

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 5th November at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllrs C Barber, L Croft, C Kulukundis (Chairman), C Carver, A Darby (arrived item 9) and G Stacey.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk).

1. Apologies For Absence.

None received.

2. 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 Darby takes no part in any decisions regarding planning as he sits on the planning committee at Wychavon.

Cllr Stacey declared a DPI in item 5b (i) as owner of the property, he took no part in the discussion or decision.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 3rd September 2019.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Finance.

a) To agree the invoices to be paid.

The following invoices were agreed for payment:

000028	M Farey	Bus shelter cleaning	£75.00
000029	V Hall	Meeting	£16.80
000030	WCALC	Training C Barber	£40.00
000031	S Harte	BHCG	£30.00
000032	British Legion	Wreath	£18.00
000033	J Shields	Clerks Expenses	£74.00
000034	Wychavon	Planning Permission	£66.00
00035	C Kulukundis	Bench (Maison and Garden)	£270.00

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000026	A Jones	Grass	£1,350.00
000027	Wychavon	Dg Bin	£89.10

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.

WDC	Precept	£4200.00
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c) To Ratify the Purchase of a Wreath for Remembrance.

The council agreed to the purchase of a wreath.

5. Planning.

a) To Consider Planning Applications received to date.

19/02200/FUL Southfield Castle Hill Kemerton GL20 7JP. The council has objected as the exact materials of the exterior have not been stated.

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- b) To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last Meeting.
- I. 19/02266/HP The Wings, Wing Lane, Kemerton, Tewkesbury, GL20 7JG. The council has no planning reason to object.
 - II. 19/01800/HP Thornbury Bells Castle Lane To Crashmore Lane Overbury Kemerton GL20 7JE. The council has no planning reason to object.
 - III. 19/00724/HP Honeywell House Hill Road Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JJ. The council has no planning reason to object.
 - IV. 19/02193/CLE 7 Bayliss Road Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JH. The council has no planning reason to object.
- c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.
- Approved By Wychavon
- 19/01742/LB - The Hermitage Hill Road Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JN
9/00724/HP - Honeywell House Hill Road Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JJ
19/01800/HP – Thornbury Bells Castle Lane To Crashmore Lane Overbury Kemerton
19/02193/CLE 7 Bayliss Road Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JH
19/01519/HP - Bells Castle Castle Hill Kemerton GL20 7JW
19/01520/LB - Bells Castle Castle Hill Kemerton GL20 7JW
- Refused by Wychavon
- 19/01741/HP - The Hermitage Hill RoadKemertonTewkesburyGL20 7JN.

6. To Receive a Report from the County Councillor Mr A Hardman.

No report received.

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

South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) Revision, Preferred Options Consultation.

Wychavon approved the draft consultation document on 23 October and the consultation is now open till 16th December. I suggest that the Parish Council prepares a response. It should be noted that there is a public consultation at Bredon Village Hall on 11th November from 2 to 8 pm. For anyone who cannot manage that there are additional events at Pershore on 13 November and Evesham on 28th November, with a number of others during this period further away in the South Worcestershire area.

No sites, other than the already designated one in Park Farm Yard, are proposed as allocations for Kemerton. At the Wychavon Council I declared an interest in the plan but said that as it was repeating an existing allocation and not up for discussion, I did not regard this interest as prejudicial to my speaking or voting on the consultation document. The plan proposes the removal of development boundaries for category 4 settlements which now include Kemerton. I think that these are the only changes that specifically relate to Kemerton, but the proposal for 1000 houses at Mitton would obviously have a major impact on the traffic through the village.

Tewkesbury Borough Local Plan Pre-Submission Consultation

I think that Kemerton P.C. has commented on this plan at earlier consultations and I suggest we do so again repeating our earlier comments. The plan specifically excludes a consideration of the Ashchurch Garden Town which is seen as a strategic allocation under the Gloucester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy (JCS) and this is the matter which most concerns Kemerton. However we can reiterate our concern about traffic from an expanded Tewkesbury being diverted through Kemerton in the absence of any solution to the congestion on the A46. If we wish to support Kemerton Conservation Trust in its efforts to get the lower Carrant Valley recognised as of major landscape and biodiversity importance I will have to declare a non-pecuniary interest.

Kemerton Planning Applications

19/02200/FUL Southfield. This is on the agenda. I do not usually take part in the discussion to avoid a charge of predetermination but I note the comments that have already been made and suggest that Cllr Barber's summary of the relevant parts of the Kemerton Village Design Statement be included as part of the P.C.'s response.

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Otherwise I have attended the monthly meetings of the planning committee, but these have not raised any particular issues for Kemerton although an application at the Pound in Westmancote was refused on design grounds, against the officer's advice..

I have been in contact with the officer working on the Kemerton Conservation Area Review and have supplied her with all the evidence I have of the various old houses in Kemerton. A first draft should be available in the not-to-distant future.

8. Update on the Purchase of a Parish Council Notice board and Refurbishment of the Bench.

The planning application will be submitted on the 6.11.2019, once planning has been approved the board will be ordered. All the surrounding properties have been notified by the council.

The bench has been delivered and put together by Cllr Carver, it will be installed at the same time as the noticeboard.

9. Progress Reports for Information.

- a) Clerk. (previously circulated to all councillors)
- b) Burial Space.

Cllr Croft reported that this is progressing slowly.

- c) Closure of footpath 506C.

A distressing situation had arisen in one of the fields that the path crossed, as a walker had left the gate to an adjoining field open. The Clerk gave permission, for safety reason for walkers and animal welfare, for the path to be temporarily closed until the Countryside Officer at the County Council was aware of the situation. Although the Clerk used common sense, footpaths are not within the remit of the parish council.

10. Correspondence.

- Cllr Carver will circulate a response to the Tewkesbury Plan and the SWDP Consultation to Cllrs, to be ratified at the next meeting, due to time constraints.
- Police report

We have two incidents to report this month.

On 24/9 criminal damage was caused to a hide at the nature reserve.

On the 31/10 we were alerted that a van had stolen lead from a farm. We were on patrol in the area at the time but were unable to locate the vehicle, however we have a registration and a marker has been put on the vehicle.

11. Items for Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

- The remembrance wreath will be laid by Cllr C Kulukundis.
- Cllr Stacey had attended a speed awareness seminar held by Wychavon.
- Cllr Barber had attended the recent meeting of the BHCG, the proposed allocation of 500 houses between Bredons Hardwick and Tewkesbury is a great cause for concern.
- Items for January's meeting to include, setting of the Precept for 2020/2021, Grass Cutting contract, Ratification for the response to the Tewkesbury Plan and the SWDP Consultation and Speeding through the villages.

12. Date Of Next Meeting and 2020.

Tuesday 7th January 2020, 3rd March, 5th May, 7th July, 1st September and 3rd November.
Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 17th March 2020.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed

Date