

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF KEMPSEY
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2014
AT 7.30 PM. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

IN ATTENDANCE: - County Councillor Mr R Sutton, District Councillor Mr. Harrison and 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr Rea (Holiday), Cllr Bannister (Work) and Cllr Hart (Personal) - 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): 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
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4. To consider the adoption of the minutes of Monday 10TH February 2014. Having been previously circulated the minutes were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Correspondence for Information: Noted as per agenda list.
6. Reports from representatives: The following updates were received:
 - 6.1 Crime Statistics: The following information was extracted from the WCC website:-
 - Burglary 2
 - Criminal Damage 1
 - Vehicle Crime 4
 - Total Crime 7
 - 6.2 County Councillor: The report was noted.
 - 6.3 District Councillors: The reports were noted.
 - 6.4 Neighbourhood Development Plan: The report was noted.
7. Reports from Committees (Update Only)
 - 7.1 Recreation Committee: Cllr Campbell
 - Advised that the playing field at Plovers Rise had suffered flooding and the football club were pumping off the water from the field.
 - Two pieces of play equipment had been affected by flooded water.
 - A letter had been issued to the Sports Association to remind them to paint the storage containers. This issue will be addressed at a KSA meeting on 18th March 2014.
 - 7.2 Commons and Hams Committee: Cllr Bowley
 - The ground conditions at present on Ashmoor Common are not suitable to proceed with the purchase and placement of any new cattle.
 - With reference to the residents at Stonehall Common the Committee is awaiting further information.
 - 7.3 Community Centre: Cllr Geens
 - New signage has been sourced and fitted to the plant tubs. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Gerrard and Cllr Bevan.
 - To comply with Fire Safety Regulations and Insurance purposes new locks had been fitted to both the front and rear doors of the Community Centre.
 - 7.4 Environment Committee: Cllr Stevens – Nothing to report.
 - 7.5 Planning Committee: Cllr Patrick – Nothing to report.
 - 7.6 Finance & General Purposes Committee: Cllr Michael – Nothing to report

Action By

8. Recreation Committee: Cllr Campbell

1. The Council resolved to accept a quote for the installation of 13 emergency lights and key switches at the Pavilion at Plovers Rise Playing Field from HTE Solutions Ltd at a cost of £715
2. The Council resolved to carry over £300 for the installation of replacement door locks or doors with push bars for the Pavilion at Plovers Rise Playing Field to next financial year 2014/15.
3. The Council resolved to carry over £1000 for fencing maintenance of the Plovers Rise Playing Field to next financial year 2014/15.
4. The Council resolved to carry over £1500 for new play equipment to next financial year 2014/15.

9. Commons & Hams Committee: Cllr Bowley

1. Recommended as noted. A Commons Council will not be formed at this time. The Committee would like to remind the Council that it does not have a duty to create a Commons Council; however, in accordance with the rules and governance of a Commons Council, any person who wishes to form such a body can do so at their own volition.
2. The Committee had investigated issues in respect of stock on Kempsey Common and in its opinion had found nothing that contravened the Commons Act 2006. Therefore, The Committee recommended to Council that no further action should be taken at this time. This was voted with 5 members agreeing and 5 members voting against. The Chairman used his casting vote to vote against this item. As a result this agenda item was not carried. It was agreed to refer back to the Commons & Hams Committee requesting that further details/evidence be provided.
3. Recommended as noted. To address the issue of motor vehicles on commonable areas by rewording the bi-annual letter to a revised format and issuing from a bi-annual to annual basis.
4. To approve the engagement of a consultant to develop a management program for Ashmoor Common and seek subsequent approval from Natural England- Item Withdrawn subject to figures and a list of consultants be provided.
5. Recommended as noted – The Commons & Hams Committee MTFP FY 15/16 & FY 16/17 as detailed below:

Commons & Hams Committee	FY 2015/16	FY 2016/17
Ashmoor Common Maintenance	2,800	2,800
Kempsey Common General Maintenance	1,000	1,000
Kempsey Common Scrub/Gorse Clearance	2,000	2,000
Kerswell Green Topping	50	50
Normoor Common Trees/Clearance	250	250
Stonehall Commons Topping	500	500
Ditching Works - All Commons	1,000	1,000
Gates, Locks & Notices	250	250
SUB TOTAL	7,850	7,850

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Community Centre Committee: Cllr Geens

1. The Council resolved to carry over of £5000 in the Community Centre budget to 2014/15 to supply and fix new flat roofs to Parish Office and brick store.
 2. The Council resolved to accept a quotation for improvements to exterior lighting at The Community Centre at a cost of £788.40 from AJ Taylor Ltd.
 3. The Council resolved to accept a quotation for 'driveway safety signs' and 'Private Property' signs supplied from City Signs at a cost of £58.00.
 4. Cllr Harrison kindly offered to loan his submersible pump to carry out a trial removal of water from the cellar (free of charge). Cllr Hay also offered to loan the same.
 5. Resolution – The Council agreed to employ J P Ross - Arboriculture Consultants to assess the condition and safety of the trees in the Rocky woods at a cost of £350. This money is to be offset against the Environment Committee Budget 2014/15.
11. Chairman's Report: Cllr Michael
1. It was confirmed The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 19th May 2014 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre.
 2. Please submit suggestions for a Guest Speaker to the Chairman for consideration as soon as possible.
 3. Version 5 of The Emergency Plan has now been updated and is available to view on the website.

12. Finance:

1. All invoices listed on the payment schedules distributed were authorized for payments. Cllr Bowley requested to see correspondence relating to MFG Solicitors in the Parish Office. The Chairman confirmed he would seek further advice on this matter from the solicitor. Cllr Bowley to confirm the name of the attendee at the CALC Chairmanship training to enable a recharge invoice to be calculated.
2. Bank Reconciliation Statement Balance – For Information.

Action By

Cllr
Michael
Cllr
Bowley

13. Cllr Michael presented a Youth Centre Update. (Correspondence had been previously circulated). Some advice had been obtained from the Charity Commissioner. It was agreed to arrange an Extra Ordinary Meeting (within next two weeks) to discuss proposals for the Youth Centre.

Cllr
Michael

14. All Councillors were reminded of the need to comply fully with the Councils formal Communication Policy particularly the requirement for Council approval to officially represent the Council, negotiate and make statements on its behalf.

15. The Council resolved to authorise the following works:-

1. Installation of two gates and culverts on Stonehall Common to enable movement of maintenance machinery on to the Common at a cost of £1011 (plus an additional £10-£15 miscellaneous expenditure if necessary). The contractor appointed was Richard Barnes.
2. Re-establishment of anti-trespass measures on Normoor Common together with improvement to drainage at a cost of £680 (plus an additional £10-£15 miscellaneous expenditure if required). The contractor appointed was Roger Allard.

16. The Council agreed to make the following response to The Polling Station Consultation ‘To continue using The Parish Hall as per existing arrangements with a caveat should the Parish Hall ever be demolished another suitable location would be identified.’

Meeting Closed 9.53pm
Sharon Baxter
Clerk

Signed Chairman Date

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Brian Clarke – Chairman FLAG

Confirmed he is arranging a meeting on 18th March 2014 with a small group of local residents to review the situation concerning the recent floods. Mr Clarke requested an update of the Emergency Flood arrangements to feed back at a meeting arranged with The Environment Agency on the 25th March 2014. The Chairman confirmed this is under review and progressing.

On behalf of FLAG Mr Clarke thanked the Parish Council and The Environment Agency for their efforts and goodwill in keeping residents safe and dry.

Tony Goodway – Kerswell Green

Thanked The Parish Council for the prompt action in clearing the ditches in Kerswell Green. The Chairman expressed his appreciation to Cllr Bowley and Tony Goodway for their efforts. Mr Goodway queried the electricity cables and raised concerns with the trees interfering with the power. The Chairman confirmed he should direct this query directly to Western Power Distribution being their responsibility.

Cllr Bowley requested if Mr Goodway could prepare a list of what jobs/work that needs attending to on the Commons.

Peter Scurrall – Elgar Drive

Expressed his view concerning the David Wilson Exhibition in that he felt this development was wrong for the village. What can residents and the Parish Council do so that developers do not proceed? He felt this particular application should receive special treatment.

It was confirmed that until a formal application has been submitted to the Parish Council no response would be submitted. David Wilson held the exhibition to gather comments and gauge feedback to use in the application process prior to submission.

Neil Stevens – Darwin Close

Disagreed with Mr Scurrall. David Wilson Development did not deserve any special treatment as it was no greater threat than any other development within the village.

He expressed concerns with the Linden Homes development regarding access and stated that developers should come up with an overall plan for the whole of the site.

Ken Blackwell – The Oaks

Requested when Mr Clarke (FLAG Chairman) meet with the Environment Agency if he could relay the problems caused by the water levels to the footpath in The Rocky, as all the gravel in the dips has been washed out.

Mr Clarke confirmed this had already been reported to Sarah Blenkin but he would raise the issue again.

Trevor Geens also asked if Mr Clarke could address a problem affecting the residents in Squires Close since the pumps at the penstock have been operating residents are suffering erosion in their gardens caused from the brook.

Cllr Bowley stated perhaps we should remind the Environment Agency of our initial concerns regarding the water levels of Hatfield Brook and the impact, reported over 18 months ago.

Mike Biddle – NDP Chairman

Can you please update on the coalition between MHDC political parties?

Cllr Harrison confirmed this was concerning a pay rise approved by the Conservatives/Liberals.

David Harrison – Brookend Lane

Expressed his thanks and appreciation for the installation of the outside tap to enable the plant tubs to be watered to Cllr Geens/Bevan..

Standing Orders were reimposed