

Minutes of Kempsey PACT Meeting Friday 7th November 2008 at Kempsey School

Present. Joy Clee (Independent), Robert Bullock (County Councillor), Kim Biddle, Mike Biddle (District Councillor), Marian Walters (District Councillor), PC Sarah Ransome-Williams, CSO Colin Davies, Sally Muller (Crown Prosecution Service), Alan Biddle (Street Scene Team) and David Harrison (Parish Council)

The meeting was chaired by Joy Clee and opened at 16:10. An introduction as to the work of the group took place, including the point from Mr. Fowler at the open PACT meeting regarding speed through Kempsey and the surrounding villages.

A38 in Kempsey – the A38 was confirmed as not being wide enough for a central refuge if a crossing was installed. The Village lost out on section 106 funding when the development took place on the A38 just north of the Original Stores as no agreement was imposed. A traffic monitoring of the speed had taken place along the Main Road and 70% of the traffic was under the 30mph speed limit with only two vehicles above 40 mph. Mobile phone users are being prosecuted by the Police and the present fine is £60-00 plus 3 points on your licence.

Busses turning into Bannut Hill – the Police had been informed regarding busses turning into Bannut Hill but none had been seen since this was reported at the Parish Council meeting. The Bus Companies should be informed that the turning place is at Baynhall and not Bannut Hill.

Late busses from Hanley Castle High School to Kempsey – There is no news on having any late busses from Hanley Castle High School to Kempsey about an hour after normal finishing time. This would enable children to catch a bus at the end of “after hour’s activities”.

Youth and Anti-social behaviour – PC Sarah Ransome-Williams stated that it had been quieter and the area had been “hard hit”. All of the 30 badges that had been stolen from cars had been recovered and the offender’s files were with the CPS. Assistance is being undertaken by various youth leaders from around the area with the “youth of the village”, in particularly on Youth Club evenings. More helpers needed if possible. Look at using the “Mobile Unit” that was used during the summer, more often.

Graffiti – The graffiti at the Crown Bus stop is being eradicated due to a Parish Councillor continually painting the ceiling – grateful thanks. Some new graffiti at the top bus stop by the Community Centre. Due to the vandalism of the telephone box by the Crown bus stop, the Parish Council had written to try to get this box removed as it had not been in working order for over four months.

Police Telephone Number – A new telephone number is available to replace 08457 444 888 for non emergencies. This should be available next week.

Road and Pavement repairs – These are on-going at present near the Rocky, in Church Street and Old Road North.

Litter – A survey was recently carried out by the Street Scene Team and it seemed better in Kempsey. This may be due to the extra litter bins throughout Kempsey. There may possibly be a problem with trade waste being dumped at the Baynhall bus stop when busses cleaned. If this continues then suggest writing to bus companies warning of possible prosecution for tipping “trade waste”.

Alcohol – The Police are monitoring alcohol use with the under age youths in Kempsey. Some alcohol has been confiscated.

CCTV Cameras – the permanent CCTV cameras are to be removed and more mobile cameras will be available. This may improve the anti-social behaviour as cameras can be deployed in sensitive areas.

Tennis Court Lights – Contact the Tennis Club regarding the operation of the lights as it is believed that MHDC have not yet given them permission for the lights to be operational. The District and County Councillors will then take this matter up with the relative authorities.

Bulbs – Approach the headmaster regarding the planting of bulbs within the village of Kempsey. This may hopefully in the future, help to get the children proud of the village and stop vandalism.

As the turnout was low for this meeting, need to find out why, – so this can be avoided in the future.

Next meeting to be arranged in February, so, if a circular is needed, then it can be produced ready for distribution with the Parish Council annual newsletter.

The meeting closed at 17:15pm with thanks to the headmaster for the use of the staff room at Kempsey School for the meeting.

Signed by the chairman
at the next Pact Meeting

Footnote – Tennis Court Lighting – This was finally approved by MHDC at the end of October and the lighting passed the light diffusion test. The Tennis Club are now able to use the tennis courts in the evenings during the winter.

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