

# KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT C Kulukundis (Chairman), J Wenham, C Carver and A Darby.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk).

## 1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs L Croft, O Alexander and A Howell.

## 2. Declaration Of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and their nature.

Cllr Darby declared an ODI (other declarable interest) in item 6a, as he owns agricultural land adjoining the site.

Cllr Kulukundis declared an ODI (other declarable interest) in item 6a, as her family owns agricultural land adjoining the site.

## 3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 7<sup>th</sup> November.

The minutes having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as a true record.

## 4. To Review The Councils Risk Assessment.

Deferred.

## 5. Finance.

a. To agree the invoices to be paid.

The following invoices were agreed:-

WDC	Bin cleaning etc	£220.49
J Shields	Clerks Expenses	£101.46
Victoria Hall	Hall Hire	£24.00
C Carver	Book Shelves	£57.91

b. To ratify payments made between meetings.

The following payments were ratified:-

Clerks Back dated Pay increase	J Shields	£136.08
	WCC	£36.58
M Farey	Lengthsman Travel expenses	£15.00

c. To receive the bank balance to date.

The bank balance was circulated to all Cllrs via E Mail

The following remittances were received:-

WCC	Lengthsman	£150.00
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d. To set the Precept for 2024-2025.

The council agreed to increase the precept by 5%, increase to the tax payer of £2.21 per year to a Tax band D, this is necessary due to an increase in clerk's salary.

e. Dog Bin Back Lane Lower Mill Lane.

The council agreed that it does not have the budget to buy another bin, at the present time, without increasing the precept further. Cllr Kulukundis will engage with the parish, regarding crowd funding a bin.

**6. Planning.**

- a. To Consider Planning Applications received to date.  
W/23/02524/FUL Land At (OS 9352 3714) Kemerton Road Westmancote Bredon. The council objects to the application. Full objection can be found on the Wychavon website.
- b. To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last Meeting.
  - i. W/23/02422/HP Thornbury Overbury Kemerton.  
The parish council has no planning reason to object
  - ii. W/23/02114/HP Thornbury Overbury Kemerton.  
The parish council has no planning reason to object
  - iii. W/23/02247/HP Crossfields Hill Road Kemerton.  
Only 2 councillors responded in the time frame, no response sent.
  - iv. W/23/02147/HP Orchard House Overbury Kemerton  
The council has no planning reason to object.
  - v. W/23/02198/HP South Hey Jobs Lane Kemerton  
The council has no planning reason to object.
- c. To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.  
Approved By Wychavon
  - i. W/23/01915/HP – Kingslea Wing Lane Kemerton
  - ii. W/23/01050/HP - Primrose Bank Hill Road Kemerton
  - iii. W/23/01468/LB - Lindum House High Street Kemerton
  - iv. W/23/01467/HP - Lindum House High Street Kemerton
  - v. W/23/02147/HP - Orchard House Overbury Kemerton
  - vi. W/23/02198/HP - South Hey Jobs Lane Kemerton
  - vii. W/23/02247/HP – Crossfields Hill Road Kemerton

**7. To Receive a Report from the County and District Councillor.**

No report received.

**8. TO Discuss the Grass Cutting Contract for 2024/2025.**

The council agreed to continue with the present contractor.

This season has been difficult due to a robust growing of grass, the contractor has focused on the main road and centres of the village. All outstanding areas will be cut by the end of March. Cllr Wenham to contact Mr Jones.

**9. Progress Reports for Information.**

- a. Clerk. A report had been circulated.  
Drainage problem by the cattle grid reported to Highways and cleared.  
The lengthsman had attended the recent training course.
- b. Assets of Community Value.  
The application for The Crown has been approved.
- c. Conservation Area.

A new officer has been assigned to this and the council has offered its help in completing the plan. Cllr Darby will read through the Conservation Area Appraisal to check for errors.

**10. Correspondence.**

Parking outside the Crown – Although the council is unhappy with the situation, this is a County Council Highways issue and not within the remit of the parish council.

Kites on the Hill – The numbers have not reduced, Cllr Darby to respond to the parishioner.

Path to Westmancote – The clerk had spoken to the parishioner on receipt of the E Mail and an official response from the council will be sent.

Burglaries – The parish council has been in contact with West Mercia and will be arranging a meeting, to include smart water and bicycle/ equipment marking in the village. A poll will be sent out via the village 'WhatsApp' group to arrange a date.

**11. Clerks Position.**

Two applications have been received, a staffing group of Cllr's Croft. Kulukundis and Carver will proceed to find a replacement.

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

Cllr Carver had attended the recent Tewkesbury Garden Town stakeholder meeting. Cllr Darby will attend the meeting scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, clerk to forward log in details.

**13. Date Of Next Meeting.**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The annual parish meeting will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7.00pm.

*Signed*

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