

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Due to the Current Covid 19 Pandemic and The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) which came in to force on 4 April 2020.

As advised by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). The parish council has no legal obligation to hold its Annual Parish Council Meeting in May 2020, all current positions, reviews and groups will be carried forward until May 2021.

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom video conference on Tuesday 5th May 2020 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllrs C Barber, L Croft, C Kulukundis (Chairman), C Carver, A Darby and G Stacey.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk) and County Cllr A Hardman (joined the meeting at 7.20pm)

1. Apologies For Absence.

None received.

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.

Cllr Darby takes no part in any decisions regarding planning as he sits on the planning committee at Wychavon.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 3rd March 2020.

The minutes of 3rd March were approved and will be signed at a later meeting.

4. To Receive The Report From The Internal Auditor, To Approve The Governance

Statement and the Accounts For 2019/2020.

Deferred due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the publication date for final audited accounts for local councils will move from 30 September to 30 November 2020.

Accounts have been taken to the internal auditor.

5. Finance.

a) To agree the invoices to be paid via BACS.

The following invoice was approved for payment:-

Wors. CALC	Subs and NALC Fee	£263.13
Came and Co	Insurance	£648.22

b) To ratify payment made between meetings.

The following payments were ratified:-

Caple Ltd	Notice Board Deposit	£660.18
Victoria Hall	Hall Hire	£16.80

c) To receive the bank balance to date.

The following remittance has been received.

Wychavon	Precept and grant	£4358.00
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Bank balance was presented to the council.

Cllr C Kulukundis has been added as a full signatory on the council's bank account.

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6. Planning.

- a) To Consider Planning Applications received to date.
 - i. 20/00836/HP Freestones Kemerton Road Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JB. The council has no planning reason to object.
 - ii. 20/00865/LB The Hermitage Hill Road Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JN. . The council has no planning reason to object.
 - iii. 20/00864/HP The Hermitage Hill Road Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JN. . The council has no planning reason to object.
- b) To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last Meeting.
 - i. 20/00431/FUL Ashbury Farm Wing Lane Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JG.
Erection of poly-tunnel for the housing of livestock.
Kemerton Parish Council object to the proposed erection of a poly tunnel at Ashbury Farm for the following reasons: 1 It causes harm to the listed buildings situated close to the proposed poly tunnel site - namely Ashbury House and The Knoll. 2 Causes visual harm to the conservation area SWDP 6. 3 Contravenes policies of Local Plan Policy SWDP 23 4. The proposed development does not conserve or enhance the special qualities of the Cotswolds ANOB. It would have a detrimental impact on the ANOB's natural beauty - which includes settlement character.
 - ii. 20/00322/CU Upper Court Back Lane Kemerton
The parish council has no planning reason to object.
- c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.
Approved by Wychavon
20/00062/LB - The Villa Back Lane Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7HY
20/00279/HP – Freestones Kemerton Road Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JB
- d) Withdrawn Applications.
20/00431/FUL Ashbury Farm Wing Lane Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JG.

7. To Receive a Report from the County Councillor Mr A Hardman.

All council employees are working from home and it is proving to be successful, it asks the question as to the future of County Hall!

All elements of the council's duties are being carried out, although road maintenance is six weeks behind.

Adult Social Care is proving to be challenging, care homes have been effected by the virus, the council has one month's stock of PPE and is training staff in its facilities to use it correctly and testing staff.

Currently there are 70 acute cases of Covid 19 in Worcestershire and 8 in intensive care.

All routine operations have been cancelled.

Household waste sites will be opening on the 11th May 2020, surprisingly fly tipping has not increased in the county.

Bulk waste collections have resumed.

8. To Receive a Report from District Councillor Mr A Darby.

There is very little to report since our last meeting other than my "attendance" at virtual meetings.

There have been quite a lot of these. Last Thursday there was a Wychavon Council Meeting in the morning and a Planning Meeting in the afternoon. They were both conducted by telephone and were consequently very laborious as each vote had to be taken with each councillor answering separately. Also, since the previous planning meeting had been cancelled, there were twice as many applications to consider.

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Planning Meeting. The only item that was of direct relevance for Kemerton was the proposal to approve a draft Supplementary Planning Document for Local Listing for consultation. SWDP Revision. This draft SPD will tie in with one of the policies in the SWDP revision which refers to Local Listing. At the moment Malvern Hills has this but not Wychavon. There was a virtual meeting of the Joint Advisory Panel overseeing this revision last Tuesday. This reviewed the first of six batches of policies in the light of the Preferred Options consultations responses. There were no very controversial policies selected in this first batch. The arguments will come later in the summer when we get to actual site allocations. Tewkesbury Garden Town consultation. You will have seen that the meetings in March to present the scheme for the new Railway Bridge at Northway were cancelled and that now we have to do everything on line. I think we should make our usual point about the dangers of increased traffic flowing along Aston Fields Lane.

Councillor's Discretionary Fund. All Wychavon Councillors have been given £500 to spend at their discretion to help meet local needs, for example to support foodbanks and other organisations that are responding to community needs at this time.

I have been told that the conditions under which I can make any payments are as follows:

1. The money can only be paid to local voluntary or community organisations who are engaged directly in assisting the more vulnerable in your communities and are following the government's current advice on how to keep volunteers and vulnerable people safe. These organisations may include your parish council or church if they are directly engaged in providing such support.
2. Under no circumstances should any of the money be paid directly or indirectly to individuals, groups of individuals or businesses.
3. This fund is not designed to support businesses. The government has announced financial support for businesses which is already being administered by local councils.
4. This fund is not to support individuals with Council Tax or similar hardship relief. Please direct people to www.wychavon.gov.uk/coronavirus where they will be able to get details and apply for relief directly from the Council.
5. You can award monies in neighbouring wards, especially if your communities use services in a nearby town. We suggest you contact the relevant local councillor before doing this to co-ordinate efforts.
6. You can join together to pool your budgets.

I am finding it rather hard to meet these conditions. I had expected to give half to the Tewkesbury Food Bank which is supported by many residents of my ward. However they said they could not accept it as, at the moment, they are not providing any aid to South Bredon Hill residents.

9. To Discuss the Lengthsman Scheme and April Payment.

On the 25th March 2020, the council was informed by the County Council, due to Covid 19, the Lengthsman scheme is suspended until further notice. On the 24th April 2020 the council was informed, if the council completed a Risk Assessment for the Lengthsman, he could return to do specified tasks only.

The council agreed for the Lengthsman to make up 10 April hours during the financial year and until the VAS is reinstall to carry out Lengthsman hours to the same value.

10. To Consider Applicants for Wychavon Grant of £500.00.

Applicants have to meet the terms of the grant.

The following ideas were given to Cllr Darby:-

Tewkesbury Food Bank

Evesham Foodbank

Kemerton Play group.

Bredon Hill Scrubs.

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11. Progress Reports for Information.

- a) Clerk.
 - No Turning sign at the top of Westmancote - There *is no recognised NO PARKING sign without there being a Traffic Regulation Order with double yellow lines.*
 - Prepared and submitted a Risk assessment to W CALC in conjunction with Worcs. CC.
 - Completed and returned PAYE 2019/2020.
 - Applied for a VAT reclaim.
 - Postponed Annual Parish Meeting.
 - Carried out all instructions from the March meeting.
 - Invoiced WCC and Rooftop for Grass Cutting Contribution.

- b) Burial Space.

Ongoing.

- c) Notice Board and Bench.

The notice board has been ordered.

Two further benches will be ordered to replace existing ones, near the Catholic Church and by the village hall. Any dedication plaques will be carefully removed and placed on the new ones.

- d) Village Hall.

Adrian Hardman had donated £3,000.00 from his county fund, work will start two weeks after the current building restrictions are lifted.

- e) Covid 19.

An independent group had been set up to help Kemerton residents during 'Lockdown' the group has the support of the parish council.

12. Correspondence.

Tewkesbury Garden Town. Action Cllr Croft will form a response to be circulated.

13. Items for Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

No reports and no items for future agenda's.

14. Date Of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 7th July 2020.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed

Date