

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall, Kemerton on Tuesday 1st March 2011.

PRESENT Mr A Darby OBE (Chairman), Mr G Long, Mr J Van den Broek and Mr P James.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mr M Darby and Cllr A Hardman (County).

In the absence of Cllr Logan, Chairman of the Parish Plan / Village Design Statement (VDS) group, Mr M Darby presented the latest updated draft of the VDS to the council. The council approved the document and recommended that it be presented to Wychavon District Council. The chairman on behalf of the council and the parish thanked members of the group for producing an excellent document.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs C Allen, Sir D Logan and M Walker. The council expressed its concern, regarding the recent illness of Cllr Walker and wished him well.

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 12th January 2011.

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

4. County Councillor.

Kinsham Lane will have foundation works carried out and parts will be resurfaced this month or later. The old tarmac will be recycled and re-laid.

Cllr Hardman is working towards an increase in the bus service rather than a decrease and urges all parishioners to respond to the 'Consultation Proposal for Reducing Subsidised Bus Services'.

The County Councillor said that he would propose the removal of the flowering crab apple tree from in front of the shop, and to put in a small lay by and retain an adequate footway, but it is more likely that it will be grassed and posted.

5. District Councillor.

Cllr Darby had missed the recent budget meeting due to a previous engagement representing Wychavon at a meeting organised by the Prince's Regeneration Trust ; although Wychavon themselves do not have any historic Buildings' there are many within the District. Although Wychavon have to reduce their budget by £1 million, the rise in parking charges was not agreed at the meeting and would be left to the new council to decide after the election. With the removal of the Regional Spatial Strategy, Housing numbers for the District will be reduced somewhat compared with what we were told before the general election. However villages will still have to provide housing over the next 20 years. We are required to show that we have given enough permission to cover housing needs for the next five years. Currently Wychavon cannot do this and there is a shortfall of between one and two hundred units. This was the reason for the PYE development of 28 houses at Bredon being given approval on appeal.

6. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk.

b) Grit Bins.

The request for two new grit bins in Dec 2010 have been turned down due to 'Failure of the criteria', Clerk to investigate further.

c) Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

The recommendations of the last meeting have been relayed to members of the group and a meeting is due to take place in Bredon, although no date has been set.

d) Vehicle Activated Speed Sign.

The estimated cost of a VAS is £1,000.00, with yearly insurance of £12.50 and moving and charging costs of £360.00 approx. per year. The County Council have to agree that there is a speed problem in the village, clerk to continue.

e) Printing of Parish Plan and VDS.

Deferred. Cllr Van den Broek to get an estimate of printing cost.

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7. Correspondence For Information. (Listed on the Clerk's Report.)

The council will not take part in the Wychavon games.

The council had received from an EON a list of items that parishioners may want to keep together in case of power failure.

- An analogue coded telephone.
- A torch with batteries.
- A wind up mobile phone charger.
- A battery operated radio.
- A foil blanket.
- A reusable hand warmer.

The council agreed to invite Mrs P Latham Development Worker – Older Peoples Service Rooftop Housing Group Limited to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.

8. To Consider the Councils Response to Worcestershire County Council's Proposal for Reducing Subsidised Bus Services.

The clerk to write highlighting the following issues:- Elderly and those unable to drive losing their independence. The county transports school children out of the village, where they make friends, how are they suppose to maintain these friendships and take part in after school activities. Is not inline with Localism Policy?

9. Finance

a) Invoices to Be Paid.

CW Hygiene (Bus shelter cleaning materials) £10.08, Clerks Expenses £47.98.

b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

Bank reconciliation was presented.

c) Financial Implications Of The Clerks Recent CILCA Qualification.

The council agree to the terms of the Clerks contract and raised the salary level by one point.

10.Planning.

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

W/10/03007/PN Hill Furling, Jobs lane, Kemerton. Proposed alterations to partially erect dwelling. No Objection, however the proposed roof lights seem rather large, but are more acceptable than the existing dormers.

b) To Consider Planning Applications Submitted since the Publishing of the Agenda.
None received.

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

Approved by Wychavon.

W/10/02905/PP - Jasmine Cottage, Hill Road, Kemerton.

Appeal Allowed.

Appeal Ref: APP/H1840/D/10/2142209

Bardon House, Kemerton, Tewkesbury.

11.Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

The Chairman thanked all councillors for there attendance and support over the past four years, and hoped that they would all be seeking re election.

12.Date Of Next Meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 15th March 2011 at 7.30pm.

Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm.