

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
ON MONDAY, 11th MARCH 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 Bannister, Cllr Geens, Cllr Blackwell & Cllr Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE: - Clerk, District Councillor Mr. Harrison and 13 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr Rea (Personal) and Cllr Hay (Work) – Accepted.
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 Patrick declared an interest in correspondence item 1. As a Craft Club organiser. Cllr Martin declared an interest on Kempsey Common and Ashmoor Common holding commons rights. Cllr Campbell declared an interest in respect of payment for the website as she is a Director of the company.
3. To Consider Written Requests from Councillors' for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011): None
4. As a mark of respect a minutes silence was held for the late County Councillor Mr. Bullock.

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

5. Having been previously circulated the minutes of Monday 11th February 2013 were signed as a true and correct record. An amendment was made to item 7.4 1. This should state Mr. Lewis -Farley.
6. Correspondence: Noted as per list.

Replies are to be issued to the Craft Club and Camera Club concerning increase in rental costs, which are to remain at £10 per hour.

The Council agreed that permission was not required in respect of the Worcestershire Villages Historic Environment Resource Assessment.

The complaint from Mrs. Chown concerning dog fouling has been addressed. Evidence needs to be obtained and submitted to Malvern Hills District Council.

A response is to be submitted to Seeking Views on Innovative Local Policing Plans by the deadline of 31st March 2013 confirming that whilst we do not wish to see a reduction in police stations we are happy that both Upton and Malvern police stations are being retained.
7. Reports from representatives:
 - 7.1 Police Report – Crime Statistics for February 2013
 - ASB – 0
 - Assault – 2 (domestic related and youth related)
 - Burglary - 0
 - Criminal Damage – 0
 - Theft – 1 (Civil Dispute)
 - Vehicle Crime – 0
 - RTC – 1 (A38 towards Ketch Island)
 - 7.2 County Councillor's Report: - Not available

7.3 District Councillor's Reports: -

Mr. Harrison reiterated comments about the marvellous work that County Councillor Mr. Bullock had carried out over the years in serving the community.

He congratulated Mr. Rea on his marriage on Saturday 9th March 2013.

He provided an update on wheelie bins which are due to be delivered in April 2013 along with an information pack. There is opportunity to change the size of the bin receptacle and address any concerns via contacting Malvern Hills District Council.

Dog Fouling – This is the responsibility of the Dog Warden to prosecute. The problem has to be identified and the culprits caught in the act.

SWDP – Suggested this may be the right time to approach the developers and to establish with parishioners what they would like.

8. Reports from Committees:

- 8.1 Recreation Committee: Cllr Campbell gave a report from the Youth Centre. The tree line work is now complete. Tennis Court 3 opening times have been published on the website and are due to be displayed at the court.
- 8.2 Commons and Hams Committee: Cllr Bannister confirmed byelaw signs need to be obtained and displayed. He commented that we may receive an enforcement notice in respect of Ashmoor Common for ditch work clearance.
- 8.3 Community Centre: Cllr Michael advised that costs had been obtained for replacing the Hair Gallery floor, following a visual inspection from the contractor. The Chairman made a proposal to delegate authority to the Clerk (together with 3/4 Councillors) to obtain an additional quote. This vote was defeated. A further proposal was presented to accept the existing quotation of (£1750 repair work plus £1960 for new laminate floor). This motion was carried. The contractor appointed is Steve Jarvis Building & Renovations. It was agreed to place the item of the suspended ceiling on the April agenda after getting more information regarding what is included in the quotes.
- 8.4 Environment Committee:
 1. Update on Rocky - Cllr Stevens confirmed issues concerning the hold-up of the bridge work had now been addressed. Both claims submitted to Leader had now been paid. The habitat survey had been conducted confirming there were no water voles or otters. Wade Muggleton had offered advice concerning planting and maintenance improvements works. A Working Party is meeting on Sunday 31st March 2013 at 10am at the Rocky to carry out some tree clearance work.
 2. Update on Lengthsman's activities – Mr. Clarke has been busy cutting back overgrown vegetation along the Main Road and tidying up the grass areas throughout the village. He continues to move the VA Sign from one location to another. He has also approached the owners of Eastern Lodge to request that they cut their beech hedge and has also approached the owners at Mill House concerning a barbed wire fence.
- 8.5 Planning Committee : Nothing to report
- 8.6 F & G P Committee: Nothing to report

9. Chairman's Report: Cllr Bowley reported on

1. The late County Councillor Mr. Bullock in that the Parish Council greatly appreciated his help and commitment in serving the village over the many years. The Church Service is to be held at St. Mary's Church, Kempsey on Thursday 14th March 2013 at 2pm. . The Council agreed to make a donation of £20.00 to Mr. Bullock's Charity – The British Heart Foundation.
2. Requested that all Committees submit a report of the years activities for inclusion in the Annual Newsletter.

10. Commons & Hams Committee:

1. The Parish Council agreed to purchase 6 Hereford Cross cows for the purpose of managing Ashmoor Common subject to a suitable contract being agreed, outlining the management process.
2. Agenda items 10.1 and 10.2 were voted for together.
3. Cllr Martin had managed to acquire a free kissing gate which he had kindly agreed to install free of

charge at Kempsey Common next to the allotment top gate. The Council voted to accept his offer.

11. Community Centre Committee:

1. The motion to purchase 10 chairs in the same colour and style as previously purchased was deferred until the April agenda.

12. Environment Committee:

1. The Council agreed to accept the proposal (with the removal of the last sentence concerning the payment process) to instruct a contractor to proceed with the installation of the new bridge across the brook at an increased cost of £750 (to be met by Kempsey Parish Council) which includes the additional work necessary to meet the requirements of the Environment Agency and Tree Officer. The contractor appointed is Wild Contracts.
2. The Council agreed that we should pursue contact with the Electricity Board Contractors for removing trees in the Rocky that interfere with power lines.

13. Cllr Michael is in the process of updating an itinerary of emergency flood equipment.

A meeting with the Flood Alleviation Officer is scheduled for the 25th March 2013 where the flood action plan document will be formalised.

14. Update on Neighbourhood Development Plan: Mr. Biddle confirmed that a formal letter under legislation has been submitted to the Planning Department to request Designation of the Area. He had recently attended a meeting at Abberley concerning the Localism Act which emphasized Parishes can undertake minor responsibilities currently carried out at a District level and if parishes so wished they could also take over the responsibility of maintenance of Open Spaces. It was confirmed by the District Council that Parishes would be eligible for a commuted maintenance payment from a developer which would need to be included within a section 106 agreement. The Parish Council would need to request the District Council for this provision to be included in the negotiation period before development takes place. Ultimately the Community Infrastructure Levy (C.I.L) could be used for this purpose once implemented.

15. Finance:

- 15.1 The payments as per schedule were authorized.
- 15.2 Bank Reconciliation Statement Balance – For Information.

16. Cllr Geens was appointed onto The Planning Committee and Commons & Hams Committee.

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

Planning Application No: 13/00209/FUL

Proposal: Construction of single storey extension to existing car showroom

Location: St Peters Peugeot, Bath Road, Broomhall, Worcestershire. WR5 3HR

Comments: No Objections

18. The Council agreed to delegate power to the Clerk to appoint a leaflet distribution company to distribute The Annual Newsletter up to the cost of £250 .

19. Cllr Stevens confirmed The Parish Council will be kept informed of the progress made with the production of a logo.

20. Resubmission request from Mr. N Butlin to grant permission to create a graveled access across Kerswell Green Common to garage. Due to time constraints this item was deferred until the next meeting.

21 Motion to adopt the Communications Policy & Complaints procedure (with amendments)
Due to time constraints this item was deferred until the next meeting.

22. Motion to approve Terms of Reference governing the operation of the NDP Working Party in preparation of the Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan. Due to time constraints this item was deferred until the next meeting.

Meeting Closed 10.10pm
Sharon Baxter
Clerk

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Peter Cresswell – Broomhall Cottages

Expressed concerns that the 'green' gap behind Broomhall Cottages has disappeared. What can be done about this? The Chairman confirmed all drawings are ideas only at this stage. Details are to be sorted between the Developer and District Council.

John Michael confirmed once any plans have been obtained representation can be made. We can act on behalf of residents however residents also need to make their own representations.

Hannah Scape – Broomhall Cottages

Norton Juxta Kempsey had held many meetings and had managed to maintain a significant gap. She felt residents were not being represented in the correct way. Kempsey could have had some input into these meetings. Mr. Bowley suggested the residents collectively write to the Council.

Broomhall Cottage Residents felt they suffered from lack of information received. A request for a noticeboard to be installed was made.

Terry Ward – Post Office Lane

Advised there was litter pick due to take place on Sunday 17th March 2013.

Please offer your support.

Mike Biddle - Brookside

We have now reached the stage that it is time to speak to Wellbeck, to discuss detailed proposals.

There is the possible opportunity to obtain money from Wellbeck and the Planners.

Pat Whitehead – 21 The Limes

County Councillor Mr. Bullock will be sadly missed by parishioners. He did his very best for Kempsey and the outlying hamlets and his work was really appreciated.

Roy Clarke – Oakfield Close

Is helping to co-ordinate the funeral arrangements for Mr. Bullock.

Neville Brookes – Hillside

Paid tribute to Mr. Bullock advising he will be sadly missed.

A planning application is expected for 3. Hillside can we please consider carefully especially with the problems concerning parking.

He felt £250 for distributing leaflets was a waste of money in the current climate and felt it was an ideal opportunity for councilors to engage with parishioners.

Trevor Geens – Squires Close

Expressed that there was no opportunity for parishioners to offer feedback in respect of the proposed future recycling collection arrangements.