

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 2nd July at 7.00pm.

Councillor Darby signed the Declaration of Office.

PRESENT Cllrs C Barber, L Croft, C Kulukundis (Chairman), C Carver, A Darby and G Stacey.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk).

1. Apologies For Absence.

None received.

2. Co Option of a Councillor.

As no applications had been received, will be reviewed in September 2019.

3. Declaration Of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest held by Wychavon and to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and their nature. Cllr Stacey registered a pecuniary interest in item 6bi as owner of the property, he took no part in the discussion or decision.

d) To Consider Applications for Dispensation.

The council agreed councillor Derby application for dispensation to be accepted, enabling him to be part of the discussion and vote on the precept until the end of April 2023.

4. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 14th May 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

5. Finance.

a) To agree the invoices to be paid.

The following invoices were agreed for payment:

000019	M Farey	Bus Shelter	£75.00
000020	WCC	April Pension Contribution	£59.52
000021	J Shields	Clerks Expenses	£44.18

b) To receive the bank balance to date.

Balance was presented to the Council, the bank statement was signed by Cllr Stacey as being reconciled.

The following remittance had been received.

WCC	Lengthsman	£150.00
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c) Cheque Signatories

Cllr's Carver and Darby signed the bank mandate to add Cllrs Barber and Stacey, and to remove Sir D Logan, Mr J Van den Broek, Mr R Davies and Mr S Papacostantinou.

6. Planning.

a. To Consider Planning Applications received to date.

None received.

b. To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last Meeting.

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- i 19/01227/HP The Wings Wing Lane Kemerton. The council has no planning reason to object. Cllr Stacey took no part in the discussion or decision.
- ii 19/00925/FUL Providence Cottage Back Lane Kemerton. The council has no planning reason to object.
- c. To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.
Approved by Wychavon.
19/00075/FUL - Frame House Back Lane Kemerton GL20 7HY
- d. No objections were raised on the street trading licence 19/03427/STRETR

7. To Receive a Report from the County Councillor.

No report received.

8. To Receive a Report from District Councillor Mr A Darby.

Cllr Darby said that he had been re-appointed to the Joint Advisory Panel (JAP) which was overseeing the Review of the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) and that he had attended several meetings. He informed the council of the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) call for sites. He also gave an overview of Kemerton in relation to the SWDP.

9. To Discuss The Councils Funds Held In The Savings Account.

The clerk had prepared a detailed analysis of the parish council's funds. It was agreed to spend the allocated funds for rate relief and election a total of £3,035.00 plus the unallocated sum of £237.00 on a Parish Council Notice Board and a new bench.

10. To Consider the Purchase of a Parish Council Notice board and Refurbishment of the Bench.

See item 9.

Action. Cllr Kulukundis will provide details and quotes for the next meeting.

Clerk to contact Highways and look to see if there are any services underneath the site.

11. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk.

Meeting dates for 2019-2020 had been sent to Victoria Hall.

Closed order of St Nicholas Church had been circulated.

AGAR 2018-2019 had been sent to PKF Littlejohn and placed on the parish council Web Site.

Cllr Barber is attending the training session on the 20th July.

Action Clerk to contact CALC re Training session in Kemerton.

b) Burial Space

The burial ground has now been legally closed.

It appears the only option to reopen the larger graveyard would be to pass new legislation (New Act of Parliament) however The PC does not have any powers to reopen graveyards previously closed through legislation

Richard Bennett he has not had much luck obtaining a formal agreement for St Nicholas to use the burial ground there. He has had an indication that the Methodist Church may like to apply to shut the graveyard which would move responsibility for maintenance of it to the PC.

Action. Cllr Croft will contact the Methodist Church and suggest an agreement between the PC and the Methodist Church for the PC to maintain the churchyard on Hill Road without the need for a closure order. St Nicholas may agree to help fund the maintenance of the Churchyard.

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c) Closure of the Post Box.

The post box outside the Village Shop, now Old Post Office, had been closed without the parish being given the statutory four week notice. The chairman and several residents have contacted Royal Mail regarding the closure, but to date have not received a response. The council proposes to re site the box at the round corner opposite the War Memorial next to the bench and is seeking to do this officially.

Action. Clerk to investigate ownership of the land beneath the current situation of the post box,

d) Siding out of Footpath between Westmancote and Kemerton.

Has been reported to Worcestershire County Council - The reference number for your records is 717726.

12. **Correspondence.** (Previously circulated via E Mail)

None received.

13. **Items for Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.**

Cllr Stacey gave a report of the Neighbourhood Planning workshop held by Wychavon on the 13th June 2019. The council is unsure as to whether a plan will be of benefit to the parish.

14. **Date Of Next Meeting.**

Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Signed

Date