

PRESENT: (34) Terry Ward (Chairman) Gerry Abbott, Val Dobbins, Melody Baker, Joy Clee, Wendy Coen, Ann Patrick (Parish Council), Pam Gerrard (Parish Council), Ann Hart (Parish Council), Dave Bevan (Parish Council), Pat Whitehead, Marian Walters, Sgt Ian Blanchard (West Mercia Police), PCSO Martin Butcher (West Mercia Police), Bob Bowley (Parish Council), Paul Leopold (Chairman Malvern Hills District Police and Community Consultative Group), R. G. Gardener, Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association), Chloe Wild (Festival Housing), Craig Morgan (Kempsey Church Council), Trevor Geens (Parish Council), John Barker, Peter Scurrrell, Peter Cresswell, Gordon Morris (Head of Street Scene Malvern Hills District Council), Edna Cope, Margaret Davies, Brian Clarke (Kempsey FLAG), Reverend Mark Badger (Kempsey Church), Sue Cownie, Roy Clarke (Parish Lengthsman), David Harrison (Malvern Hills District Council), Mike Biddle (neighbourhood plan chairman), Robert Donkin

The chairman, Terry Ward welcomed everyone and opened the meeting at 12.30pm. Believed that this was the largest attendance at a PACT meeting in Kempsey.

1. **Apologies:** Sharon Joyce (Neighbourhood Watch), Bryony Baynes (Headmistress Kempsey Primary School), Roger Sutton (County Councillor), Adam Rea (Malvern Hills District Councillor), Rachael Sturley (Youth Club), Sarah Walton (Riverboats Children's Centre), Roy Padden
2. **The minutes of the meeting** held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014, having been circulated were agreed as being a true record.
3. **Matters arising:**
  - i) Not much uptake on Smart Water even after the presentation.
  - ii) It has been agreed that two signatories out of 3 are needed to obtain cheques/money from funds held by Kempsey Parish Council on behalf of PACT: namely two from three of – David Harrison, Terry Ward and Marian Walters.
4. **Finance Report** –balance of £226 held by Kempsey Parish Council on our behalf.
5. **Police update:** crimes – theft of a vehicle, theft of a cycle, theft of catalytic converter – the Police are making regular visits to scrap dealers that have resulted in some arrests. More walking around the village by WPC Sarah Ransome-Williams and PCSO Mark Butcher has been beneficial. ASB has occurred in Church Street with stone throwing and graffiti – 2 local youngsters have been interviewed and letters sent to them. People have been spoken to following reports of noise in Old Road South and Squires Walk. Nothing yet on graffiti at the bus stop. Regarding theft from the pumping station (which could cause failure or damage resulting in flooding) – it is important the gate should be kept closed and locked. Trevor Geens raised the issue of "non-reporting of statistics to the Parish Council meeting" but Sgt Blanchard said that if there was a specific important issue then it would be passed to the Council. There is a good twitter account for police in the Malvern Hills area @MalvernCops which is regularly updated.

**Flag update: by Brian Clark.** Everything has been working automatically. Upstream when the height reaches 12.3m the penstock closes and the system starts to work automatically. The first property would flood at approximately 13.6 m. Flag have created a "flood watch team" and also a "buddy system" to check on the vulnerable. An emergency accommodation list (7 so far) has been set up. Need to publicly thank EA for all the work they've done. A beacon is to be put on top of the cabin showing the status of the pumping system, 2 marker

boards are to be installed in the Rocky showing Green/Amber/Red indicating the status of the floodwater. Trevor Geens mentioned the cables exposed on the system and felt that this could encourage vandalism and/or theft. Damage to the footpath in the Rocky will be brought up at the next EA meeting. Roy Clarke was worried about people driving into the floodwater at the Ford – not sure how to address this as it is County Council policy is not to barrier this any longer.

6. **Civil Parking Enforcement** Gordon Morris reported that there are three enforcement officers working various shifts between 7 am and 9 pm – seven days a week. During the first two weeks 527 warning notices were issued throughout the district. Post Office Lane and the vicinity of the school are still causing problems. All parents of school children and nursery school children have been advised that they can park on the Talbot car park, Walter de Cantaloupe car park or other non-restricted roads nearby including The Oaks. Gordon Morris stated that he would target this area around the school with warning notices in the first instance, and then enforcement tickets.
7. **Neighbourhood Plan Update:** Terry Ward said much new housing is coming to Kempsey but what are we going to do about it? Many good things have happened such as the flood defence and upgrading of the rocky area and does not want all this work ignored. Mike Biddle stated that Malvern Hills has no five-year land supply which has resulted in a spate of planning applications. The Limes (Lioncourt) – outline planning has been granted. Two applications for development between The Lawns and Pixham Ferry Lane and Old Road South have been submitted. The Parish Council is concerned that if developers wish to provide play areas, they should be managed and maintained by the PC for the benefit of the whole community.

We need to plan what is required within Kempsey, and where and to look at the implications. For example, If a new pharmacy is provided this could impact the viability of Kempsey surgery if it were too close to the existing surgery. Terry Ward thanked Mike Biddle for all his work on Neighbourhood Plan and said more volunteers are needed as there is a lot of work to be got through to pin down the requirements for playing fields, leisure facilities, community centre etc.

Rev Mark Badger reported that the PCC had voted to look at community resources and the future use of St Mary's Church. Meeting is to be arranged with Neighbourhood Plan and Parish Council looking to the future. Joy Clee enquired what is to happen regarding the burial ground? Is it required to be retained as it is almost full?

8. **Local Planning Update:** Ann Patrick reported that planning applications are coming in thick and fast – Robert Donkin stated "why do we not have a brief for the parish area?" as this would have helped in planning. Should the Parish Council be more active? What about the District Council and District Councillors' – are they aware of this?  
Brian Clark – asked about SUDS arrangements for dealing with surface water. Who maintains SUDS?  
It is expected that the reserved matters application for the Lioncourt development will be submitted in March or April – the District Councillors will have an impact on these reserved matters.

- 9 **Ketch roundabout and southern link road widening:** Michelle Jones is the PR for Worcestershire County Council on this matter. The presentation at St Peter's was useless – overcrowded, pushed into a corner, no comment form was available – WCC will do what they want. This was a "public engagement exercise" and not "a consultation" asking for comments. It was asked if a weight limit should be imposed outside Broomhall Cottages.

**10. Parking on footpaths and in bus lay-bys - update.** Parking on footpaths is a police matter and not the responsibility of parking enforcement officers. The question was asked regarding parking in the bus lay-by by the Community Centre to post a letter and it was stated "it was strictly an offence but the enforcement officers usually wait 5 minutes for an offender to return".

**11. Any other business.**

- a) Councillor Bob Bowley asked if PACT had any insurance for the litter pick – response was that it is done with the knowledge of Malvern Hills District Council and the Parish Council but we will enquire.
- b) Rev Mark Badger informed the committee that Craig Morgan has been appointed as an Outreach Officer working with children and vulnerable people.
- c) David Harrison said that following this meeting he would be giving up the work on PACT, due to other work commitments on the District Council.
- d) Reminder that the next litter pick is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February starting at 10 am.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in Room 1 at the Community Centre at 7 pm for a 7:30 pm start. **Post meeting note: Due to the Community Centre not being available on this date, it has been changed to Tuesday, 29 April at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm**

Many thanks to those members who provided the biscuits and milk, made the tea and coffee, and most of all thanks for clearing up.

The meeting closed at 2.10 pm

Terry Ward  
Chairman