

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY,9th JUNE, 2008 AT 7.30 p.m. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present :- Mr. D. Harrison, in the Chair

Mr. N. Atkins; Ms. M. Baker; Mr. K. Blackwell; Mrs. C. Campbell; Mrs. P. Gerrard;
Mrs. A. Hart; Mrs. J. Jones; Mr. M. Legg and Mr. T. Ward.

Also in Attendance :- Mr. R. Bullock, County Councillor and Mrs. M. Walters and Mr. M. Biddle, District Councillors.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs. K. Biddle and Mr. J. Michael.

6359 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

As someone holding registered grazing rights, Mr. Harrison, declared a personal interest in respect of agenda items 12(k), a letter from Osborne Clarke about grazing rights on Ashmoor Common, 12(n) a letter about trees growing in ponds at Stonehall Common and the Commons and Hams Committee Report at Agenda Item 15.

6360 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 12th May, 2008, having been previously circulated to the members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

6361 MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Policy Committee held on Monday, 12th May, 2008 having been previously circulated to the members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

6362 MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Environment Committee held on Thursday, 29th May, 2008 having been previously circulated to the members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

6363 MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Community Centre Committee held on Monday, 2nd June, 2008 having been previously circulated to the members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

6364 PREVIOUS MINUTES – RECOMMENDATIONS AND UP-DATES

Parish Council

There were none.

Environment Committee

On the proposal of Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Hart the first recommendation that six new litter bins should be purchased and installed as soon as possible at the agreed locations was unanimously carried.

On the proposal of Ms Baker, seconded by Mrs. Jones the recommendation that the shortfall of about £567 needed to purchase and install the litter bins should be taken from the budget allocated for General Contingencies was also unanimously carried.

Community Centre Committee

On the proposal of Ms Baker, seconded by Mrs. Gerrard the first recommendation that the estimate in the sum of £663.00 which had been submitted by Mr. David Walters to clean down, stain and plastic coat the floor in Room1 should be accepted was unanimously carried.

On the proposal of Ms. Baker, seconded by Mrs. Campbell the second recommendation that the Foyer and Rear Corridor should have new flooring and that estimates should be obtained once advice about the most appropriate type of replacement flooring was also unanimously carried.

On the proposal of Mrs. Hart, seconded by Mrs. Gerrard the third recommendation that in order to preserve the emergency sand bags, and to tidy up the rear car park, a small sum should be allocated from the emergency flood funds which had been received from the District Council was also unanimously carried.

6365 COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT ON LOCAL ISSUES

Mr. Bullock reported an Enforcement Officer from the County Council would be looking into the problems with the footpath at Kerswell Green and that the request from the Parish Council to

have bollards installed on the green verge outside The Crown Inn would not be necessary if the Police prosecuted offending motorists. He would, however, arrange for officers from the County Council to look into the request. At his request, County Highways Officers had looked into the flooding problems outside The Original Stores and outside Hartland's Nurseries.

6366 DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. Walters had nothing to report.

In a lengthy report, Mr. Biddle referred to the latest proposals from the South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy, which he had known about for the past 3 months. A totally different scenario to what had previously been discussed at meetings attended by the Parish Council Chairman and the Vice-Chairman over the past six months had been unveiled and there was now likely to be large scale development south of Worcester which could also impact on Kempsey. The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether there would be public participation time during the special meeting arranged by the District Council on Monday, 16th June and, if so, to ask that Mr. Ward should be booked in to speak on behalf of Kempsey Parish Council.

6367 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence, both for report and for information had been made available for inspection by Parish Council Members between 7.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

(c) WCC – Lengthsman Scheme – Vehicular Activated Speed Sign

The Parish Council welcomed the opportunity to have the speed sign in Kempsey for 15 hours annually. The Clerk was asked to ascertain whether that the Lengthsman would be prepared to operate the speed sign?

(e) MHDC – Caravans at Seaborne Leisure, Court Meadow

The Parish Council expressed grave concerns about the impact that the newly erected fence could have when the river flooded. The Clerk was asked to draw the attention of the District Council and the Environment Agency to this matter.

(h) Review of Tree Preservation Orders

The Clerk was asked to contact the District Council and ask for a complete list of all the trees in Kempsey which were subject to a Tree Preservation Order.

(k) Osborne Clarke – Grazing on Ashmoor Common

The Chairman, Mr. Harrison had previously declared an interest in this matter and left the room. The Chair was then taken by Mr. Ward the Vice-Chairman. The Parish Council agreed to discuss this matter at Agenda Item 15, the Commons and Hams Committee Report.

(l) MHDC – Post Office Network Change Programme

The Parish Council agreed that the Chairman should speak against this proposal at the meeting organised by the District Council the following night.

(n) Mrs. A. Cartwright – Trees Growing in ponds at Stonehall Common

The Chairman, Mr. Harrison had previously declared an interest in this matter and left the room. The Parish Council agreed that in the interests of road safety, the Lengthsman should be asked to cut down the trees referred to in Mrs. Cartwright's letter and also the trees which were growing in the newly dug ditches.

6368 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee Chairman reported that the matter of the new litter bins had been dealt with, that risk assessments would be carried out on the bus shelters and that the tree works at The Rocky had been delayed because birds were still nesting.

6369 PLANNING REPORT

(a) Decisions made under delegated Powers

MH 545/08 - Greenacres, Foxes Hill – Conservatory to rear (Full) – No objections

MH 507/08 – Oak Tree Cottage, Kerswell Green – Two storey extension to side of house (Full)
Object

MH 612/08 – Stonehall Cottage, Stonehall Common – Two storey side and single storey rear extension (Full) – No objections

MH 622/08 – 6 Pixham Ferry Lane – Detached garage (Full) – No objections

6370 COMMONS AND HAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chairman, Mr. Harrison had previously declared an interest in this matter and left the room. The Chair was taken by Mr. Ward, the Vice-Chairman who also presented the report. The letter from Osborne Clarke in respect of grazing on Ashmoor Common was then discussed. The Clerk was asked to advise them that any legal costs incurred by the Parish Council in obtaining statutory declarations would have to be met by their own clients. He pointed out that the licence for access across Stonehall Common to reach land at the rear of The Paddocks was now being dealt with by the District Council Solicitor. At this point, Mr. Harrison returned to the meeting, having no interest in the following matter. Mr. Ward continued with the report that if the Parish Council agreed to offer the former allotments off The Marlbank, some form of fencing against the Back Common would be necessary to make them stockproof.

6371 RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT

In the absence of the Committee Chairman, the Parish Council Chairman reported that a grant application had been submitted in respect of the new items of play equipment. A site meeting had been held with a representative from Wicksteed Leisure at which the merits of moving the new line of metal fencing had been discussed. On the proposal of Mrs. Hart, seconded by Mrs. Gerrard, the Parish Council unanimously resolved that the new fencing to be erected by Swinbourne Brothers should be on the line as agreed at the site meeting.

6372 COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Parish Council resolved that the draft lease for Magic Moments, as submitted by March and Edwards should now be engrossed and should include the additional clauses that no portable heating appliances should be used in the area of the tenancy and all items of electrical equipment should be tested annually.

6373 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2007/2008 BY EXTERNAL AUDITOR

A copy of the Annual Governance Statement had been previously circulated to each Member with their Agenda. The Members unanimously confirmed that they were able to answer in the affirmative to each of the questions on the form to be returned to the External Auditor.

6374 RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS/RECONCILIATION OF BALANCES TO 30/6/08

The receipts and payments/bank reconciliation to 30th June, 2008 had been previously circulated to the members.

6375 CONFIRMATION OF ACTION

The Parish Council ratified payment of the following urgent accounts which had been made under delegated powers :-

New Farm Grounds Maintenance-Grass Mowing - £111.04 (inc. £16.54 VAT)

Staff salaries for May as on the list circulated to Members and annexed to the Signed Minutes

Mrs. S. Cordell – Community Centre Cleaning - £150.00

6376 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Parish Council resolved to authorise payment of the following accounts :-

Mrs. A.P. Halford - Petty Cash for May - £59.78 (Postage - £24.84 Office equipment -£29.74
VAT - £5.20)

Severn Trent Water – Community Centre - £169.42

6377 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

The Parish Council resolved that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted 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 9.40 p.m.

Signed at the next ensuing meeting of
Kempsey Parish Council

Chairman of such next ensuing meeting

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY, 9TH JUNE, 2008

DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

P.C. ALAN NAULLS – Was present for the last time and introduced WPC Sarah Callow, his replacement as Local Beat Officer. Reported that The Rocky Bridge had been re-instated by volunteer and off-duty Police Officers.

Was thanked by the Chairman for his efforts whilst Kempsey Beat Officer