

## KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllrs C Kulukundis, C Carver , A Darby (Chairman) , R Davies, Sir D Logan, S Papacostantinou and J Van den Broek.

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

**1. Apologies For Absence.**

**2. 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.

**3. To Elect a Vice Chairman.**

Deferred.

**4. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015.**

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

**5. To Consider Applications For New Homes Bonus.**

The council agreed for the clerk to complete the New Homes Application Form to include:- Repair to the War Memorial £1,110.00.

Three litter bins, outside the shop, by the cross and outside St Bennet's Church £2,055.13.

**6. To Discuss Assets for Community Value.**

The council agreed for Cllr Kulukundis to complete the forms for the following buildings to be considered for 'Community Value' status:- The Village Hall, The Shop, The Crown, St Bennet's (RC) Church and St Nicholas (C of E) Church and the Acupuncture Clinic. A draft will be emailed to all councillors before submission by the clerk.

**7. To Discuss Grass Cutting Contract and General Parish Maintenance.**

Cllr's Carver and Papacostantinou had 'walked' the village and had provided a report, Cllr Kulukundis had provided information from the Cotswold Conservation Board's Guidance for Verges. Taking into consideration the two, Cllr's Carver and Kulukundis will provide a map and cutting instructions for the next meeting, this will be presented to Richard and Tony Jones to provide a quote for grass cutting in 2016. Squitterbrook Lane Smell.

The new owners of Hill Furlong have had a new septic tank fitted and all soakaways have been renewed. The old was tank completely emptied again and it has been filled in with soil. Old legal paperwork for Hill Furlong had been found stating that all soakaways from the old tank were on Hill Furlong land. The ground has been landscaped over and grass seed put down .

**8. To Discuss the Lengthsman Contract.**

The council agreed to appoint Mr Mark Farey as the Lengthsman, commencing as soon as possible, clerk to contact.

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The council wished to convey their thanks and appreciation to Mr Andy Hull who was present at the meeting.

### 9. 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: Wychavon (Dog Bin Maintenance) £89.17, HMRC £178.40, Bus Shelter £75.00, Clerks Expenses £44.97

#### b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

Bank balance was presented to the council.

The following remittances had been received:- Western Power £8.31, WCC (Grass cutting contribution) £1,223.00.

#### c) To Discuss Precept 2016-2017.

The clerk and Cllr Davies will meet to prepare a document for the next meeting.

#### d) To Consider a Grant Application from the Victoria Hall Committee.

The council would like more information, Cllr Kulukundis to relay this to the committee at their next meeting.

### 10. Planning.

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

W/15/02409/PP - April Cottage, Kinsham Lane, Kemerton.

The council has no reason to object.

Land Off Aston Fields Lane Ashchurch Tewkesbury.

The council agreed for Cllr Darby to submit comments to the appeal, in line with the objections raised at the planning application.

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

None received.

#### c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

None received.

### 11. County Councillor Report.

Flooding – is being addressed, with work under way.

Traffic Calming Scheme – not a priority at Highways, since the accident and budget position make it very hard to get this under way. The County has a lack of qualified engineers to look at this work since housing applications are swamping the county council, however Cllr Hardman will use his Local members budget to fund an outside consultant if need be to get it moving.

Footways – The footways outside the shop and the village hall will be upgraded in early 2016.

Land Off Aston Fields Lane Ashchurch Tewkesbury – Cllr Hardman will encourage Worcestershire Highways to comment at the appeal.

### 12. District Councillor Report.

Report by District Councillor Adrian Darby to Kemerton PC 3 November 2015

Planning.

Appeal at Worcestershire Hunt Kennels. The outcome is still awaited but the effect on the Local Wildlife Site turned out to be irrelevant because the appellants modified their plans to reduce the impact on the important area of grassland.

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Application for 100 acre solar farm at Strensham near the Grade one listed church. This was approved at the last planning meeting in spite of my speaking against it in my capacity of Heritage Champion.

Appeal against non-determination by Tewkesbury Borough Council for 550 houses at Land off Aston Fields Lane Northway. This appeal is open for representations to arrive within six weeks of 26 October 2015. I will be making a representative as Wychavon District Councillor, essentially repeating the points I made against the original application. I would advise the Parish Council to do the same.

### **General Wychavon News**

At their last council meetings Wychavon and Malvern Hills resolved to share their senior management teams, following their earlier decision to share a chief officer. This has the advantage of saving some salary costs while making the top jobs more attractive to candidates by giving them increased responsibilities.

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### **13. Progress Reports for Information.**

a) Clerk.

Report circulated.

b) Traffic Calming.

See County Cllr report.

c) Overhead Electric cables.

Some works have been agreed by N Power.

d) Flood Meeting.

Two sleeping policemen type bunds will be installed on the track above the cattle grid on the corner of Hill Road.

The work being carried out on the road has been delayed due to an unmapped gas pipe.

The ditch Squitterbrook Lane ditch will hopefully be dug out by the probation service.

### **14. Correspondence For Information. (Listed On The Clerk's Report.)**

No Cllr is able to attend the AGM.

Cllr Clever would like to attend the councillor training session to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November.

### **15. Items for Future Agenda And Councillor Reports.**

Some residents are concerned at the lack of use of the speed gun, clerk to contact Cathy Ford.

### **16. Date Of Next Meeting.**

5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.