

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 4th September at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Mrs K Cartwright, Mrs C Ford, Mr A Darby, Mr S Papacostantinou, Dr C Renfrew (Chairman) and Dr R Withnall.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk).

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Sir D Logan.

2. Declaration Of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest and to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and their nature.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 3rd July 2012.

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

4. Finance

a) Invoices To Be Paid.

The Council agreed payment of the following invoices:- GBD (grass cutting) £759.46, Victoria Hall £13.00, Lengthsman £230.30, S Gwilliam £11.00, Wychavon Sport £6.00, A Hull £30.88.

b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

Balance was presented and the following remittances had been received:- Lengthsman £143.75

5. Planning.

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

W/ 12/00870/PP Brasenose Cottage, Back Lane, Kemerton. Demolition of a conservatory and replacement with a garden room. The council has no objection to the proposal.

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

W/12/01704/CU Fairview, Kemerton Road, Kemerton. Change of use from butchers shop to private additional accommodation. The Council has no objection to the proposal.

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

Approved.

W/112/01003/PP The Farthings, Back Lane, Kemerton. Erection of Cotswold Stone Wall. .

W/12/01127/PP - Sundial, Hill Road, Kemerton. Extension to porch to create utility extension to garage to enlarge dining room

W/12/01183/PP Peartree Cottage, High Street, Kemerton. Demolish open porch, extensions and alterations to provide additional and improved living accommodation.

6. To Update Progress On Traffic Calming Measures.

The Chairman had approached Overbury School, who have agreed to carry out a traffic calming project. The speed sign is now in place and will be moved to various locations within the village.

7. To Consider A Response To The SWDP Significant Changes To The Preferred Options Document.

There are no changes to housing numbers for Kemerton, however there are two points in Landscape Character that the Council would like included, Cllr Darby will draft a response to be circulated to all Councillors.

Submission by Kemerton Parish Council in response to the South Worcestershire Development Plan Proposed Significant Changes to the 2011 Preferred Options. Policy SOC147 Landscape Character.

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Kemerton Parish Council is disappointed that the significant gaps policy only relates to particular gaps identified on the Proposals Map and does not apply to gaps between villages in general. We therefore consider it essential that the new landscape character policy covers this point. We believe that paragraph c) may be referring to this issue when it talks about “the local and cross boundary/border landscape”, but we consider that this paragraph is obscure and needs to be clarified.

We would therefore propose that a specific landscape character policy is added as d) They fully recognise the importance of maintaining open countryside between settlements to preserve visually their separate historic identities and to prevent coalescence and ribbon development.

We would also propose that there should be an addition to paragraph a) and any local landscape designation such as the Cotswolds Area of Great Landscape Value.

The reasoned justification to saved Policy ENV1 of the Wychavon District Local Plan makes specific mention of the Cotswolds AGLV, and Kemerton Parish council considers that there is a strong argument for this to be carried forward into the new plan. While there may be some overlap with Policy Soc149 (as the AGLV may be interpreted as being roughly equivalent to the “setting” of the Cotswolds AONB), the parish council believes that a local designation has the powerful advantage of being flexible and responsive to changes in local circumstance.

8. To Discuss The Electricity Supply To The Phone Box.

The Council agreed to disconnect the electricity supply to the telephone box – Clerk to action.

9. To Discuss Cleaning Of The Bus Shelter.

Clerk to advertise the position on the village shop and to write and thank Mr White for his services.

10. To Discuss Lengthsman Remuneration For The Moving Of The Speed Sign.

The Council agreed to pay the installation invoice, the Chairman will contact Mr Hull regarding remuneration of moving the sign and charging the battery.

11. Village Hall Update.

The Chairman and Cllr Cartwright had meet Mrs Marsh (Chairman) and Mr G Long of the Victoria Hall Committee to discuss the refurbishment of the Victoria Hall. It was agreed that a survey of the Parish would be conducted.

Ten Parishioners have formed an independent Entertainments Committee to utilise the Hall. The Council agreed to give a grant of £500.00 once a bank account had been opened.

12. To Consider Moving Electricity Cables Underground

Councillors were asked to establish cables where cables run in the village, Cllr Darby offered to provide maps.

13. County Councillor Report.

None received.

14. District Councillor Report.

The Localism Bill provides an opportunity to list local community assets and register a Community Right to Bid if these were put on the market. Wychavon is currently examining the process for achieving this objective, and he advised that the Parish Council should consider such listing in due course.

15. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

Report had been previously circulated.

Changing of bank account is ongoing.

b) Chairman.

Included within the minutes.

16. Correspondence For Information. (Listed On The Clerk’s Report.)

‘Get Involved’ with planning questionnaire was completed.

Letters of thanks had been received from Evesham CAB and Kemerton W. I.

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Lower Mill Lane is not included in the grass cutting contract, Clerk to inform Parishioner.

17. Items For Future Agenda And Councillor Reports.

18. Date Of Next Meeting.

6th November 2012.