

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT C Kulukundis (Chairman), J Wenham, C Carver, A Darby and A Howell.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (clerk) and Mrs C Chambers (New clerk).

Carol Bridges was introduced to the councillors.

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs L Croft and O Alexander.

2. Declaration Of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and their nature.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 9th January 2024.

The minutes having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. To Appoint The Clerk.

Cllr Carver proposed, Cllr Derby seconded and it was agreed to appoint Mrs Carol Chambers as the Clerk, starting on the 1st March 2024. Terms as agreed by the staffing group consisting of Cllr Croft, Kulukundis and Carver. The present and the new clerk will co-ordinate the handover.

5. Finance.

a. To agree the invoices to be paid.

The following invoices were agreed:-

Victoria Hall	Hall Hire	£12.00
J Shields	Clerks expenses	£33.57
M Farey	Drain Rods	£39.05
R Jones	Grass cutting	£4,800.00 inc vat

b. To ratify payments made between meetings.

None made.

c. To receive the bank balance to date.

The bank balance was circulated to all Cllrs via E Mail

The following remittances were received:-

Worcs CC	Lengthsman Dec 23	£150.00
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d. To appoint an internal auditor.

The clerk (CC) to contact CALC regarding an internal auditor.

6. Planning.

a. To Consider Planning Applications received to date.

None to date.

- b. To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last Meeting.
None received.
- c. To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.
W/23/02422/HP – Thornbury Overbury Kemerton
W/23/02114/HP – Thornbury Overbury.
- d. The council has been made aware of further alterations to planning application no. W/22/01837/37, no formal notice has yet been received.
- e. W/23/02524/FUL, the application is still pending, however the council would like the distract councillor to take this to committee, if Wychavon officers are minded to approve.

7. To Receive a Report from the County and District Councillor.

No report received.

8. To Confirm the Grass Cutting Contract for 2024/2025.

Cllr Wenham had been in contact with Mr Jones, the outstanding areas will be attended to, before the end of March 2024, weather permitting.

Mr Jones informed the council that some householders have asked him not to cut the grass adjoining their property, he will report this to the council in the future.

The grass area at the junction of Lower Mill Lane and Back Lane, seems to be a dumping ground for 'full' dog bags, which are often opened by Mr Jones strimmer. (See item 10c)

The council and Mr Jones agreed to continue the contract at the present rate of £4,000.00 per annum plus vat.

9. To Renew The Lengthsman Scheme.

The council agreed to continue with the lengthsman scheme, clerk to carry out necessary admin as it arrives.

10. Progress Reports for Information.

- a. Clerk. Report had been circulated.
- b. Conservation Area.
This is ongoing as the officer at Wychavon is on sick leave.
- c. Dog Bin Back/ Lane Lower Mill Lane.
The poll conducted on the village 'what's app' group, had a negative response. Due to the comments of Mr Jones and further complaints from parishioners, this will be revisited.

11. Correspondence.

- Cllr Kulukundis has ordered a Free Portrait of His Majesty The King, for the village hall.
- Kemerton Open Gardens – Mr Gilman, chairman of the committee, had written to ask if the village could be at its best for the Open gardens. The clerk to inform the lengthsman and the Mr Jones of the date, 29th June 2024. Cllr Wenham to inform Mr Jones.
- Telephone Boxes in the Parish of Kemerton – The clerk had responded to the survey of village telephone boxes and their uses.

- One of the residents had received a flyer regarding planning off the A46 at Ashchurch, the council will be prepared to answer questions at the AGM on the 2nd April.

12. Items for Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

To pay 50% of the ongoing cost of the defibrillator.

13. Date Of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 14th May 2024.

2nd July, 3rd September, 5th November 2024

7th January, 4th March 2025.

Signed