

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held via Zoom video conference on Tuesday 5th January 2021 at 7.00pm, via videoconferencing, using Zoom.

PRESENT Cllrs C Barber, L Croft, C Kulukundis (Chairman), J Wenham, (co-opted item 2), C Carver, A Darby and G Stacey.

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

1. Apologies For Absence.

No apologies were received.

2. Co Option of Councillor.

Cllr Kulukundis proposed, Cllr Carver seconded and it was agreed by all, to co-opt Mrs J Wenham, on to the council, all the appropriate paperwork will be E mailed.

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 declared an ODI (other declarable interest) in item 11a, as he uses the services of Mr Jones.

d) To Consider Applications for Dispensation.

The council agreed councillor Wenham's application for dispensation to be accepted, enabling her to be part of the discussion and vote on the precept until the end of April 2023.

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

The minutes were approved and will be signed when appropriate.

5. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 22nd December 2020.

The minutes were approved and will be signed when appropriate.

6. Finance.

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

The following invoices were approved for payment:-

Wychavon DC	Annual fee for dog bins – Kinsham Lane and Wing Lane	£181.94
C Barber	Crab Apple Tree	£57.00
J Shields	Clerks Expenses	£68.14
PKF Littlejohn	Audit	£240.00

b) To ratify payments made between meetings.

S Harte	BHCG	£30.00
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c) To receive the bank balance to date.

Bank balance was presented to the council.

The following remittance was received.

WCC	Lengthsman	£150.00
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7. To Consider the Precept for year 2021/2022.

Each household's council tax bill is made up of various elements, the three tiers of government ie County, District and Parish, plus the police and fire service, each setting their own budget.

The parish element is called the Precept.

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The council had agreed at the meeting held in November 2020, to increase the precept to enable a Public Works Loan (the interest fixed at the time the application is approved) for a shortfall in funding for the refurbishment of the Victoria Hall, mainly due to COVID related issues.

As part of the loan process the council consulted the parishioners. An A5 flyer was produced and hand delivered to every household in the parish, asking for the parishioner's permission to raise Kemerton's precept by 4.27 %, ie. £1.62 per year on a Tax band D household. The 'tax band' and the 'tax base' are set by Wychavon. This figure was reached by using the tax base for 2020/2021 of £214.92 and the Loan interest rate in November of 2.46%.

Unfortunately the E mailed address on the flyer was incorrect Kemertonpc@hotmail.com instead of Kemertonpc@hotmail.co.uk, due to this error and the reactions of some parishioners, a further 6 sided A4 document was produced and hand delivered to every household in the parish.

Of the 317 people on the electoral role, 39.7% responded, of the parishioners that responded 83.33% were in favour of the increase in the precept.

When the application form for the Precept, from Wychavon, arrived, the tax base had increased which would mean for the council to maintain the same budget as this year it would have to increase by 1.85% or 71p per year on a Tax band D household. To incorporate this increase with the already proposed increase for the loan would have meant an increase of approx. 7.5% or £2.93 per year on a Tax band D household.

A draft budget had been circulated by the Clerk which included a drop in interest rates on PWL loans and 5 different options for the council to consider.

After a lengthy discussion Cllr Carver proposed, Cllr Darby seconded and was agreed by all to, increase the precept by 4.27% or £1.64 per year on a Tax band D household to £8,915 for 2021/2020, this amount includes a Grant from Wychavon of £292.00, and the precept to be raised by the parishioners is £8,623.

8. Planning.

- a) To Consider Planning Applications received to date.
None to date.
- b) To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last Meeting.
For consideration
 - i. 20/02352/LB The Hermitage Hill Road Kemerton GL20 7JN. The parish council has no planning reason to object.
 - ii. 20/02351/HP The Hermitage Hill Road Kemerton GL20 7JN. The parish council has no planning reason to object.
 - iii. 20/02424/HP 10 Bayliss Road Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JH. The parish council has no planning reason to object.
 - iv. 20/02641/HP Rose Cottage Jobs Lane Kemerton GL20 7HZ. The parish council has no planning reason to object.
- c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.
Approved by Wychavon
20/01834/LB - The Old Bakehouse High Street Kemerton
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20/02424/HP - 10 Bayliss Road Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JH
20/02352/LB - The Hermitage Hill Road Kemerton GL20 7JN
20/02351/HP - The Hermitage Hill Road Kemerton GL20 7JN

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

Covid cases in Worcestershire are increasing by 42% with Wychavon having 228, Worcs. County 317 and the country 362 cases per 100,000.00 (figures as of 31.12.2020.) the increase in cases is mainly in the 21-30 year olds. Over 80's and over 60's have decreased by 1.5%.

Local hospital are currently coping well as more is now known about the virus the numbers in intensive care are decreasing.

Cllr Hardman was pleased that there were no significant issues in Kemerton as a result of the recent heavy rain.

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

Has attended various planning meetings at Wychavon.

11. To Discuss The Lengthsman and Grass Cutting Contract for 2021/2022.

The council agreed to continue with the Lengthsman scheme

Action Clerk to sign appropriate paperwork when it is received from Worcs. County Council.

The council would like to thank Mark Farey for his excellent work in the parish.

The council is happy to continue with the grass cutting contract with Mr Jones, the yearly amount paid will be increased to £2,900 from April 2021.

Action. Clerk to send contract for signature and to ask for a copy of their public Liability insurance.

12. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk.

Report has been circulated.

Various issues have been reported to the relevant Wychavon and Worcs. County Council departments.

Sent comment to TBC Ashchurch Bridge planning application.

b) Burial Space.

On going.

c) Crab Apple Tree.

Cllr Barber and her father had removed the dead and planted the new Crab apple tree near the Victoria Hall.

13. Correspondence.

- 'Plant a tree' will be an agenda item for the March meeting.
- The council having received information regarding the Medlar Tree in Hill Road and will apply to Wychavon for a TPO to be placed on the tree.
Action Clerk
- The Lengthsman has reported that the bus shelter is being used as a 'urinal', he has had to clean and disinfect the inside regularly in December. There have also been reports of broken glass. The parish council installed a solar panelled light in the bus shelter a few years ago to try and combat this anti-social behaviour, it will now look into a security camera being placed inside to name and shame the offenders.
Action Cllr Kulukundis.
- The heavy rain has caused flooding on the footpath to Westmancote, this is a recurrent problem that cannot easily be solved.
- The ditch in Castle Hill road needs clearing, the clerk has contacted Overbury Estates.
- The ditch on the corner of Hill Road has been damaged by vehicles again.
Action Clerk to report.
- Tewkesbury Borough Local Plan Examination. The council agreed to consider either making a further written response or attending the Examination.

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14. Items for Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

- Shelves in bus shelter – due to a lack of response regarding donations for shelving for the books, the council agreed a budget of £50.00 for Cllr Carver to put some up.
- Notice Board. - Cllr Carver has trimmed the tree around the notice board and cleaned it, as has Mark Farey. A list of current councillors will be placed on the board.
- The Annual Parish Meeting will be discussed at the March meeting of the council.

15. Date Of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 2nd March 2021.

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