

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 2010 AT 7.30 p.m. AT
KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: - Mr. T. Ward, (in the Chair)

Ms M. Baker; Mrs. C. Campbell; Mrs. P. Gerrard ; Mr. D. Harrison; Mr. N Brookes;
Mrs. H. Willcox; Mrs Biddle; Mr. J. Michael and Mr. K.Blackwell

IN ATTENDANCE: - District Councillor Mrs. M Walters.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: County Councillor Mr. R Bullock and District Councillor Mr. Biddle (received). Cllrs Mrs. A Hart, Mrs. J Jones and Mr. M Legg (accepted).

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

As someone holding registered grazing rights in respect of all commonable areas other than Kerswell Green Common, Mr. Harrison declared a personal interest in respect of the Commons and Hams Committee Report at Agenda Item 7.1 and 8.4. Ms. Baker and Mrs. Gerard declared an interest in item 9.1 in relation to payment due to them.

3. POLICE REPORT

Concerns were highlighted regarding scrap metal collections and the increase of vans attending the area. Two reports of criminal damage to Neighborhood Watch Signs in the village were reported. A successful Halloween and Fireworks Evening with no reports of anti- social behaviour.

4. OPEN FORUM

It was proposed by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Ms.Baker and resolved that Standing Orders be suspended for the Open Forum. At the end of the Open Forum the Chairman re-imposed Standing Orders.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 11th October 2010 had been previously circulated to the members. On the proposal of Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Gerrard the Minutes were then confirmed by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman.

6. PREVIOUS MINUTES – RECOMMENDATIONS AND UP-DATES - None

7. COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES:

- 7.1 Commons & Hams Committee
- 7.2 Environment Committee
- 7.3 Recreation Committee
- 7.4 Community Centre Committee
- 7.5 Finance & General Purposes Committee

Following Budget Consultation Meetings with each of the above Committees, the minutes (7.1 -7.5 inclusive) were proposed and seconded and then signed by the Chairman.

8. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

8.1 County Council Report - No report available

8.2 District Council Report – Following on from a query raised by Mr. Brookes, Mrs. Walters commented on Section 106 monies, who advised that Duncan Rudge would be more than happy to discuss with the Parish Council how 106 monies are distributed. Mr. Brookes confirmed that he did not require a discussion but would like a definitive list of 106 monies available.

Mrs. Walters commented on the South Worcestershire Development Plan and forthcoming meetings for parish council members to attend, the next one being at Wychavon Offices in Pershore.

On behalf of the residents at Old Road North, Ms Baker expressed disappointment with works to be carried out to the pavements extended to only 140 yards and not to the whole of Old Road North. Mrs. Walters advised she would need to refer this issue to Mr. Bullock.

8.3 Environment Committee – Mr. Blackwell advised:

1. The Rocky had now been strimmed and cleared.
2. Works are still outstanding for the repairs to the seat and bridge.
3. Litter Bins – As a step towards improving the capacity of the litter bins in the village, estimates are to be obtained for a large rectangular bin to replace the present bin adjacent to the village shop, utilizing the existing bin elsewhere within the village.

8.4 Commons and Hams – Works carried out to the roof of the pavilion are now complete. Action is required for Users to improve the inside of the Sports Pavillion.

(a) Quotation– Drainage Works on Kerswell Green – Three quotations were received. It was proposed by Mr. Michael that for best value to accept the quotation for works from Ardvark at a cost of £2260.00. This was seconded by Mr. Blackwell with all in favour to accept.

(b) Ditching Works at Normoor Common – The programme of improvements to the Commons has continued, with the completion of works to improve drainage (Phase 1).

(c) Fencing Works at Kempsey Common – Arrangements are being made to renew approximately 180 metres of fencing between Kempsey Common and the allotments, the clearance and remedial works to be done from the common side of the boundary to avoid damage to seeded areas. Mr. Harrison would like to propose under a delegated decision providing the quotation did not exceed the cost of £1017.00, for works to proceed, or if they did, to re-quote and place this item on the December Agenda for further discussion.

(d) Thistle Clearance at Ashmoor Common – The maintenance of Ashmoor Common is covered by a 10 year funding arrangement through Natural England; this agreement is working well. A question directed to Mr. Michael from Mr. Harrison “With reference to the HLS agreement will the Parish Council be liable to repay monies if improvements are not completed by 31st January 2011? What guarantees are there? Mr. Michael agreed to obtain written confirmation that no surcharge would be applied.

(e) Gurka Knight – Mr. Harrison left the room. Signs have been drawn up for placing on the gates stating ACCESS ONLY LINDEN HOUSE AND CARAVAN SITE.

8.5 Recreation Committee:

(a) Proposal to formerly adopt Kempsey Community Play Spaces Project – Provision to improve play provision and play spaces for children. This was proposed by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mr. Brookes and unanimously agreed to formally adopt.

(b) New Play Equipment – The layout of new play equipment at Plovers Rise was approved:

as a result of inputs from all affected parties two new pieces of equipment will be installed as far away as possible from houses, in the southeast corner of the site, where an access for the disabled will be

provided. This was proposed by Ms C Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Biddle and agreed by all members with the exception of Mr. Blackwell and Mr. Harrison who abstained from voting as they were not happy with the way the process had been dealt with.

The two pieces of equipment to be installed are

1. Pendulum Swing Proposed by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Willcox with a majority in agreement to accept the quotation from Wicksteed Leisure.

2. Eclipse Climbing Frame – Proposed by Mrs. Campbell to accept the quotation from Wicksteed Leisure, seconded by Mrs. Biddle with a majority in agreement.

(c) Playbuilder Funding Update – The conditions under which we were to have received funding for play equipment at The Limes, has changed, and are such that it would not be possible to spend the grant by the deadline in this financial year. However, certain costs already incurred will be reimbursed and a new grant will be made available for a play scheme at another location in the village.

(d) Tennis Courts – The Parish Council would like to thank the Tennis Club for marking up the third court for multi- use.

8.6 Community Centre

(a) Painting Room 1 – Approval was given to undertake the redecoration of Room 1 at the Community Centre in the interval between Christmas and the resumption of work in the New Year. It was proposed by Mr. Harrison to accept the quotation from Mr. Jarvis at a cost of £1550.00, seconded by Mrs. Wilcox with all in favour except Mr. Brookes and Mr. Michael who voted against.

8.7 Chairman's Report

Mr. Ward advised that a candidate to operate the Post Office was in the process of being approved, despite being previously rejected due to a technical computer hitch!

9. FINANCE

9.1 To authorize payment of accounts as per schedule. On the proposal of Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Willcox the Parish Council resolved to authorise payment of accounts as stated on the list.

In addition the following cheques were also authorised:-

Cheque Payable To	Amount £	Cheque No.
Wild Contracts - Clearance/strimming at the Rocky	180.00	2906
New Farm Grounds Maintenance - Grass Cutting	122.41	2907
ABC Lock & Key - front door lock repair	50.00	2908
RW Martin - Works to Normoor Common	820.00	2909
Playdale Playgrounds Ltd - Play Equip	422.41	2910
Playdale Playgrounds Ltd - Delivery & Installation	615.70	2911
NPower - Eneery Bill	1428.67	2912

9.2 To ratify payments authorized under delegated powers including Staff Salaries

These were agreed and authorized for payment.

9.3 Bank Reconciliation Statement Balance – For Information

9.4 Draft Budget Figures 2011/12 – For Information

9.5 To set Precept 2011/12 – It was proposed by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Ms Baker and majority agreed that there will be no increase in the Precept for the financial year 2011/12. This will be maintained at £69366.00.

9.6 To consider a donation for upkeep of Churchyard and use of Parish Magazine
The Parish Council approved grants of £250 and £350 respectively towards the cost of upkeep of the Churchyard and for the use of the facilities of the Parish Magazine. This was proposed by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Gerrard and unanimously agreed.

10. **PLANNING REPORT:** Planning Application Comments and Notification of Decisions:-

There were none.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION:** All items of correspondence both for report and for information had been available for inspection by Parish Council members between 7.00pm and 7.30pm. These were:

1. Update on Progress Towards A South Worcestershire Development Plan – For Information
2. Festival Housing Group Annual Review 2009/10 – For Information
3. Worcestershire County Council – Snow Clearance – Explains the legal liabilities of householders who clear snow from the paths in front of their houses.
4. Worcestershire County Council – Parish Community Payback – For Information

12. **CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

In view of the nature of the business about to be transacted, the Parish Council resolved that the public and Press should be asked to withdraw from the meeting.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.12 p.m.

Mrs S Baxter
Clerk and RFO
12th November 2010

