

Kempsey PACT meeting held at Kempsey Community Centre

on Tuesday 24th February 2015 at 12.30pm

PRESENT: (26) Terry Ward (Chairman), Cllr Roger Sutton (County Council & MHDC), Cllr David Harrison (MHDC), (John Michael (Chairman Parish Council), Trevor Geens (Parish Council) Sarah Ransome-Williams (West Mercia Police), Martin Butcher (West Mercia Police), Bryony Baynes (Headmistress Kempsey Primary School), John Baker, Sue Cownie, Melodie Baker, Ken Blackwell (Parish Council), Ann Patrick (Parish Council), Roy Clarke (Parish Lengthsman), Peter Scurrell, Hilary Wallace, Roy Padden, Kath Padden, Rev Mark Badger, Pam Gerrard (Parish Council), Ann Blackwell, Pat Whitehead, David Walters, Marian Walters, Paul Leopold (Chairman Malvern Hills District Police and Community Consultative Group),, Mike Biddle (Neighbourhood Plan Chairman),

The chairman, Terry Ward welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Everybody then introduced themselves.

- 1. Apologies:** Sgt Ian Blanchard (West Mercia Police), Brian Clarke (Kempsey FLAG), Joy Clee, Newton Coen, Wendy Coen, Margaret Davies, Sandra Edwards, Sharon Joyce (Neighbourhood Watch), Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association).
- 2. Minutes of the meeting** held on Tuesday 21st October 2014, having been circulated were agreed as being a true record.
- 3. Finance and Funding:** Terry Ward said we were to receive a £250 grant from District Councillor, David Harrison's Ward Grant Scheme which will be put towards the purchase of more litter pickers and tabards in various sizes. The issue of insurance for Litter Picks had been clarified. Full Public Liability insurance was required and has been added to the Parish Council with respect to planned Litter Picks.
- 4. Police and Neighbourhood Watch update:** Sarah Ransome-Williams said Anti Social Behaviour was at an all-time low with no unruly teenagers evident at the present time. The police were re-launching the rural watch to help protect farmers from oil thefts etc. Martin Butcher gave details of crime figures for the last three months. Concerns were expressed about the forthcoming night time closure of the M5 southbound which will last through March and mean heavy traffic driving through the village. Sarah will speak to David Perridge from the Safer Roads Partnership regarding speed cameras and invite him to the next PACT meeting.
Cllr Sutton gave an update on the road works at the Ketch roundabout which were on time for completion. He had spoken to Highways Department about the narrowing of the A38 near Clerkenleap Garage who explained it was to slow down traffic approaching the roundabout. It will be surveyed again when the road works are completed Cllr Harrison said the roundabout will be re-marked with white lines and the possibility of yellow cross hatching had been discussed.
The bus stop near the entrance to the Lioncourt development at the rear of the Limes will be moved. Paul Leopold asked that people were vigilant about locking their garden sheds following a flurry of break-ins at Broadheath. The Neighbourhood Watch AGM will take place at Police HQ at Hindlip on Tuesday 21st April at 7.00 pm. One of the topics will be "scams."

5. **Kempsey Primary School update:** Bryony Baynes said the school was keen to be involved in the community and would welcome anyone into school. She explained she had refrained from taking a stand on recent planning applications. She was asked if the school could take the number of children likely to move into the new developments within the village. She said the building would have to be modified and Kempsey was one of the schools the County Council was looking to expand. With regard to the traffic problems in the vicinity of the school, she said the school worked hard with parents to make them appreciate the difficulties neighbours face. The logical solution would be a one-way system, and the police had recommended that parents take photographs of offending vehicles. A bid for a new Church of England school to be built at the Ketch development will be submitted to the WCC cabinet in June 2015. This would come under the management of Kempsey Primary with an Executive Head and a shared leadership team with shared resources. Mike Biddle and John Michael had visited the school and met the School Council.
6. **Planning update:** Ann Patrick said the Lioncourt development at Kingshill had now been passed by MHDC when the number of houses was reduced from 31 to 30. Cllr Harrison voted against the application but Cllr Rea voted for it and it was passed by 7 votes to 6. An application has been applied for to turn three barns at Quaking House farm into residential accommodation. The owners of 82 Main Road want to knock it down (due to dry rot) and build two small houses in its place. The Parish Council is not in favour of this. The building of 15 bungalows at The Firs is on the agenda at MHDC for the meeting on 11th March.
7. **Neighbourhood Plan update and Community engagement:** A meeting will be held on Friday 27th February after which a pre-consultation draft document will be finalized. A public meeting and audio visual presentation will be held in St Mary's Church where parishioners can see and comment on the proposals. When the results are collated they will be sent to MHDC to check they comply with the SWDP and don't contravene any EU plans. The settlement boundary is to include developments to the north and south of Kempsey. 106 money from these developments will go towards highways, education, police and the medical practice. The Parish Council is looking at potential areas for playing fields and a community centre and meetings with landowners are on-going. There is concern and disappointment at the poor public response to meetings and Questionnaires regarding the future of Kempsey. People are urged to attend consultations and give their support to future plans, and to remember that the NDP will be the subject of a public referendum in due course.
8. **Local Elections:** Terry encouraged people to stand for the District and Parish Councils in the May elections and become involved in future projects. This is an opportunity to bring in new blood with fresh ideas for the future of our area. Development will be phased over the next fifteen years and it is likely there will be a further application to the north of The Limes. Terry also said we need to look at the way various organisations communicate, and co-ordinate the many activities within the village. The best place is the Kempsey hub website for all Parish Council information. Concern was expressed for the many people who do not use the internet and it was suggested that a monthly newsletter is placed in the local shop. John Michael said Parish Council information is placed in all their notice boards, and asked for volunteers to help distribute the Annual Parish Newsletter. Anyone interested should give their name to the Parish Clerk. It was felt the newsletter needs to be more interesting and John Michael said it will be reviewed by the new council. They will have more time after the Neighbourhood Development Plan has been completed. The key to the noticeboard at the shop has been found.
9. **Litter Picking report and date of next pick:** Terry Ward reported a good turnout on 14th February and he thanked MHDC for lending the equipment and collection bags and also for collecting the rubbish afterwards. He proposed we revert to Sunday afternoon and the next

Litter Pick will be on Sunday 7th June at 2.00 pm. More litter pickers in various sizes will be bought.. In reply to a question about the rubbish left after the floods on the ham, Terry said no Litter Picks took place on the river banks or the Hams. He thanked everyone who took part and those who litter pick in their own time.

10. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 16th June 2015 at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm.

11. Any other business:

- * Concern was expressed about a couple of people filling the litter bins with their household rubbish
- * Cllr Sutton said he would take forward the lack of provision for pedestrians or cyclists at the Ketch roundabout
- * The Highways Department had tidied the verges at Baynhall.
- * Rev Mark Badger said he had arranged hustings for all the parliamentary candidates c but as yet a date had not been agreed. He said there was a proposal that Kempsey School becomes a Church of England school, and would need support from the community. This would not change the school as it stands and is a logical way forward. It will go out to parent consultation and would ideally be in place for September.

Many thanks to members who made tea, provided biscuits and cleared up after the meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.25pm

Terry Ward
Chairman