

# Kempsey PACT Meeting



held at Kempsey Community Centre

on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 at 7.30pm

Present: Terry Ward (Chair), David Harrison (District Councillor), Mike Legg, Bob Bullock (County Councillor), Pam Gerrard (Parish Councillor), CSO Martin Butcher, Paul Leopold (Chairman Malvern Hills District Police and Community Consultative Group), Melody Baker, Sharon Joyce (Neighbourhood Watch), WPC Sarah Ransome-Williams (Local Police Officer), Sgt. Ian Blanchard (Local Police Sergeant), Margaret Davies, Gerry Abbott, Bob Bowley (Parish Councillor), Angela Allen, Ann Patrick (Parish Council), David Perridge (West Mercia Police – Traffic Management Advisor), Des Locke, Roy Padden, Mike Stevens (Kempsey Parish Council), Joy Clee, Roy Clarke (Parish Lengthsman)

The chairman welcomed everyone. Items may be taken out of order if some members have to leave early. The general opinion was that the village was a lot tidier.

**1. Apologies:** Marian Walters, Ann Hart (Parish Councillor), Jan Fowler, Andrea Halford, Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association), Andy Hay (Parish Council), Mike Biddle, Adrian Osborne (Headmaster Kempsey Primary School), John Michael (Parish Council), Paul Hobbs (Festival Housing), Pat Whitehead, Val Dobbins and Adam Rea (District Councillor)

**2. The minutes of the meeting** held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2012, having been circulated were agreed as being a true record.

### **3. Matters Arising.**

- a) **Litter Pick report 21<sup>st</sup> October 2012:** The litter pick was successful although a reduced number of attendees. Again over 30 bags of rubbish were collected and a lot of rubbish dumped in Holdings Lane. Some extra Litterpickers have been provided by FUNDAY Sunday Committee including small hi-viz jackets for the children. **Date of next Litter Pick:** To be arranged....
- b) **Cutting of Hedges:** The following overhanging trees and hedges were reported and noted by The Lengthsman – any overgrown hedges must be reported to the Parish Office so that they can be passed to the Lengthsman.
  - i) Junction Darwin Close and Plovers Rise
  - ii) Overhanging tree possibly 64 Main Road which keeps losing branches to the Main A38 and footpath – problems as this tree has a TPO.
  - iii) Post Office Lane outside number 4
  - iv) Beech hedge – Eastern Lodge, Old Road North – this has been cut but not enough
- c) The hedge bordering Windmill Lane/Hillside, along the A38 which was cut by Festival Housing should be cleaned up in the future – write to Festival Housing.
- d) Parking on pavements and parking near junctions – it was stated that parking on the pavement is not an offence unless it is causing an obstruction when it should be reported to the police. Recommended to write to MHDC regarding making sure that the relevant legislation is included in parking decriminalisation so that any parking on pavements is an offence.
- e) the following items should be included in the parish magazine
  - i) parking on pavements
  - ii) litter
  - iii) cutting hedges overhanging pavements (including brambles) and also those at junctions restricting visibility
  - iv) dog mess

**4. Anti Social Behaviour – Police update:** PC Sarah Ransome–Williams reported that one person has been arrested and two others have had reprimanded regarding the graffiti. It was also reported that one person that has been arrested was caught red-handed by the officers. Also there has been a moped up at plovers rise and it is recommended that the barrier is kept locked to the playing field. At the last meeting it was requested by those present that there be more visibility of police in Kempsey but officers are regularly walking throughout the village even though they are spread very thinly throughout the district. Parking on pavements is still a problem and in particular Post Office Lane. A vote of thanks was given to the police for their valued assistance during the whole of the FunDay Sunday on 10 June.

**5. Use of A38 as motorway diversion:** David Perridge from West Mercia police traffic management division, commented that the A38 was the only route available for motorway diversions in the event of a closure. This is national policy and nothing will change it. There is no speed problem in Kempsey as surveys have been recently undertaken which show that from the North the 85th percentile is 35.6 mph and the mean is 29.9 mph. The worst is Sunday – nighttime – after 2 AM. The A38 through Kempsey is a busy road but a noisy road – this could easily be exaggerated because of the problems on the southern link and also at the Whittington roundabout with people trying to avoid this area. The latest study took place on Thursday 18th of October. Kempsey must press for a second crossing by the community centre – this should be a controlled crossing and not a zebra crossing. Write to Bob Bullock. There are also some problems with the road surface in particular just north of Redman House and outside the Old Post Office – both on the Southbound carriageway – these should be reported to WCC.

**6. Footpath along the A38 from Kempsey to Worcester:** complaints had been made regarding the width of the footpath. Photographs and measurements have been taken at various points along this path and it is shown to be between 15 inches (38 cm) and 20 inches (51 cm) wide but the tarmac underneath is approximately 59 inches (150 cm) wide from edge to edge. Write to Bob Bullock references footpath.

**7. Any other business:**

- a) Doctors surgery car park off Old Road North has several pools of water when wet causing cars to be parked in Old Road North – write to the doctors to try to provide less parking in Old Road North.
- b) Rural broadband: companies like at least 30 MB/40 MB minimum and Kempsey and the surrounding area is not meeting this. Adam Rea has previously been involved – write to see if he can push this forward.
- c) The state of footpaths and bridleways is very muddy but nothing can be done about this because of the weather conditions – up to landowners and Worcestershire County Council to clear if blocked – residents need to contact Worcestershire County Council direct.
- d) Write to Parish Council to thank them for the £200 donation
- e) Amount held by Kempsey Parish Council on behalf of PACT is..

◆ Balance from Cllr Bob Bullock	-	£26-00
◆ Donation from Kempsey Parish Council		£200-00
◆ Total		£226-00

**9. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 22nd January 2013 in Room 1 at the Community Centre at noon for a 12.30pm start. (subject to confirmation nearer the time)

Many thanks to those members providing the biscuits, milk, making the tea and coffee, and most of all thanks for clearing up. The meeting closed at 8.58pm.

Terry Ward Chairman