

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 1st November 2022 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

A parishioner brought to the attention of the council the amount of leaves around the drain near Boundary Cottage. See item 12.

PRESENT Cllrs L Croft, C Kulukundis (Chairman), J Wenham, C Carver and A Darby.
IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk) and one parishioner.

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs C Barber and G Stacey.

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.

Cllr Darby declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 6, as land he owns is being proposed for inclusion in the revised Conservation Area.

Cllr Kulukundis declared a prejudicial interest in item 6, as some of the land belongs to her husband's family.

Cllr Darby declared an other disclosable interest in item 8bii, as land he owns Kemerton Park adjacent to the application.

Cllr Kulukundis declared a other disclosable interest in item 8bii, as Kemerton Park adjacent to the application, belongs to her husband's family.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 6th September 2022.

The minutes were approved and signed.

4. To Review The Councils Risk Assessment.

Deferred.

5. To Discuss the Notice Board in the Bus Shelter.

The council agreed to fund and install a new notice board for inside the bus shelter, to a maximum budget of £100.00. Cllr Kulukundis to carry out.

6. Conservation Area Review.

After discussion the council agreed a response to be calculated and agreed by the voting councillors ASAP and returned to the officer.

7. Finance.

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

The council agreed the invoice to be paid:-

Village Hall	Hall Hire	£20.00 inc Vat
Clerks expenses	April to Dec 2022	£100.71
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b. To ratify payments made between meetings.

None paid.

c. To receive the bank balance to date.

The accounts had been circulated.

The following remittance have been received:-

WCC	Lengthsman	£150.00
WDC	Precept	£4,820.00
WCC	Lengthsman	£300.00

d. Draft Budget 2023/2024.

A draft end of your budget was presented to the council.

8. Planning.

a. To Consider Planning Applications received to date.

i W/22/02118/LB The Grange Bells Castle Lane To Crashmore Lane Kemerton

ii W/22/02117/HB The Grange Bells Castle Lane To Crashmore Lane Kemerton

As the application was received late afternoon, the council will consider via E mail.

iii W/22/01837/FUL Applegarth Hill Road Kemerton. Amended application had been as received late afternoon, the council will consider via E mail.

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

I. W/22/01837/FUL Applegarth Hill Road Kemerton. The council objected to the application full details on be found on Wychavon website.

II. W/22/02133/PIP Dutnells Kemerton Road Kemerton. The council objected to the application full details on be found on Wychavon website.

III. W/22/01445/HP South Hey Jobs Lane Kemerton. The parish council has no planning reason to object.

IV. W/22/01845/HP 11 Bayliss Road Kemerton. The parish council has no planning reason to object.

c. To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

d. Withdrawn Applications

W/22/01387/LB The Hermitage Hill Road Kemerton. This application was for listed buildings only. This will not affect W/22/01386/HP The Hermitage Hill Road Kemerton, which will still be considered by Wychavon.

9. To Receive a Report from the County Councillor.

No report received.

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

As always, I have been most involved in planning and there has been a great deal of activity since I last reported to you.

SWDP Review. The final version of the plan is now out for public consultation for six weeks. I have been watching its evolution over the past few years through my membership of the Joint Advisory Panel (JAP) and now you can all look at it. I won't attempt to explain everything to you in this report but there will be briefings you can attend, notable one in Bredon Village Hall focussing on Mitton on 11 November 1pm -8 pm. I think you all know the general tenor of the plan which was set out when there was the consultation on the preferred options three years ago. There have been a number of changes on individual sites since then, but the main ideas of strategic settlements at Worcester Parkway, Throckmorton Airfield and Mitton in Wychavon and Rushwick in Malvern Hills remain unchanged.

What are the implications for Kemerton?

Because of the closing of the shop and post office it is proposed that Kemerton is placed in Category 4. It is also proposed that category four villages will have no defined development boundaries and that any development proposals will be regarded as being in the open countryside. This means that once the new plan is approved, the existing allocation at Park Farm will be deallocated.

Kemerton Parish council has always been opposed to the development of 1000 houses at Mitton, half of which are to satisfy Tewkesbury's needs. It expressed its fears of the consequences of this for the Bredon Hill villages at the earlier stage and it may want to do so again. There are no other major allocations proposed south of Bredon Hill, although there is modest site in Overbury.

Apart from attending the usual number of JAP meetings and the council meeting which approved the draft plan for consultation, I have been involved in the appeal public inquiry into the first phase of the Mitton proposal for five hundred houses which was refused by Wychavon in April. I was concerned about the threat which this development might pose for nesting curlews in the lower Avon valley. This had been one of the refusal reasons given by Wychavon, but unfortunately after Natural England raise no objection, the council felt obliged to drop this reason. I therefore spoke last Tuesday as a private individual explaining why I thought that Natural England was wrong.

There are two undecided Kemerton planning applications currently, to which the Parish Council has objected. I have declared an 'other declarable interest' in the Planning in Principle application at Dutnells and have agreed with Cllr Hardman that he will act as local member in that case.

In the case of Applegarth I note the parish council views and have told the case officer that I am considering taking it to committee. In such a case I cannot take a predetermined position and will only decide what I think, when I have seen all the evidence presented.

11. Progress Reports for Information.

- a. Clerk. (Circulated).
- b. Lengthsman Report.

The autumn and winter bring a seasonal problem of leaf drop. I clear the drains as regularly as I can but leaves drop daily and if residents could pick up leaves as well as hedge cuttings on their frontages, it would be a great help as this would prevent them from blocking up streams. I have responded to a couple of requests over the summer and strimmed the path from Jobs Lane to Squitter brook and the junction to Lower Mill Lane by the footpath, which was a visibility issue. The regular grass cutting by the Jones' has made my life a lot easier with not so much debris on the roadside. The verges continue to be a problem, I do not know how a weight restriction on vehicles in the top end of Kemerton could be enforced. The verges are now soft and damage very easily. I do not have to look around to fulfil my 10 hours of work per month. The Grips, drains and stream take up most of my time but I am always open to issues that could need my attention. Many thanks for the new battery and charger lead for the speed sign which is a great help. Many thanks to Jackie and your committee for your continued support.

12. Correspondence.

- WCC have appointed a footpath warden, Mr Tim Ashley. Issues can be reported to him on kemertonppw@btinternet.com
- A parishioner has contacted the council regarding falling leaves in the parish which could block the drains.
The Lengthsman, Mark Farey, was made aware correspondence, his response.

I clear them on a regular basis, the problem is the horse chestnut tree on the junction which in the autumn sheds it's leaves. I can clear the drains on the junction and by the next day they are full again. I spend a lot of time with leaves especially by the bus shelter with that massive beech. Trees are vital but do provide a few headaches in built up areas. It would help if it was mentioned perhaps in the village Magazine if people could make an effort to sweep up leaves outside their properties, it all helps. I get bags full out of the streams where pipes flow along as well as hedge cuttings people do not pick up but blow away.

The council does not have the funds to employ Mark for more than the hours.

- King and Queens Stones
Clerk to write to Overbury to ask about access.
- Grass cutting of the Green.
A resident had asked about grass cutting timetable and more frequent cuts to the green, Clerk to respond with a copy of the grass cutting timetable and explain the limited funds of the council due to the large donation given to Ashchurch Parish Council Judicial review.
- A response to the SWDP Review, will be circulated and agreed via E mail before being submitted by the clerk.

13. Items for Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

- 2023/2024 Budget.
Donation to the parish magazine.
- Review grass cutting.
- Cllr Kulukundis will attend the Worcs. CALC AGM.
- Defibrillator is to be moved outside the village hall.
- Cllr Carver will remove the old mountings of the bench by St Nicholas.
- Cllr Carver will remove the low hanging branches of the trees on the Green.

14. Date Of Next Meeting.

January 10th 2023

Meeting closed at 20.50

Signed

Date