

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council meeting held at the Victoria Hall, Kemerton on Tuesday 10th January 2012.

PRESENT Cllrs Mr A Darby OBE, Mrs C Ford, Sir D Logan (Chair),
Mr S Papacostantinou and Dr R Withnall.
IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk) and Cllr Mr A Hardman (County).

Mrs K Maber and Mrs L Whitt presented the 'Neighbourhood Watch Scheme' to the Council and asked for financial help in this connection. See item 16.

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Dr C Renfrew.

2. Declaration Of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest and to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and their nature. Cllrs' Darby, Logan and Papacostantinou registered a prejudicial interest in item 13, as employers of one of the contractors, and left the room when the item was discussed.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Amended Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 1st November 2011.

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

4. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 17th November 2011.

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

5. County Councillor Report.

- The Footpath between Overbury and Kemerton is due to be improved in March 2012.
- Patching of the road surface at the Bredon and Overbury exits from the village will be undertaken in March 2012.
- The continuing problems with the water course in Hill Road by Brookside will be addressed by the County Council.

6. District Councillor Report.

Cllr Darby had attended a meeting at Tewkesbury regarding the 'Gloucester-Cheltenham-Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy. Housing construction at sites at Mitton to the west of Bredon, at the MOD site at Ashchurch and on the greenfield site to the north of this would be likely seriously to aggravate traffic density through Kemerton.

7. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk.

A letter had been prepared explaining 'Riparian Responsibilities' for distribution to property owners concerned. Clerk to forward to Councillors for comment.

b) Chairman's Report.

c) Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

- Comments on the 'Gloucester-Cheltenham-Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy' had been sent.
- The Group would write to Deer Hall Park regarding Off Road Events.
- The Group was divided on the issue of the listing of 'Parsons Folly', and no recommendation had been made..
- A new secretary had been appointed.

d) Vehicle Activated Speed Sign.

The Council had been advised that it can now purchase this on its own (ie not necessarily in cooperation with two other parishes, which had been the requirement hitherto). The Clerk is awaiting information from Highways on this. The Clerk is also investigating the installation of 'white gates' for the entrances to the village as a visual awareness tool.

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e) Lengthsman.

The Clerk had reported two blocked drains and asked a land owner to clear a water course.

8. Correspondence For Information. (Listed On The Clerk's Report.)

No Councillors were available to attend the WCC Budget or the Standards Board Meetings.

9. Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile For Your Community.

This had now been arranged at Gym and Tonic , Bredons Hardwick.

10. Response To Consultation On Gloucester, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury Joint Core Strategy.

The Council agreed to the principles of the reply. Cllr's Withnall and Darby would prepare a draft for comment for all members of the Council before submission.

11. Ashbury Farm.

A successful meeting had taken place in November hosted by Toni Ainscough, Environmental Health Officer Worcestershire Regulatory Services.

The Council agreed that if Cllr Withnall participated in the proposed 'Community Liaison Group', this should be in his personal capacity and not as a representative of the Council.

12. To Discuss Co Option Of A Councillor.

The Council agreed to co opt at the next meeting. Clerk to advertise.

13. To Consider Grass Cutting Tenders.

Because three Councillors had a prejudicial interest in this item, there was no quorum to consider it. On advice from Worcs CALC, the Council delegated to the Clerk the authority too award the contract on the advice of the remaining Councillors. The contract was awarded accordingly to GDB for one year in the first instance. The Clerk to contact all the contractors.

14. To Discuss The Use Of The Village Hall.

The Council had been made aware that parishioners felt the Victoria Hall was not being sufficiently used for social events for the village. The Chairman volunteered to speak to the chairman of the Hall Committee about this.

15. New Homes Bonus.

Councillors have been given information of the scheme. Item of March 2012

16. To Consider Neighbourhood Watch Stickers And Signs

The Council agreed to fund an introductory meeting at Victoria Hall if needed and to pay for signs to be displayed on the entrances to the village. Clerk to investigate erection of signs.

17. Finance

a) Invoices to be paid.

The Council agreed to pay the Parish's agreed share of the new BHCG secretary's honorarium.

The following invoices were agreed for payment.

HMRC £148.60, Clerk's Expenses £70.64, Ken White £75.00, Clement Keys £144.00, Victoria Hall £51.50, Newsquest 67.68, Worcs CALC £156.00, Lengthsman £131.15 Nov, Lengthsman £131.15 Dec.

The Standing order for the Clerk was amended to include the increase agreed in 2011.

A standing order for the lengthsman was also set up.

b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

Remittances received.

Lengthsman £159.75, Roof Top £195.00 and Interest £1.00.

Up to date finance report was given to all councillors.

c) To Consider A Contribution to The 'Volunteer Service'.

Deferred.

18. Planning.

a. To Ratify comments on Applications Submitted Since The Last Meeting.

i. W/11/02754/PP Tustains, Hill Road, Kemerton. No objection.

ii. W/11/02660/PP The Stables, Hill Road, Kemerton. No objection.

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

There were none.

c. To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

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Approved.

- i. W/11/01495/PP - Saltwood, Castle Hill, Kemerton
- ii. W/11/00576/LB Lindum House, High Street, Kemerton,
- iii. W/11/01913/PN - Ashbury Farm, Wing Lane, Kemerton

19. Items For Future Agenda And Councillor Reports.

20. Date Of Next Meetings 2012.

Parish Council Meetings 6th March, 3rd July, 4th September and 6th November.

Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by Parish Council Meeting 1st May.

Annual Parish Meeting 20th March.

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