

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllrs C Kulukundis, Mr Robert Davies, Sir D Logan (Chairman) and Mr S Papacostantinou.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk) and Mrs C Ford (Outgoing Chair)

Acceptance of office were signed.

1. Election Of Chairman.

Cllr R Davies proposed, Cllr S Papacostantinou seconded and it was agreed to elect Cllr Logan to Chair the meeting, the council also agreed to elect a chairman at each and every meeting, until a councillor felt they were able to be Chairman.

Cllr Logan expressed his thanks to the previous councillors for their contribution to the parish council and to Mrs Ford for her role as chairman.

2. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Darby, the council agreed for Cllr A Darby to sign the declaration of office at the next meeting.

3. Election of Vice Chairman.

Deferred.

Due to the lack of parishioners the meeting continued.

4. Declaration Of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest held by Wychavon and to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and their nature.

Cllr's C Kulukundis and R Davies were given declaration of interest forms to sign and return to Wychavon.

Cllr Papacostantinou declared a prejudicial interest in item 10c and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

The council agreed for all the councillors' applications for dispensation to be accepted, enabling them to be part of the discussion and vote on the precept until the end of April 2019.

5. To Review The Councils Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Risk Assessment And Insurance Requirement.

The Council agreed for the clerk to investigate further quotes for the insurance for the coming year

6. To Appoint the Following:-

- a) Finance Officer – Cllr R Davies.
- b) Bredon Hill Conservation Group Representative – Cllr S Papacostantinou.
- c) Victoria Hall Representative – Cllr C Kulukundis.
- d) Area CALC Representative – Not appointed.
- e) Footpath Officer – Cllr D Logan.

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7. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 3rd^h March 2015.

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

8. To Approve The Parish Council Accounts.

The financial report and accounts for 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015 were presented to the council and approved, they will be presented to the internal auditor in May and sent to the external auditor by the 30th June. The notice exercising the voter's right to access the accounts has been placed on the notice board.

9. To Discuss Co Option of a Councillor.

The council agreed to co opt the two vacancies, the clerk will place a notice in appropriate places, the deadline for application forms being the 23rd June to be completed and returned by the 30th June to the clerk.

10. Finance

a) Invoices To Be Paid.

The council agreed for cheques to be signed by two councillors (bank requirement) and not three (Kemerton Standing Orders) until the new councillors are added to the mandate.

The following invoices were agreed for payment:-

Victoria hall £34.00, HMCR £178.80, W CALC £177.04, Clerks Expenses £35.98.

b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

Not presented as the bank statement had not been received.

c) Application for Rate Relief.

The council agreed to contribute to the rate relief for

500170695 £101.68.

500251171 £346.64.

11. To Ratify the Continuation of the Lengthsman Scheme.

The Council agreed to continue the Lengthsman Scheme for the coming year.

12. Planning.

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

W/15/00308/PP Malvern View, Kemerton Road, Kemerton. Two storey side extension to provide kitchen/dining room with bedroom, en suite and dressing room above. Erection of porch to side. The council has no reason to object.

W/15/00435/PN Bredon Hill Radio Tower, Double Hedges Road, Overbury. The removal of the existing 4no. antennas, to be replaced by the installation of 4no. multi-band antennas mounted upon new support poles. 1no. 300mm transmission dish shall also be installed whilst existing redundant apparatus shall be removed. There will also be 1 no. radio equipment cabinets and ancillary development thereto. The council wishes to object.

Bredon tower is an important feature of Bredon Hill, which forms part of the AONB. It has already been disfigured with electronic equipment, and no more such equipment should be permitted.

It is revealing that the application describes the tower as a Radio Tower, It is not: it is a Scheduled Ancient Monument. While not a nationally listed building, it is to be found in Lockett Survey of Historic Parks and Gardens in Worcestershire. This is regarded as a local listing source by Wychavon. Additionally, I should like to draw attention to the paragraph in the covering letter

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which states that while the supporting tower sits on the Kemerton Camp Scheduled Ancient Monument, there are no works affecting the SAM and hence no Scheduled Monument consent is required. The proposed dishes would be attached to the SAM via poles already attached to it. However, it is misleading to say that for this reason there would be no works affecting the SAM. The dishes would affect the appearance of the SAM whether they were attached to it directly or indirectly.

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

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.
Approved by Wychavon.

W/15/00308/PP Malvern View, Kemerton Road, Kemerton

13. County Councillor Report.

No report.

14. District Councillor Report.

I have not written a District Councillor's report, but would like to thank all those who voted for me.

15. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk.

The clerk had reported the following to WCC.

i. Reference Number 6648085

The Box frame and cover need to be re seated and re fitted to make safe.

WING LANE, GL207JG

Comments from Worcestershire County Council

07-MAY-2015: Works order CEN/31389 raised to undertake repairs to catchpit cover.

ii. Reference Number 6648084

Pot hole o/s Grange Court HILL ROAD, GL207JJ

Comments from Worcestershire County Council

07-MAY-2015: Works order CEN/31389 raised to effect pothole repair.

iii. Reference Number 6648083

Pot Hole o/s Well House BACK LANE, GL207HR

Comments from Worcestershire County Council

07-MAY-2015: Works order CEN/31389 raised to effect pothole repair.

iv. Reference Number 6648082

Pot hole o/s Cherry tree Cottage BACK LANE, GL207HY

Comments from Worcestershire County Council

06-MAY-2015: Identified and placed on works order on 15th Apr15 - now repaired.

v. Reference Number 6418857

The drain and water course is blocked here and the road keeps flooding, this has been reported several times before.

KINSHAM LANE, GL207JB

Comments from Worcestershire County Council

03-Mar-2015 The works order has now been closed as the work was completed on 21-Jan-2015.

b) Traffic Calming – Report from Mrs C Ford.

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The "Traffic Calming & Safety in Kemerton" brochure has been produced and sent by email to Adrian Harman, Keiran Hemstock (Traffic Management Team) and the Highways Department.

Adrian Hardman has been asked to consider the issues raised in the brochure. It is hoped he will be able to endorse and support all or at least the majority, of the several approaches listed in the Summary & Conclusions, on page 14, to overcome these issues. It has been suggested this is a topic Adrian could address when next attending a Parish Council meeting. Funding hopefully will be available from Adrian/Worcestershire County Council plus grants for community projects such as Severn Waste.

The brochure has been up loaded on the Parish Council's website.

c) Overhead Electric cables - Report from Mrs C Ford.

The undergrounding of the overhead lines in part of Hill Road and Bayliss Road is impracticable unless Western Power substantially lowers the quotation given. Still awaiting to hear from Western Power in this regard.

The Company has not provided any further information as to when the undergrounding of the overhead lines will take place on the northern side of the High Street (free of charge), nor the intended works to overhead lines in the Jobs Lane area (when there will be an opportunity for house owners to pay a "reasonable" sum to have the lines put underground at the same time if they wish).

Chasing email recently sent.

d) War Memorial.

Awaiting the decision from the War Memorials Trust.

e) Flood Meeting- Report from Mrs C Ford.

The last meeting took place on 29 April. Present were Matt Maginnis, Mark Morris, Wade Muggleton and Joe Baker ("the team"), Jackie Shields and Cathy Ford.

Prior to the meeting:

(1) Some limited surveying of the drainage system had been carried out and works undertaken (eg the culverts outside The Chapel and Chapel House); and

(2) Tony Jones had investigated the situation in the location of the track, abutting Dafferns Orchard, where much water and silt wash down Hill Road.

The team was told that a short while ago Andy Hull (lengthsman) had given the Parish Council 12 months' notice and the reasons he had decided to do so. The team hope sufficient progress will be made on the ground in the near future so Andy will feel able to reconsider his position and continue as lengthsman.

Jackie raised the difficulties she had experienced in the reporting process. It was admitted this system introduced last year (the Hub) did not always work smoothly. Reports were often not passed on to the appropriate person in a timely manner, occasionally not at all. Matt thought it may be possible for Jackie, as Clerk to the Parish Council, to report such problems direct to the appropriate person. He will get back to her to confirm the position.

It was agreed the following would be actioned:

(a) a new drainage survey covering the whole village be carried out - this started on Friday 1 May.

(b) Wade Muggleton (a new member of "the team") will look at the possibility of slowing the water flow in particular at the top of the village (eg tree planting; the introduction of sandbag steps with slit traps etc). He advised he would start walking around the village after the meeting. He will liaise with the footpaths officer to see what can be done along the track at the end of Jobs Lane.

(c) The installation of a cattle grid at the bottom of the track (referred to above at 2) on the highway. It was accepted this would need to be regularly checked/emptied. It

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was noted the land drainage situation at this location also required consideration with a view that ultimately the cattle grid acted as a “secondary” measure. It was mentioned the bund on the track to divert water had deteriorated.

(d) Other particular areas for investigation and potential works in the locations of Brookside Cottage (scheduled for June/July), Bardon House, Crossfields and two points on the Bredon Road.

Further meeting to be held once the survey of the whole village completed.

f) Annual Police Report for Kemerton Parish 2014-15

The last 12 months has seen significant change within the team and the police as a whole. We lost our long serving PC Sean Woods to the Pershore Town team after the local PC retired. This has allowed a new PC called Paul Acaster to join the team back in November and he is still working his way around the area, so I’m sure you will bump into him soon. Paul is working alongside the long serving PCSO Julie Pardoe who is committed to serving your community. Last June also saw a new addition to the team, PCSO Steven Tinkler. Steven is enjoying his new role and is also showing a high level of commitment to helping the community.

This report is based using the recorded crime figures between 10/5/14 and 11/5/15 the comparison is relating to the corresponding dates in 2013/14.

Overall the police recorded 40 incidents that were reported by members of the public this is compared to 38 incidents reported the previous year.

Of the 40 incidents the Parish had 12 recordable crimes (incidents where a specific offence has occurred) this was in comparison to 10 recordable crimes the previous year.

The breakdown of offences is as follows:

	2014/15	2013/14
Burglary Dwellings	7	2
Theft	2	4
Criminal Damage	2	4
Other Offences	1	0

(Includes mostly domestic related incidents)

Overall the figures show a steady but low crime rate for the past few years however the area has seen an increase in burglaries in the last 12 months. We have continued with increased patrols in the area and have issued security advice, we have also made a successful arrest in connection with at least one of the burglaries.

The figures clearly present the picture that Kemerton and the surrounding area is still a safe place to both live and work, however we all have a responsibility to ensure we maintain this. On behalf of the team and myself I should like to offer my thanks to the Parish Council for all its help over the last 12 months. I would also like to say thank you to the Parish as a whole for its continued support of the local policing team and for the numerous calls we have received relating to suspicious activity, all we ask is that you continue to do this.

Julie Pardoe C6427 Safer Neighbourhood PCSO Pershore Rural North and South. Non-emergency phone number: 101.

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

The W.I. are hoping to take members on a ‘walk’ in September, and are concerned at the boggy area on the footpath by Watermill Cottage. Cllrs Logan and Papacostantinou, had met Mr Herford, who had agreed to try and install some drainage to alleviate the problem.

17. Items for Future Agenda And Councillor Reports.

Traffic Calming.

Date Of Next Meeting.

Parish Council meetings - Tuesday’s 7th July, 1st September, 3rd November 2015.

5th January, 1st March, 5th May 2016. Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 15th March 2016.