

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom video conference on Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 7.00pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk) and Cllr A Hardman.

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Croft.

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.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 5th January 2021.

The minutes were approved and will be signed when appropriate.

4. Finance.

a) To agree the invoices to be paid via bacs.

The following invoices were approved for payment:-

Mr C Carver	Book shelves	£59.94
A J Jones	Grass November 2020 – March 2021	£1,400.00

b) To ratify payments made between meetings.

Victoria Hall	Grant	£5,000.00
Victoria Hall	Wychavon Grant	£50,000.00

c) To receive the bank balance to date.

The bank balance was presented to the council.

The following remittance were received.

Wychavon	Hall Grant	£50,000.00
WCC	Lengthsman	£330.00

5. 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. 20/02640/FUL at Land Of Kemerton Road Kemerton. –Additional information. The council has no further comments.

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

None received.

d) Ashchurch Bridge Planning Application.

Ongoing.

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

The County Council is raising its part of the council tax by 2.49%, 1% of this will go on child and adult social care.

Covid - Worcestershire take up of the vaccine in the over 80's is 99.7%.

The county is beginning to see the results of 'Lockdown' and Vaccination, as the under 30's and the 0-19 age group, now have the highest rate of infection.

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The County has 2.5million for flooding projects.

Cllr Hardman has looked at speeding measures for Bayliss Road, evidence of accidents need to be provided, however any traffic calming measures require street lighting and a 20mph speed limit is not enforceable.

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

Since I last reported all council activity has been carried out remotely. I have attended the following meetings all on ZOOM, one JAP, two planning committee, one executive board and one council. JAP dealt with the following items which were carried forward to the Executive Board and Council for approval for public consultation.

South Worcestershire Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations DPD. This showed the Wychavon would be short of 2 sites over the plan period if all these allocations were adopted. It did not mention the Kemerton Road Bredon site.

SWDP Review Preferred Options Further Regulation 18 (iii) Sustainability Appraisal Consultation. This is extremely long (423 pages) and assesses the sustainability of all the sites put forward at the Preferred Options stage. You are invited to consult on it. It doesn't include any later sites which may have been considered for inclusion in the final version of the plan and which will be presented in the autumn.

The executive board and council also considered a number of other matters, the most important of which were the council tax and the budget. Once again the Wychavon element of the Council Tax was frozen and this time this was supported by the Liberal Democrat group on the grounds that this was a truly exceptional year. We wanted to go further and earmark £1million of the council's reserve for exceptional help to those suffering particularly severely from Covid but we were unable to persuade the Conservative majority to do this.

The planning committee on the 7 January dealt with 8 applications including one at the Pound Westmancote which I had called to Committee because of the effect on the neighbouring property and on the AONB. However the objector was unable to persuade the committee and permission was granted. This was a very long meeting which lasted from 2.00 till 6.08 pm.

Happily the meeting on the following month only had two applications neither of which was of any interest to Kemerton, and was over by 3.40 pm. I note that the one this Thursday has only three but it also includes the review of Elmley Castle Conservation Area so may take rather longer. I recommend members to look at the Elmley Castle document which may have some tips for the review in Kemerton.

8. To Consider The 'Plant A Tree From Woodland Trust' And Tree Planting Outside Hill View.

The footpath area in front of Hill View belongs to Worcestershire County Council,

Action - Clerk to inform the requester.

Action - Plant a Tree from Woodland Trust – Clerk to resend the E mail to councillors for their immediate response.

9. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk.

Report had been circulated.

b) Burial Space.

Ongoing.

c) Water Course and Ditches.

- During the recent heavy rain, due to the work of Mark Farey, Kemerton Lengthsman, and householders fulfilling their riparian obligations, no problems have been reported.
- The road between Overbury and Kemerton, where water was lying and the possibility of freezing could be lethal was reported by the Lengthsman. The clerk and County councillor reported this to Highways and it was dealt with very quickly.

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- At the top of Hill Road, by the cattle grid a big lorry has pushed the whole side of the road into the stream. This is not the first time it's happened, the clerk and Cllr Kulukundis had meet with Cannon Straps, and received a history of the site. The council is working with Highway's to address the situation.

10. Correspondence.

- Traffic in Bayliss Road is not within the remit of the council and the information had been passed on to Worcestershire County Councils Highways Department and Councillor Hardman.
- Housing Needs Survey – **Action** - Councillors to revisit the E mail

11. Items for Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

The council thanked Cllr Carver for erecting the shelves in the bus shelter.

12. Date Of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 4th May 2021, this meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting. This meeting will take place via Zoom, the current legislation enabling councils to carry out Virtual meetings applies until the 7th of May.

Hopefully councils receive information regarding future meetings ASAP.

13. To Discuss Annual Parish Meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place via Zoom, the council is aware that this is not ideal but due to Covid regulations and the restraints of legislation regarding the date of the meeting, there is no other option. Once the date of the next publication of the village news is established a date will be set and advertised within the village.

Signed