

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Kemerton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2013 at 7.00pm at the Victoria Hall Kemerton.

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

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk) and Cllr A Hardman (County).

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Dr R Withnall.

2. Declaration Of Interests.

None received.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 8th January 2013.

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

4. Finance

a) Invoices To Be Paid.

The following invoices were agreed for payment:- Victoria Hall Kemerton £34.00, Clerks Expenses £42.79, A Hull VAS Expenses (Feb) £25.00, A Hull £115.15 (Feb), A Hull VAS Expenses (March) £25.00 and A Hull £115.15 (March), HMRC £177.80. Clerks SO £123.41 (per month)

b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

The following remittances had been received:- County Council Lengthsman £718.75, Roof Top £195.0 and Interest .14p.

Bank balance was presented to the Council.

5. Planning.

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

W/13/00143/PP and W/13/00184/LB Brookside Cottage, Peppercorn lane. Re thatch existing property excluding 30 degree non pitch roof over front porch. No reason to object.

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

W/13/00390/LB Brookside Cottage, Peppercorn lane,, Kemerton. Reduce height of disused chimney. Partial removal of the chimney is aesthetically inappropriate; the chimney should be capped at its present height.

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

Approved by Wychavon.

W/12/02819/PN - Lane End, Back Lane, Kemerton

W/12/02778/CA - Orchard House, Kemerton

W/12/02777/PP - Orchard House, Kemerton

6. To Update Progress On Traffic Calming Measures and Agree Grant To Overbury School.

The Council agreed to donate £500.00 to Overbury School.

The document with proposed traffic calming measures is in progress, Overbury Parish Council are now involved, as the document will cover the C5 from Kinsham Lane, Kemerton to Crashmore Lane, Overbury.

7. To Ratify Appointment of the Bus Shelter Cleaner.

The Council ratified the appointment of Mr Mark Farey.

8. To Discuss The Grass Cutting Contract for 2013/2014.

Seven applications for tender documents had been received and where posted, three tenders had been returned, the Contract was awarded to New Farm Grounds Maintenance. Clerk to respond accordingly.

9. County Councillor Report.

The C5 through Kemerton is being repaired and resurfaced in stages over a two year period commencing in April 2013.

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10. District Councillor Report.

Report to Kemerton Parish Council by Wychavon District Councillor Adrian Darby

Since the last PC meeting there have been two very full planning committee meetings each with an agenda of several hundred pages. Developers have been trying to cash in on the fact that Wychavon has been unable to show a five-year housing land supply before the new plan is adopted. As a result of this deficit we have been obliged to pass several applications which would not qualify under the new South Worcestershire Local Plan and which did not under the old Wychavon Local Plan,(including two in Beckford).

At the Council Meeting on 19th February we approved the Wychavon budget for 2013/2014 which left the council tax unchanged from 2012/2013. We were compensated for this freezing of the tax by a government grant which compensated us for one year only, at the cost of permanently lowering our tax base in the face of inflation. This means that we will run into considerable difficulty in future years unless we can cut spending further or raise additional revenue. The obvious source of future funding is the new homes bonus which is now paid for each new house for six years after it is occupied. So far 40% of Wychavon's share of this (20% goes to the County Council) has been pledged to the villages under its New Homes Bonus Protocol, but it seems likely that Wychavon will have to take an increasing share in the future.

11. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

The Clerk had submitted the VAT reclaims form.

Nat West has changed the system for Parish Council Accounts and Santander now allows 'on line' banking for Parish Council Accounts, therefore the Council account will stay with Santander.

b) Chairman.

Cllr Renfrew, due to work commitments, will stand down as Chairman at the next meeting.

c) Electricity cables.

Ongoing.

d) Village Hall.

Questionnaires have been returned and will be collated by the Annual Parish Meeting.

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

Clerk to ask Highways for extra cones, some of the ones placed outside the Victoria Hall to protect the grass verge have been stolen or broken.

The Council suggested the W.I. plant a large pear tree, where the previous Jubilee tree was sited on the green outside Long Barn.

PAYE will be carried out in 'Real time' from 6th April 2013.

13. Items For Future Agenda And Councillor Reports.

Parking on the grass verge between the Victoria Hall and the Cross, Clerk to investigate ownership.

14. Date Of Next Meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 19th March at 7.00pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 14th May 2013 at 7.00pm.