

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall, on Tuesday 3rd March 2022 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllrs C Barber, L Croft, C Kulukundis, J Wenham (arrived item 8), C Carver,
A Darby and G Stacey (Chairman)
In Attendance J Shields (Clerk)

1. Election of Chairman.

Cllr Croft proposed, Cllr Kulukundis seconded and it was agreed to Elect Cllr Stacey as Chairman.

2. Apologies For Absence.

No apologies were received.

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

Cllr Darby declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 19, as land he owns is being proposed for inclusion in the revised Conservation Area..

Cllr Kulukundis declared a prejudicial interest in item 19, as some of the land belongs to her husband's family.

4. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 1st March 2022.

The minutes were approved and signed.

5. To Review The Councils

a) Financial Regulations.

The council agreed, as there has been no further legislation since the regulations were reviewed by the council in May 2019, there was no need for them to be reviewed at the present time.

b) Standing Orders.

The council agreed, as there has been no further legislation since the regulations were reviewed by the council in May 2019, there was no need for them to be reviewed at the present time.

c) Risk Assessment.

Cllr Stacey will assess the Risk Assessment.

6. Election Of Vice Chairman.

Cllr Darby proposed, Cllr Kulukundis seconded and it was agreed to elect Cllr Barber as Vice Chairman

7. To Appoint the Following:-

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| a) Finance Officer. | Cllr Carver |
| b) Bredon Hill Conservation Group Representative. | Cllr Croft |
| c) Victoria Hall Representative. | Cllr Kulukundis |
| d) Area CALC Representative. | Cllr Kulukundis |
| e) Grass Cutting Representative. | Cllr Stacey |

8. To Receive The Report From The Internal Auditor 2021/2022.

Some minutes are still with a councillor awaiting signing. Some minutes are signed but not dated.

Some remittances records are missing.

The previous year AGAR reports are complete but not showing up on the relevant website

The clerk is aware of these items and subject to these being updated I am satisfied to sign the internal audit on the basis of the internal audit work carried out, which was limited to the tests indicated above. In my view the council's system of internal controls in place are adequate for the purpose intended and effective. Andrew M Rhodes 26/04/2022.

All items have been attended to.

9. To Approve The Governance Statement For 2021/2022.

The council agreed the Annual Governance Statement, the relevant document was signed by the Chairman.

10. To Approve The Accounts For 2021/2122.

The Council agreed the Accounting Statement, the relevant document will be signed when appropriate by the Chairman.

11. To Consider the Purchase of New Batteries and Moving Fee of the VAS.

The moving of the VAS Fee will be increased to £40.00 per month. The council agreed to purchase two new batteries and a charger at a cost of £250.50 plus Vat.

12. Finance.

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

The following invoice was agreed for payment:-

W CALC	Subs	£251.47
Gallagher	Insurance	£785.07

b) To ratify payments made between meetings.

The council ratified the clerks increase in salary as agreed via NALC and the payment of £99.36.

c) To receive the bank balance to date.

The accounts had been circulated.

d) To Ratify Standing Orders for 2021/2022.

J Shields £177.24, M Farey £225.00 and WCC £65.53.

13. 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.

W/22/00469/HP Three Gables Back Lane Kemerton. The council has no planning reason to object.

W/22/00690/HP Three Gables Back Lane Kemerton. The council has no planning reason to object.

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

W/22/00146/HP - The Knoll Hill Road Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JN

The council would like to thank both Cllr Darby and Hardman for their time and effort in preparing and speaking at the recent planning meeting regarding the proposed development at Mitton W/18/00771/OUT.

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

No report received.

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

Since my report to the Annual Parish Meeting my Wychavon activity has been largely devoted to the planning applications for 500 houses at Mitton to provide for the needs of Tewkesbury. There were two of these put before the Planning Committee on 31 March, since there was a separate application for an associated primary school as well the main proposal.

W/18/00771/OUT. There was a very long officer's report covering 94 pages for the main item and 40 pages for the school. Having read carefully through these I proposed refusal on the grounds that the main proposal was contrary to policy NP1 of the Bredon and Bredons Norton Neighbourhood Plan and SWDP2 of the South Worcestershire Development Plan. However there was a contrary proposal to defer a decision until the committee members had made a site visit and this motion was approved.

Consequently a site visit was arranged for 27 April and the applications were considered again at the Planning Committee on 28 April. This time the report on the main application had grown to 98 pages, because there was an additional issue raised, namely whether the application was contrary to the European Habitats Directive because of threats to nesting curlew in the Avon Valley to the west of the site. The site visit had given the opportunity to see the proximity of the Avon flood meadows which are functionally linked to the Severn Estuary Special Protection Area. In the light of this I once more proposed refusal with an additional refusal reason – that no Habitat Regulations Assessment had yet been carried out. The committee voted to refuse by 10 to 2 with 3 abstentions. The school application was then refused unanimously.

I did not attend a special council meeting on 23 March which was held after the Executive Board to confirm two recommendations by the Board for sports facilities in Evesham.

I have also attended two JAP meetings on Zoom which continued its work on overseeing the Review of the South Worcestershire Development plan. Last month I reported that the proposed consultation draft should be ready to present on Zoom to Wychavon councillors at the end of March and that there should be a presentation to Parish Councillors on 7th July. Unfortunately this was not the case and we were told that difficulties with the Infrastructure Delivery Plan meant that everything would have to be delayed for an unspecified period – I would hope that not more than a few months. Since the review of the plan was meant to be completed five years after the adoption of the SWDP in 2016 this is worrying, but officers advise us that since we have a five year housing land supply we can still continue to use the existing plan in dealing with current applications.

I am very pleased to see that we have a revised draft of the Conservation Area Review. I think we should look very closely at this.

16. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk.

Vat Reclaimed.

E mailed Overbury estates regarding a tree across a footpath.

The greenery next to the village hall has been cut back.

Complete and signed the signed Lengthsman agreement for 2022/2023.

17. Correspondence.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022 – Overbury will not be providing beacons. Cllr Kulukundis will investigate further 'M5 Junction 9 and A46 (Ashchurch) Transport Scheme – GG 142 walking, cycling and horse-riding assessment'.

18. Conservation Area Review.

The council agreed for Cllrs C Barber, L Croft, J Wenham, C Carver and G Stacey, to review the proposal, this will be an agenda item for the next meeting. Clerk to contact the original members of the group that are still residing in the village.

19. Items for Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

To Update the councils Code of Conduct.

20. Date Of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 5th July. Cllr Barber gave her apologies.

Dates for 2022/2023 – 6th September, 1st November, 3rd January, 7th March and 2nd May.

Signed

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