes a real serious problem?

The Chairman highlighted that various consultations were due to take place this week at St.Peters.

Mr Ward confirmed he was aware of this and added the more support given the better.

### **Mr N Stevens – Darwin Close**

Would like on update on the Bight Farm Development (80 homes) and also The Southwest Kempsey Development - Linden Homes Development (110 homes).

Referring to the Bight Farm Development there had been a number of objections concerning t the proposed roundabout. The developers have submitted revised plans which still include a roundabout on the revised plans. Why is the roundabout still on the plans? Is the Parish Council going to object again? Is it worth objecting again on an individual basis or will this be ignored by the developers? When is the planning decision likely to be made?

Cllr Patrick made the following response: - Yes, there have been amendments to the plans for the roundabout. We strongly object to these again. We haven't heard about the next stage from MHDC. Further enquiries will be made.

In respect of Linden Homes we are still awaiting for hard copy plans from MHDC and then a Public Consultation will be organised.

Cllr Michael advised that both developers (Bight Farm) and (Linden Homes) need to establish and agree on one access feed point onto A38.

Standing Orders were reimposed