

Kempsey PACT meeting held at Kempsey Community Centre

on Tuesday 16th June 2015 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: (26) Terry Ward (Chairman), Cllr David Harrison (MHDC), Trevor Geens (Chairman Parish Council), Sarah Ransome-Williams (West Mercia Police), John Baker, Ann Patrick (Parish Council), Roy Clarke (Parish Lengthsman), Hugh Hanmer, Ann Smith (Vice Chairman Neighbourhood Plan and Parish Council), Joy Clee, Newton Coen, Wendy Coen, Margaret Davies, Pam Gerrard (Parish Council), Pat Whitehead, Marian Walters, Paul Leopold (Chairman Malvern Hills District Police and Community Consultative Group), Bob Stokes (Kempsey Sports Association), Bob Bowley, Nancy Morris, Helen Thompson.

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

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr Roger Sutton (County Council & MHDC), John Michael (MHDC), Mike Biddle (Neighbourhood Plan Chairman), Bryony Baynes (Headmistress Kempsey Primary School), Brian Clarke (Kempsey FLAG), Sue Cownie, Mel Baker, Sharon Joyce (Neighbourhood Watch), Sandra Edwards, David Walters, Rev Mark Badger, Jan Fowler, Peter Scurrall, Mrs Scurrall.
- 2. Minutes of the meeting** held on Tuesday 24th February 2015, having been circulated were agreed as being a true record.
- 3. Matters arising:** The bus stop at the top of the village coming south has been moved but not sited anywhere else as yet. A lamp post has also been removed from near the entrance to the development and when it is replaced, it will carry a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) warning traffic of their speed above 30 mph.
- 4. Finance and Funding:** Thanks to a grant from David Harrison's Ward Grant Scheme, twenty one litter pickers of various sizes have been purchased which will alleviate the need to borrow them from MHDC.
- 5. Police and Neighbourhood Watch update:** Sarah Ransome-Williams said she had been temporarily drafted in to cover Tenbury Wells and PC Knowles from Upton is covering the village for the time being. She said there has been a slight rise in Anti - Social Behaviour in the village which has been swiftly dealt with. A theft of tennis balls from the tennis club has been reported but as yet there are no leads on this and the code on the gate has now been changed. The Safer Roads Partnership together with the police has been carrying out speeding enforcement measures and Sarah will find out how long they intend to continue. The volume of traffic through the village has increased and Sarah will invite David Perridge from the Safer Roads Partnership to the next PACT meeting. Roy Clarke moves the VAS sign to various places in the village about once a month. During last Sunday's car boot sale at the Ketch, the traffic situation in surrounding roads was extremely dangerous. Paul Leopold has had a problem with his internet connection so has been unable to update the Malvern Neighbourhood Watch website. He suggested people log onto the West Mercia website and click on "get involved". When asked how to get new residents involved in NW, he said it was mainly done electronically now, but it was very important to ensure everyone is kept informed especially if they are not on email. It was suggested that the Parish Council might speak to the developers regarding a leaflet drop in the new houses. Paul can provide NW information leaflets and a PACT leaflet will be drawn up.

6. **South Worcestershire Development Plan update:** DH apologised for giving the incorrect venue for the meeting on 2nd June and thanked those who attended. Ann Patrick had attended and was impressed with the inspector and thanked DH for his efforts. Joy Clee said the inspector went through each Category 1 village giving the number of development approvals in each. Hearings have now finished and the inspector can either reject the plan, accept it as it is or accept it with amendments. He will give a report of his findings in September/October after which there will be a six week consultation period when everyone will have an opportunity to comment on the report. It will then be sent back to the inspector and probably approved. DH will send the inspector a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan.
7. **Ketch roundabout:** Roger Sutton, our County Councillor will be contacted and told of the many concerns being expressed about the traffic layout at the Ketch roundabout. He will be asked if he could bring along representatives of the Highways department to answer questions at the next PACT meeting. It was suggested a letter is sent to Adrian Hardman Leader of WCC.
8. **Neighbourhood Plan:** Ann Smith said the plan was all ready to be sent to MHDC but this has been delayed as it had to be amended and re-worded on the advice of MHDC planning department. It will go to public consultation in hopefully about 4 – 6 weeks and it was emphasised that it is vitally important for people give their opinions on the principles involved. After this, the plan will go back to the working party, then MHDC, followed by a referendum in the autumn then to the inspector for final approval.
9. **Planning update:** The Post Office Lane development appeal has been extended. MHDC is now supporting the objections and carrying out a survey. The Parish Council is supporting the East Kempsey action group. Any accidents in the vicinity should be mentioned and Marian Walters will contact Rosalie and Martin Bennett with various people to contact regarding incidents. **Post meeting note: MW has done this and leads will be followed up.**
10. **Community facilities:** MW read out a report from Bryony Baynes, Headteacher of KPS in which she said the school was exploring a number of options for its future. Among them is the possibility of becoming a C of E school under the auspices of the Diocese of Worcester and becoming an Academy either under the sponsorship of an Academy Chain or as part of a Multi-Academy trust with other schools in the area. Solar Panels will be installed on the roof of the school hall in the next few weeks as part of the Spend and Save Scheme. The Year 5 pupils designed a Park and Stride leaflet which was sent out to parents to encourage them to park at The Talbot. The school will continue to encourage such traffic calming measures as they are very aware that the roads in the vicinity of the school continue to be a concern to residents. The school continues to welcome the community into school and would love to hear from anybody who might be interested in helping out with reading, helping in the grounds, supporting after school clubs etc.

TW read out a FLAG report from Brian Clarke on the upgrading of flood defences by the EA. An emergency electrical generator has been installed permanently on site and starts automatically if there is a power failure. The penstock has been moved to the rear of the site and in its place a large, gravity powered flap valve has been fitted to the front of the defences. A three phase laminated warning plan and covering letter has been circulated to potentially affected residents. Extra control equipment has been fitted to the control cabin and some clearing of the stream bed has been undertaken. Emergency measures are in place in cases of potential flooding. The EA has been publicly thanked for all they have done and continue to do to keep Kempsey dry.

11. **Litter Picking report:** Terry Ward reported a very poor turnout of only four people on 7th June and expressed disappointment that no Parish Councillors put in an appearance.

Trevor Geens felt Parish Councillors should not be expected to attend as they already carry out a considerable amount of voluntary work. Terry thanked everyone who took part and those who litter pick in their own time. MW will ask the school if they could encourage children not to drop litter and mention the matter to parents in a newsletter. DH said it was the responsibility of MHDC to pick up litter and the Parish Council has to obtain authorisation from MHDC to do so. He suggested that people might be allowed to pick up litter during the week prior to the official litter pick and Terry said the insurance cover would have to be looked at before giving this the go ahead. DH said bins at the shop and church should be emptied twice a week by MHDC. Wendy Coen reported the poor state of the bus stop belonging to the Parish Council at Bight Farm. It will be removed when development at the site commences.

12. Any other business:

- DH said the Post Office was now up and running in McColl's and hoped it would be supported by the villagers. AP said there was very little publicity to encourage people to use it.
- DH was now joint chairman of the Northern Area Planning committee at MHDC and chairman of the Licensing committee.
- TG asked if there were any preferences for the road names at the Lioncourt, King's Hill and Bight Farm developments.
- The Parish Council has now taken over the notice board at McColl's
- The Parish Council web site is now updated on a regular basis and any documents for inclusion should be sent to the Parish Office.
- The path across The Limes is very uneven due to tree roots.
- The hedge near The Limes requires cutting back. This is the County Council's responsibility and the problem is being addressed.

13. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th October 2015 at 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm.

Date of next litter pick: Sunday 11th October 2015 at 2.00 pm at the Community Centre.

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

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Terry Ward
Chairman