

# KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom video conference on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT** Cllrs C Barber, L Croft, C Kulukundis (Chairman, up to item 9), C Carver (chairman item 10) and A Darby (Chairman Form item 11).

**IN ATTENDANCE** Ms J Shields (Clerk) and County Cllr A Hardman.

Due to technical hitches the chairman was changed.

**1. Apologies For Absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr G Stacey.

**2. Co Option of Councillor.**

The council had not received any applications.

**3. 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.

Cllr Darby gave a non-prejudicial interest in item 6b when it had gone to the planning committee at Wychavon.

**4. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020.**

The minutes were approved and will be signed when appropriate.

**5. Finance.**

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

The following invoice was approved for payment:-

Wychavon District Council	Dog Bin Kinsham Lane	£90.97
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b) To ratify payments made between meetings.

The following invoices were ratified:-

Caple Ltd	Noticeboard	£646.32
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Garden Shopping	Benches	£698.00
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c) To receive the bank balance to date.

Bank balance was presented to the council.

d) To agree a donation of £10,000 to the village hall refurbishment.

Cllr Carver proposed, Cllr Croft seconded and it was agreed by all, to donate £10,000.00 to the Victoria Hall refurbishment.

**6. Planning.**

a) To Consider Planning Applications received to date.

Amendments to Planning Application.

20/01070/FUL Ashbury Farm Wing Lane Kemerton GL20 7JG. The council retains its original objections.

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

20/01141/FUL Boundary Cottage High Street Kemerton GL20 7JD. The council had objected to the application stating 35 reasons.

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The application had gone to Wychavon Planning Committee at the request of the local member, Cllr Croft had represented the council, and the application was deferred for further information.

The parish council would like to converse with the current Wychavon Conservation Officer, regarding the 'Conservation Area Appraisal' carried out by a previous Wychavon Conservation Officer earlier this year.

- c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.  
None to date.

### **7. To Discuss Changes in National Planning Policy.**

The changes in National Planning Policy will have an immense effect on not only Kemerton but the country as a whole. All parishioners are urged to comment on these proposed changes. The council will be sending a response.

### **8. To Receive a Report from the County Councillor Mr A Hardman.**

No report received.

### **9. To Receive a Report from District Councillor Mr A Darby.**

I have been carrying on my activities over the internet and all the meetings I refer to have taken place by way of ZOOM. As always these have been largely concerned with planning. I have attended meetings of the Joint Advisory Panel (JAP) overseeing the revision of the South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) and also the subsequent meetings to brief other councillors on the decision that JAP has reached. Because of Covid-19 the revision process is running well behind schedule and it is now proposed that the decisions on the final version of the plan to be presented to the inspector will not be taken by the three individual councils (Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Wychavon) until autumn 2021. However it is not certain whether this timetable will stand as the government has recently published the two consultations about which you have been notified in the Clerk's email of 28 August. If the proposal to change the method of calculating the housing requirement survives the consultation Wychavon will have to find more than twice the number of houses each year compared with the SWDP Review. It will also have to produce a plan to do so in a much shorter period of time than it has taken to reach this stage of the present review. The result will be chaos and I recommend the parish council to make strong objections to these proposals.

At a parochial level, the application for an additional house in the garden of Boundary Cottage was considered at the latest planning committee. The parish council had objected, very largely on heritage grounds. As Heritage Champion I said that I was disappointed that the conservation officer had not addressed some of these objections. It was decided to defer the matter to the next meeting so that the conservation officer could produce a fuller report. I have also said that I would like the application at Ashbury Farm to be referred to the planning committee.

I have allocated my Councillor's Discretionary Covid Grant equally between Ashton under Hill and Overbury First Schools.

### **10. Progress Reports for Information.**

- a) Clerk. (Circulated).  
Letter of thanks written and sent to David Logan.  
AGAR completed and sent to External Auditor.  
Website has been updated.
- b) Burial Space.  
Ongoing.
- c) Notice Board and Bench.

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They are all in situ. The pavement area is 'a bit of a mess' where the new board and bench are situated.

Clerk to report to Highways, as it is their responsibility.

d) Village Hall.

Work is due to start in October.

e) Crab Apple Tree.

Deferred.

### **11. Correspondence.**

Kemerton 'Home of Industry' – the council had received a request for information on this establishment, which seems to have been set up c. 1890, and ran until c. 1910.

Cllr Darby and Overbury Estates have provided information.

### **12. Items for Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.**

The recent articles in the parish magazine seemed to have improved the waterways in the parish.

### **13. Date Of Next Meeting.**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

Signed