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MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING OF
KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, 14th OCTOBER 2013
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 Rea, Cllr Bannister (arrived 7.50pm), Cllr Geens, Cllr Blackwell & Cllr Bevan

IN ATTENDANCE: - Clerk, District Councillor Mr. Harrison and 15 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Cllr Hay (Personal) – Accepted. Apologies received from County Councillor Mr Sutton (Holiday)
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): Cllrs Rea, Stevens and Bannister declared an ODI on agenda item 13.2 Budget Monitoring due to residing on The Limes.
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 The Parish Council meeting of Monday 9th September 2013 were signed as a true and correct record. Under Confidential Session it was agreed to include “The Staffing Committee will re-examine the contract of employment for both employees and bring them up to date with new models before the next review date”.
5. Correspondence for Information: Noted as per list
6. 6.1 Police Report – Crime figures for September 2013
ASB 1 incidents. Concerns by resident that youths are congregating by her newly built wall.
Burglary - 1 incident reported (non dwelling) at Bestman's lane, whereby tools have been taken from property.
Criminal Damage -2. Solar lights ripped from a tree and thrown across the garden of a property in Squires Walk area. Another incident of criminal damage in Kings Hill.
Theft-1. Theft of a mobile phone from car boot at Ketch.
Vehicle crime- Theft of a catalytic converter 05/09/13 in Napleton lane area. Theft tools from vehicle in Green Street.
- 6.2 County Councillor: No report available.
- 6.3 District Councillor: Mr. Rea
 - 1.Phase one of the SWDP examination in public took place earlier this month. The inspector has indicated that he wants to write back to MHDC by the end of October with his initial thoughts on phase one. We await his response
 2. The Lioncourt Homes planning application for 120 dwellings at the land North of The Limes was heard by the Northern Area Development Management Committee on the 2nd October, subsequently the committee voted to approve the planning application.

District Councillor: Mr. Harrison – Nothing to report

- 6.4 Neighbourhood Development Plan Update: Report from Mike Biddle

I would like to draw the councillors' attention to the assets of community value document which came in to force in 2012. The right gives eligible groups the opportunity to identify and nominate assets that are of value to the local community and gives them a fair chance to make a bid to buy them on the open market if the owner decides to sell.

A community could use this right to buy a local asset like a village shop, community centre, library, children's centre, allotment or pub. The right covers private as well as public.

Malvern Hills District Council are required to keep a list of assets of community value in the district and also a list of assets nominated unsuccessfully.

Requests to include assets can be made by any parish or town council.

Nomination forms for the above can be obtained from MHDC

It may be desirable to include some buildings or land as part of the neighbour plan process which could be identified as the neighbourhood plan progresses.

MHDC have sent me what appears to be a simplified version of the Neighbourhood planning procedure which I am now using as a basis for progressing the N.P. I have copied this to the Chairman, vice chairman and chairman of planning via the Clerk.

Following the above procedure it would appear we have reached step 2 and therefore I propose to start to prepare proposal documents.

7. Reports from Committees: (Update Only):

7.1 Recreation Committee: Cllr Campbell

1. Work on the drive (Plovers Rise – playing Fields) is to commence on 21/10/13- access to field restricted for 2-3 days
2. Youth Club Relaunch – 11 children showed interest.
3. Fields in Trust – Helps to protect Open Spaces – Committee to investigate further

7.2 Commons and Hams Committee: Cllr Bannister

1. Cattle are due to be TB tested
2. Second pond has been restored at Stonehall Common
3. There is a Commons & Hams Committee meeting on 16th October 2013 at 7.45pm
Mr Harrison questioned when the cattle were due to be TB tested? Cllr Bannister confirmed tomorrow. Mr Harrison also questioned when repairs to the broken pipe at Ashmoor Common are to be addressed? When is the gorse cutting to take place?

7.3 Community Centre: Cllr Geens

1. The car park had been remarked and the yellow line hatching carried out.
2. The nursery mini- bus now has its own dedicated parking space due to the paving slabs being installed and parking has improved in general.
3. Investigating separate electricity metering for each tenant to have own meters which they would then be responsible for paying their own bills.

7.4 Environment Committee: Cllr Stevens

1. The Lengthsman has cut and cleared grips at various locations throughout the village. He has attended to the VAS sign, spoken to a few householders requesting hedges to be cut and carried out clearance work to the alleyways.
2. Leader has withheld 15% of the funding due to installation of the benches and planting work/ habitat improvements awaiting completion..
3. Cllr Stevens has contacted the local primary school regarding helping with the bulb planting.

7.5 Planning Committee: Cllr Patrick

1. The Planning Committee has now trialled electronic display of planning application documents downloaded from the MHDC website – expressing difficulty in viewing

documents.

2. Two Public Exhibitions had been held for the Bight Farm Planning Application – disappointed with the response.

7.6 F&GP Committee: Cllr Michael

1. Committees should start to prepare their budgets for FY2014/15

8. Chairman's Report: Cllr Michael

1. Cllr Patrick made representation on behalf of the Parish Council to strongly object, to the Lioncourt Homes Planning Application, at a recent Northern Area Committee Meeting where approval was granted.
2. Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Community Risk Management Consultation 2013 – A request was made to urge parishioners to have their say and complete the questionnaire.
3. Request from Mr Rookes for the Chairman & Planning Committee Chairman to meet the residents at Baynall and discuss concerns with planning applications 13/01227 and 13/01228.
4. Reminder to Councillors to donate money towards the cost of purchasing The Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Sunday

9. Cllr Bevan was formally appointed onto Commons & Hams and Planning Committees.

10. The Council resolved to for the Chairman to obtain an updated list of Trustees (with help from David Harrison) and then to write to Trustees to drive the situation of the Youth Centre forward.

11. Commons & Hams Committee

1. The Council resolved to delegate authority to the Commons & Hams Committee to decide on the disposal/sale of the cattle we own which currently graze on Ashmoor Common.

12. Environment Committee

- 1&2. The Council resolved to delegate authority to the Environment Committee to seek quotations and purchase welcome signs, spring bulbs and wildlife improvements (bird boxes) for The Rocky – As defined by the Leader Funding.

13. Finance:

1. Payments were authorized for payment as per schedule distributed.
2. Bank Reconciliation Statement Balance – For Information.
3. Budget Monitoring - 2nd Quarter- For Information

14. The Council resolved to rescind ICICI Bank Account and invest monies with Close Brothers as stated at Agenda Item 15.

15. The Council resolved to invest the £70k previously placed with Santander to be immediately reinvested in the new One Year Business Notice Account earning interest at 2.5% with Close Brothers.

16. The Council approved £70K (agenda 15.) as earmarked monies for Community Centre Development Fund 2

17. The Council had previously agreed (9th September 2013) costs for the upkeep of the churchyard and will consider donations towards the magazine at the November F&GP Committee Budget meeting.

18. The Council resolved to refer the working practices of the Parish Office to the F&GP Committee and to report to in January 2014

19. Computer Use Policy – Item withdrawn.

20. The Council agreed the provision of a wireless access point in room 1 and approved the purchase, up to the value of £150 of Power line Adapter/Wireless Access Point and 8 port Network Switch

21. The Council resolved to replace the office telephone with a dual handset and answer machine

facility up to the value of £100.

22. Amendments to Standing Orders – Item withdrawn.

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

Planning 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, WR5 3NF

Comments: The Council resolved to delegate powers of authority to the Planning Committee to submit a response to MHDC.

Planning Application No: 13/01029/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of existing Stable/Coach House into a self-contained two bedroom apartment. Replace timbers on roof, re-slate using existing slates. Existing covered store to the rear to be incorporated into the building.

Location: Manor House, 32 Old Road North, Kempsey, WR5 3JZ

Comments: No Objections

Planning Application No: 13/01030/LBC

Proposal: Conversion of existing Stable/Coach House into a self-contained two bedroom apartment. Replace timbers on roof, re-slate using existing slates. Existing covered store to the rear to be incorporated into the building.

Location: Manor House, 32 Old Road North, Kempsey, WR5 3JZ

Comments: No Objections

Planning Application No: 13/01226/HOU

Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey garage and replacement with two storey double garage

Location: 84 Main Road, Kempsey, WR5 3JY

Comments: No objections but with concerns about the proximity of 4 mature trees in the garden next door.

24. The Council resolved that the arrangement to cancel 2 hours per week from the Clerk's contractual hours for studying her CILCA qualification as this has now been obtained.

Meeting Closed 9.50 pm

Sharon Baxter

Clerk

Signed Chairman Date

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Peter Cresswell – Broomhall

Questioned what was the situation regarding the noticeboard for Broomhall?

Cllr Blackwell advised the company had moved and we were experiencing difficulty in obtaining this. However, Trading Standards had now intervened.

Joy Clee – Brookend Lane

Emphasised the importance of CALC Networking and stressed her disappointment that there was no representation from Kempsey at the Parish Conference.

Cllr Geens confirmed that both he and Cllr Gerrard had volunteered to attend Malvern Hills Area Meeting on 22nd October 2013

Mrs Clee also stressed concerns about staff costs and delivery of services i.e. no newsletter and Parish Office not open on Tuesdays.

The Chairman reiterated Parish office opening hours are being looked at and no person is ever turned away.

Terry Ward – Post Office Lane

There is a PACT meeting tomorrow at 7.00PM and he looks forward to good representation from the Parish Council.

William Halford – Common Farm

Raised concerns with the control of horses on Kempsey Common now that we are approaching the winter again. Cllr Bannister offered advice obtained from DEFRA concerning turn out rights and supplementary feeding.

Trevor Geens – Squires Close

Referred to the unsightly 30MPH road marker boards approaching Severn Stoke and questioned are we likely to have these measures installed in Kempsey. District Councillor Mr Harrison confirmed this is a matter for County Council, but it was highly unlikely that these would be installed in Kempsey.

Neil Stevens - Darwin Close

Commented on the Bight Farm planning application in that he strongly objected due to traffic calming measures, noise, pollution, visibility and safety issues and the development will change the whole character of the village.

Ken Blackwell – The Oaks

Also expressed concerns with sewerage concerns, as a result of the Bight Farm development.

Neville Brookes – Hillside

Expressed major concerns as a member of the Fire Service in that cutback to save £4.7 m is due to be saved. The proposal being that Worcester is to remove one fire engine that serves Kempsey. He encouraged people to complete the HWFR – Community Risk Management Plan Consultation 2013 questionnaire to have their say.

Mr Brookes also referred to the removal of the kissing gates and there didn't seem to be any consistency as the one located on the Main Road was still insitu. The Chairman confirmed work was in progress by County Council.

John Baker – 150 Main Road

New resident to The Village and asked who was responsible for the upkeep of the pathways?

This was confirmed to be the Lengthsman.

David Harrison – Brookend Lane

Mr Harrison questioned when the cattle were due to be TB tested? Cllr Bannister confirmed tomorrow. Mr Harrison also questioned when repairs to the broken pipe at Ashmoor Common are to be addressed? When is the gorse cutting to take place? Cllr Bannister confirmed these items are to be addressed at the Commons & Hams Committee on Wednesday 16th October 2013 at 7.45pm. There are weeds on the old footpath across the Rocky that require inspection.

Standing Orders were reimposed.