

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Annual Kemerton Parish Council held at the Victoria Hall, Kemerton on Tuesday 4th May 2010.

PRESENT Cllrs Mr A Darby OBE (Chairman), Mr G Long, Mr P James, Sir D Logan, Ms C Allen and Mr J Van den Broek.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk).

1. Election Of Chairman.

Cllr Allen proposed, Cllr Logan seconded and it was agreed by all to elect Cllr Darby as Chairman. The Chairman signed the Acceptance of Office.

2. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Walker.

3. Election of Vice Chairman.

Cllr Darby proposed, Cllr Allen seconded and it was agreed by all to elect Cllr Long as Vice Chairman.

Cllrs Allen and Van den Broek were elected to form the Audit group.

For following were elected to represent Kemerton;-

Bredon Hill Conservation Group	Cllr Long
Memorial Hall	Cllr Long
Area CALC	Cllr Van den Broek

The meeting continued as no parishioners were present.

4. Declaration Of Interests.

The Chairman reminded councillors of the need to update the Register of Interest if applicable.

5. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 9th March 2010.

The minutes were altered, signed and agreed as a true record.

6. County Councillor.

Cllr A Hardman was not present.

7. District Councillor.

No definite report has yet been published with the changes of category to villages as suggested by Cllr Darby.

The Planning Policy Committee has approved the draft Residential Design Guide which has gone out for consultation.

8. To Consider Reviewing The Council Standing Orders.

The council agreed for the clerk to incorporate the New Standing Orders with Kemerton's existing orders.

9. To Review The Councils Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment And Insurance Requirement.

The council agreed that there was no need to review; the Annual review of the Risk Register would be on the next Agenda.

10. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

b) Lengthsman.

Salt Bin has been destroyed in Castle Hill.

c) Village Design Statement Group.

Cllr Logan asked for volunteers to aid completion, it is hoped to present a draft to the village in July – September and to bring the final version to the council meeting in September.

11. Correspondence For Information.

Cllr Logan will attend the event on Village Planning to be held at Wychavon on the 7th June.

12. Invoices To Be Paid.

The council agreed to pay:

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Worcs CALC £157.52, Aon Insurance £503.34, Clerks Expenses £45.13, HMRC £59.60, Lengthsman £395.00 (April) £170.00 (March), K White £150.00, Victoria Hall £107.50

13. To Approve The Parish Council Accounts.

The council agreed the draft accounts; the Clerk will pass to the internal auditor, then to the Audit Group and will bring to the July meeting to be signed.

14. Planning.

No new planning. The application for a new access to Ashbury Farm is still pending.

15. To Ratify The Continuation Of The Lengthsman Scheme.

The council agreed to continue with the Lengthsman Scheme. However this year the funding by Worcestershire County Council has been reduced to £1,717.00. The council agreed to fund the £343.00 needed to continue the service of the Lengthsman for 200 hours in the year April 2010 to March 2011.

16. To Ratify The Response To The South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy.

As the return date of the response to the SWJCS was 30th April 2010, the council held a meeting on Tuesday 13th April at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall Kemerton, to discuss the response. Present were: Cllrs Mr G Long (Chairman), Mr P James, Mr M Walker, Ms C Allen and Mr J Van den Broek. Ms J Shields (Clerk) and Mr M Darby. (Member of the Village Design Statement Group attending in the absence of Sir D Logan) Apologies received from Cllrs Mr A Darby OBE and Sir D Logan. Mr M Darby presented the results of Village Design Questionnaire, which had been incorporated into the response to the SWJCS Site Allocation and Policies Development Plan by the Village Design Statement Group. Mr M Darby left the meeting. The councillors present, after discussion and amendments, agreed with the points to be raised in the response letter. Due to time restraints, the clerk was asked to write the response, forward to Councillors for approval, before being signed by Cllr Long. (Copy Of letter enclosed)

17. Applications For Rural Rate Relief.

The council approved rate relief to three small businesses within Kemerton at a cost of £421.77

18. To Consider A VAS Sign For Kemerton.

The council agreed to monitor the progress of a group of four villages within Wychavon before taking a decision.

19. Items For Future Agenda.

To consider the relocation of the Memorial Hall.

To investigate the classification of Job's lane.

20. Date Of Next Meeting.

Either 6th or 13th July 2010. Subsequently confirmed as 6th July.