

## KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall, Kemerton on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

PRESENT Mr A Darby OBE (Chairman), Cllrs Sir D Logan, Mr G Long, Mr J Van den Broek, Mr P James and Mr M Walker.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mr T Coombes and Mr R Ham.

### **1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Allen and Hardman (County).

### **2. Declaration of Interests.**

Councillors were reminded to update their register of interest and 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 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2010.**

The minutes, with an alteration, were signed as a true record.

### **4. County Councillor.**

### **5. District Councillor.**

a) Report.

#### Planning Policy

South Worcestershire Development Plan. The meeting at Wychavon was well attended and a note made of all the comments which arose in the workshop sessions. These are now being considered by officers and will be fed into the proposals which will come first to the Joint Advisory Panel and then to the full Councils, before a Preferred Options Document is put out for public consultation in September and October this year. However it is intended that informal consultations will continue over the next few months before the three Councils fix on their preferred options. Once the public consultation has taken place there is a further period of consideration and preparation of the final Submission Document which is to be examined by an Inspector in December 2012.

At its meeting on 4 January the Development Control Policy Committee approved the timetable for the production of the SWDP which should finally be adopted in April 2013. Until it comes into effect planning decisions will still be judged against the existing Wychavon Local Plan and the Worcestershire County Structure Plan. These Plans have an end date of 2011, but most of their policies have been 'saved' until the new SWDP takes over.

#### Budget

On the 12<sup>th</sup> January, I attended a special Council Meeting at Wychavon held to discuss the budget proposals in the light of the Government grant settlement. The situation is much as I reported at the last meeting, but more details have emerged. The Government is cutting our grant and we need to find savings of £1.8m. -However the bad news is that this will take place over two years and not four as we had expected. In the light of this the Senior Management Team has refined the savings which I gave you in my last report to:

Efficiencies and Joint Working £537,000

Increased Income from Assets £130,000

Management and staff savings £600,000

Increased Income from Services £510,000 (mostly increased car parking charges)

Service Reductions £174,000.

Against this they are proposing additional expenditure of £160,000.

The principles for setting next year's budget were agreed. In particular that we should keep the use of our revenue balances to an absolute minimum. The officers' proposals would have achieved this result – indeed they would have resulted in a small build up of the balances. However the management board decided not to implement the officers' proposal to raise £400,000 by an increase of parking charges but to leave this decision to the new council which will be elected in May. This means that further savings will have to be found or the agreed budget principle abandoned when the final budget is put to Council on 22 February.

#### Planning Applications

b) Adoption of Parish Plan by Wychavon.

Kemerton Parish Plan had been well received and adopted by Wychavon, complementary remarks we had received. The village design statement would be considered as soon as we submitted it.

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Cllr Van den Broek will investigate the cost of printing copies of the Parish Plan and the VDS.

### **c) To Discuss the Council Membership of the Bredon Hill Conservation Group.**

The council considers the group to be an important tool, however the conduct of the secretary (Mr W Ford) means the group is ineffectual in its present state. The scheduled meeting at Bredon was cancelled continuously by the secretary over the past 18 months. The council agreed for the representative to continue in the pursuit of a sensible solution and suggested that if the scheduled meeting has not taken place within the next 6 months, Kemerton will have no option but to withdraw.

### **d) Village Design Statement: Consideration of Final Draft.**

The final draft (version 7) had been circulated to all the VDS committee members. Cllr Darby proposed, Cllr Van den Broek seconded and it was agreed that the VDS be approved, subject to Cllr Logan, on behalf the council, approving any amendments made between this version and the previous one. It should then be placed on the web site and presented to Wychavon by the end of January

### **e) Progress Reports for Information.**

a) Clerk.

b) Dog Bin.

The council had received the dog bins that had been previously paid for. Dog deposits were a problem however the council agreed that it was not due to the lack of bins but to indifferent owners

### **f) Correspondence For Information.**

The council had received notification of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HMS Kemerton in June 2012.

### **g) To Discuss the Precept for year 2011/2012.**

The council set the precept at £6,447.00, no increase on last year.

### **h) Finance**

a) Invoices to Be Paid.

Mr White £150.00, Victoria Hall £65.00, CW Hygiene £9.87, Clerks expenses £74.34, Inland Revenue £178.80.

b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

Remittance: Rooftop £195.00, Interest 0.60p, .58p.

Bank reconciliation was presented.

c) To Discuss Grass Cutting.

The council agreed for the clerk to write to Mr Jones to confirm the grass cutting contract for April 2011 to March 2012.

### **i) Planning.**

a) To Ratify The Comments For Applications Submitted Since The Last Meeting.

(I) W/10/02240/PP Bardon House, Hill Road, Kemerton. No objection, however the application is an unsympathetic development of a traditional property, the oak frame porch and gables to existing dormers will ruin the front elevation of a beautiful house.

(II) W/10/02639/PN Robins Mill, Overbury. Erection of dwelling for use by gamekeeper. No objection to this application.

(III) W/10/02638/PN Robins Mill, Overbury. Game bird hatchery building. No objection to this application.

(IV) W/10/02743/PP Teales Court Cottage, Back Lane, Kemerton. Alterations and extension to existing dwelling. Object to Proposal Comment: The plan is misleading because it does not show Chesil Cottage which lies immediately to the west. The plans show a window on the west side which will immediately overlook Chesil Cottage. The single storey extension shows a very unsightly metal flue.

(V) W/10/02839/PP Saltwood, Castle Hill, Kemerton. Erection of a new two storey side extension with solar panels. Relocation of main entrance door with a new porch. The council supports this application.

(VI) W/10/02947/PP Bardon House, Hill Road, Kemerton. Rear two storey extension & addition of front porch & two pitched dormers to existing flat roof dormers. No objection.

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(VII) W/10/02905/PP Jasmine Cottage, Hill Road, Kemerton. Single story extension to provide bathroom and bedroom. The parish council has no objection to this application.

b) To Consider Planning Applications Submitted since the Publishing of the Agenda.

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

Approved by Wychavon.

(I) W/10/02839/PP - Saltwood, Castle Hill, Kemerton.

(II) W/10/02947/PP - Bardon House, Hill Road.

(III) W/10/02639/PN Robins Mill, Overbury.

(IV) W/10/02638/PN Robins Mill, Overbury.

Refused by Wychavon

(I) W/10/02212/PP - Saltwood, Castle Hill, Kemerton.

(II) W/10/02240/PP - Bardon House, Hill Road, Kemerton.

To go to Planning Committee at Wychavon and subsequently refused.

W/10/02240/PP Bardon House, Hill Road, Kemerton. Rear two storey extension.

d) To Discuss the Alterations to 7 Baylis Road.

The owner of the property had been informed by Wychavon that this was permitted development and Planning permission was not required. He therefore carried out the work without submitting a planning application. However it was later discovered that this was a mistake on Wychavon's part, as due to the property being in the AONB planning permission should have been sought. Given its mistake Wychavon does not intend to take enforcement action. Kemerton Parish Council was concerned that the consultation process which would have been required for Planning permission had not been carried out, but has no remit to pursue the matter.

e) District Cllr Darby will investigate the planning conditions at Ashbury Farm and the rules for solar panels in the conservation area.

### **j) Winter Weather: Salt Storage and Snow Clearance.**

The chairman had consulted with several farm owners in Kemerton regarding bad weather clearance; however none have the necessary equipment. The Chairman will remain in contact with Overbury Estates, who may acquire the equipment in the future.

The clerk to investigate the possibility of two further grit bins, near to St Nicholas and Hill Road and to chase the siting of two proposed by Highways in the E mail dated 6.12.2010.

### **k) Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.**

Clerk to report potholes in Kinsham Lane and Bredon Road.

Cllr Darby to investigate the moving of a public footpath.

### **l) Date Of Next Meeting.**

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011.