

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom video conference on Tuesday 7th July 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.

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 5th May 2020.

The minutes were approved and were signed.

4. To Receive The Report From The Internal Auditor, To Approve The Governance Statement and the Accounts For 2019/2020.

- a) Mr A Rhodes had carried an audit of the councils 'Governance and Accountability, some minor comments had been made, which had been addressed by the clerk.
- b) The council agreed the Annual Governance Statement, the relevant document was signed by the Chairman.
- c) The Council agreed the Accounting Statement, the relevant document was signed by the Chairman.

5. Finance.

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

The following invoice was approved for payment:-

Wychavon DC	Dog Bin Hill Road Yearly Fee	£91.73
J Shields	Clerks Expenses	£39.07

- b) To ratify payment made between meetings.

None paid.

- c) To receive the bank balance to date.

Bank balance was presented to the council.

WCC	Grass cutting Contribution	£1, 374.08
Rooftop	Grass Cutting Invoice 2019/20 and 2020/21	£390. 00

- d) To consider replacing the cherry tree near the village hall.

The council agreed to replace the crab apple tree.

Action. Cllr Kulukundis will investigate.

6. Planning.

- a) To Consider Planning Applications received to date.

I. 20/01141/FUL Boundary Cottage High Street Kemerton GL20 7JD.

The council agreed to object. (Objection can be found on the Wychavon Site.)

II. 20/01070/FUL Ashbury Farm Wing Lane Kemerton GL20 7JG

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The council agreed to object. (Objection can be found on the Wychavon Site.)

- b) To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last Meeting.

The council ratified the letter written to Tewkesbury Borough Council making objections to the Ashchurch Railway Bridge consultation.

- c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

Approved by Wychavon.

- I. 20/00836/HP – Freestones Kemerton Road Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JB
- II. 20/00865/LB - The Hermitage Hill Road Kemerton GL20 7JN
- III. 20/00864/HP - The Hermitage Hill Road Kemerton GL20 7JN

7. To Discuss And Update The Letter To Residents Regarding Water Courses.

Action Cllr Kulukundis will revise the letter.

The Lengthsman has been placing articles in the parish magazine which has improved the frontage of some properties.

8. Lengthsman and VAS.

The council had agreed via E mail for the Lengthsman to return the VAS in June. Further guidance has been issued by WCC regarding task that can be undertaken during Covid 19.

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

Covid 19

- *The Worcestershire COVID-19 Outbreak Control Plan has been published: http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20769/coronavirus_covid-19*
- *The methodology for reporting positive cases changed on 2 July 2020 to remove duplicates within and across pillars 1 and 2, to ensure that a person who tests positive is only counted once. Numbers of lab-confirmed positive cases throughout this website now include those identified by testing in all settings (pillars 1 and 2).*
- *Despite the relaxation on social distancing guidance in schools, the three-tier system (smaller schools/lower staff numbers) presents challenges for the wider re-opening of schools in the Autumn around the hill.*
- *Given the above we are working closely with schools to identify options to provide additional capacity in readiness for the Autumn Term. Potential to use container storage to free up space in classrooms.*
- *Pupils in years 10 and 12 in secondary schools, sixth form and further education colleges across the county returned this week. A limit of 25% of pupil numbers is in operation to ensure compliance with social distancing guidelines.*
- *Town centres continue to be busy as non-essential shops have begun to open. District Councils (working in partnership with the County Council) have measures in place to enable safe shopping accepting that people need to be responsible for their own actions*
- *Worcestershire's libraries will begin to reopen next month after being closed for 3 months because of the coronavirus lockdown. Six of Worcestershire's libraries are currently due to re-open on Saturday July 4th, in line with phase three of Central Government's relaxing of lockdown restrictions.*
- *Libraries re-opening to customers during the first phase are: The Hive, Redditch, Kidderminster, Malvern, Bromsgrove, Evesham. These will be open from 10:00 to 1700 Monday to Friday and 10:00 to 16:00 on Saturdays*
- *The level of infections in Care Homes in Worcestershire remains stable and in line with levels across the West Midlands. All staff and residents in Care Homes with positive cases of COVID-19 have been tested.*
- *The Test and Trace service is live. A team of Environmental Health Officers and Public Health Practitioners will provide this locally in Worcestershire.*

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

- *Pressure continues to ease on the Acute Trust with the number of active cases and new admissions still falling.*

Adult Services

- *Increasing concerns re the financial viability of Care Homes linked to a reduction in admissions.*
- *As with school capacity issues, adherence to social distancing guidance will impact on Day Care capacity provision.*
- *Recovery planning underway, especially in relation to day service provision for adults with learning disabilities.*

Children's Services

- *A total of 9 out of 10 schools in Worcestershire are now open daily to reception, year one, year six and year ten or twelve students, following the wider re-opening of schools throughout June. Attendance across the county's schools has risen to 17.7% of the total proportion of children in school, higher than the national average of 15.6%.*
- *Positive feedback received from parents, teachers and pupils regarding the experience within schools since the re-opening.*

Community Services

- *The Here2Help Contact Centre has scaled its opening times to reflect the reduction in calls for assistance. Options around extending the service on a more permanent basis, working as a multi-agency partnership with the Health and Care Trust.*
- *Working together across District and County councils we continue to make contact with shielded individuals whilst the cohort is being advised about changes to advice and guidance*

Economy & Infrastructure

- *Traffic volumes are estimated to be running at 79% of pre COVID 19 levels.*
- *Highways surface dressing and maintenance returning to "Business as Usual".*

Workforce and Training

- *The message continues to be that everybody who can work from home, should work from home. Access to offices should therefore continue to be for essential need only, defined as business critical and cannot be delivered through working from home with digital solutions.*
- *County Hall has now been certified as COVID Secure and site-specific protocols have been agreed, which includes that access by anyone to the building must be authorised in advance.*

Finance

- *Further announcements of financial support to Local Authorities are expected in the next couple of weeks.*

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

- *Covid 19.*

As a result of the pandemic Wychavon has been in lock down since March and all meetings have been held remotely. At first this was done by telephone conference but latterly it has been carried out by Zoom.

As usual the matters which have concerned me most have involved planning. I have 'attended' a number of meetings of the Joint Advisory Panel (JAP) overseeing the revision of the South Worcestershire Development Plan. I have also attended meetings of the Planning Committee and the Executive Board.

- *Executive Board.*

The most important issue to come before this is Wychavon's proposed Intelligently Green Plan. This is due to be brought to the next meeting of Council. The Liberal Democrat group is unhappy with the paucity of its ambition in respect of Climate Change and will be producing alternative proposals.

- *JAP.*

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

We have been reviewing all the policies which were put forward last autumn in the light of the responses to the consultation. I cannot at this stage tell you what we will be recommending to the three Councils (Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Wychavon), but they will need to be considered in the light of government policy on Climate Change and will therefore relate to the above.

- *Planning.
The planning committee has not dealt with any applications which have a particular relevance for Kemerton.*
- *Tewkesbury Garden Town.
I have declared a minor potential financial interest in this which has inhibited me from taking an active part in the parish council's response to the Ashchurch Railway Bridge consultation.*

11. Progress Reports for Information.

- a) Clerk. (Report circulated).
Invoice for grass cutting sent to WCC
Reminder invoice for 2019-2020 and this year's 2020-2021 sent to rooftop.
- b) Burial Space.
Ongoing
- c) Notice Board and Bench.
The notice board and bench should be fitted soon.
The council agreed via E mail to purchase a further two benches, this was ratified.
- d) Village Hall.
Work should start this month.
Further Grants have been obtained.

12. Correspondence.

- Resignation of Footpath Warden.
Sir David Logan has resigned as footpath warden, due to the current pandemic and replacement cannot be sought.
The council on behalf of the parish, would like to thank him.
- Margaret Westwood Memorial Charity. An application is being made for sports equipment for the hall.

13. Items for Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

Co Option of councillor.

Parishioners are urged to use the 540 bus service or it may be withdrawn.

14. Date Of Next Meeting.

1st September 2020.

Signed

Date

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

COVID-19 STATISTICS

Official statistics and information are available on the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-track-coronavirus-cases>

The methodology for reporting positive cases changed on 2 July 2020 to remove duplicates within and across pillars 1 and 2, to ensure that a person who tests positive is only counted once. Numbers of lab-confirmed positive cases throughout this website now include those identified by testing in all settings (pillars 1 and 2).

Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 are different kinds of data taken from coronavirus testing. Swab tests for Covid-19 are carried out in hospitals and surgeries as well as in the community all the time. Each pillar comes with specific coverage goals and a set purpose from one or several organisations:

- Pillar 1 data comes solely from the tests carried out in Public Health England (PHE) lab and NHS hospital settings.
- Pillar 2 tests come from out in the community, such as care homes.

The publication of pillar two data will show a marked increase in the number of our confirmed cases in Worcestershire. This data has been available to Public Health and the Director of Public Health for some time and has been closely monitored throughout. In Worcestershire, our figures remain stable and comparatively low for the Midlands. “

Some key statistics being:

Number Testing Positive in Worcestershire	2334
Number Testing Positive in UK	283757

UK 2/7

Number of Tests carried out on the day	252084
Daily Increase in Cases	576
Cumulative Deaths	43995

The government announced it was re-imposing lockdown measures in Leicester on Monday, after a jump in cases last week. New figures released on Thursday show Leicester still had the highest infection rate in England - with 141 cases per 100,000 people in the week to 28 June.

The local figures are highlighted below:

Local Authority	28/06/2020	21/06/2020
Worcestershire	3.55	5.74
Gloucestershire	0.95	0.63
Warwickshire	5.6	10.33
Shropshire	7.18	13.74
Herefordshire	1.56	2.08

WHERE CAN I GET FURTHER INFORMATION, HELP AND ADVICE?

Reminder that the Here2Help website www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help is the first point of contact if people want to offer assistance or gain support. The other option is the telephone contact number which is staffed 8am-6pm 6 days a week – 01905 768053.

Carers who support a family member or friend who require support should contact the Worcestershire Association of Carers on www.carersworcs.org.uk or call the Helpline 0300 012 4272.

<http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/corona>