

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall, Kemerton on Tuesday 10th May 2010 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Mr A Darby OBE, Ms M Fittus, Mrs C Ford, Mr S Papacostantinou, Sir D Logan (Chair) and Dr C Renfrew.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk) and Mrs D Atwell.

Cllr Darby welcomed the new councillors and expressed his delight at there having been an election in Kemerton, with a 60% turnout, the first for many years.

1. Election Of Chairman.

Cllr Darby proposed, Cllr Ford seconded and it was agreed by all to elect Cllr Logan as Chair.

Cllr Logan thanked his fellow councillors, adding, however, that he would not in any event be able to serve as Chair for more than one year. He expressed his deep thanks to the previous councillors for their contribution to the work of the Parish Council and in particular to Cllr Darby, who had served as chair for many years with great distinction.

2. Apologies For Absence.

Dr R Withnall and Cllr A Hardman (County)

3. Election of Vice Chairman.

Deferred.

The meeting was closed to allow residents to speak.

The meeting recommenced.

4. Declaration of Interests.

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

Cllr Papacostantinou had a prejudicial interest in item 13a and did not take part in the discussion or vote.

5. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 1st March 2011.

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

6. County Councillor.

Cllr Hardman was elected unopposed.

7. District Councillor.

Cllr Darby was elected unopposed.

Cllr Darby said that he expected to be appointed as one of Wychavons' three members of the Joint Advisory Panel which is supervising the production of the South Worcestershire Development Plan. Cllr Darby briefly explained Kemerton's Parish Plan and Village Design Statement in a planning context to the new councillors.

8. To Review The Councils Financial Regulations, Standing Orders, Risk Assessment And Insurance Requirement.

Deferred.

9. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk.

Due to the removal, for repair, of the Village Notice Board the Election notices were placed on the board in the bus shelter.

Kemerton's Village Design Statement was adopted as a Local Information Source on the 22nd March 2011. A copy has been placed on website and an announcement put in the Kemerton Record.

b) Grit Bins.

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The Council's application for an additional grit bin had been refused, on the grounds that, due to the siting of the current bins, Kemerton does not qualify for an additional one. The County Council is considering filling grit bins that are supplied by the Parish Council.

c) Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

No report.

d) Vehicle Activated Speed Sign (VAS).

A speed survey will be carried out in the village to establish whether Kemerton would qualify for the provision of this by the County Council.

e) Printing of Parish Plan and VDS.

Cllr Logan to pursue.

10. Correspondence For Information. (Listed on the Clerk's Report.)

The Parish Council had received the "Worcestershire Transport Consultation - stage 2" document. This stated that the services relevant to Kemerton, numbers 540 (Evesham - Cheltenham via Charity Crescent, Beckford, Bredon, Tewkesbury) and 545 (Evesham - Aston Cross via Charity Crescent, Beckford) would not now be withdrawn but would be subject to significant timetable revisions. School journeys to Bredon Hill Middle and Prince Henry's High schools would be integrated, and more journeys might be extended through to Cheltenham.

11. To Approve The Parish Council Accounts.

Deferred until the next Council meeting.

12. To Consider Continuation of the Lengthsman Scheme.

The Council agreed to continue the Lengthsman Scheme for the coming year. The appointment of a Lengthsman will be on the agenda for next meeting.

13. Applications For Rural Rate Relief.

The council agreed to the following applications for 'discretionary relief'.

500221008	Walkers	£	48.71
500170695	Kemerton Stores	£	89.31
500191372	The Crown	£	303.10

It was agreed that The Crown was of benefit to the local community. However concern was expressed regarding the opening hours of the business.

14. Finance

a) Invoices to Be Paid.

The following invoices were agreed for payment:- HMRC £89.40, J Jones Grass Cutting £1,050.00, W CALC £163.45, AON £548.40, Victoria Hall £80.17 and Wychavon Rate Relief £441.12.

b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

c) Renew Insurance.

The Council agreed to renew the existing insurance for the coming year.

However, choice of an insurer for the subsequent year would be an agenda item later in the year.

d) The Council's contribution to the repair of the Notice Board.

The Council agreed to pay for half the cost of materials for this.

15. Planning.

a. To Ratify The Comments For Applications Submitted Since The Last Meeting.

No Applications.

b. To Consider Planning Applications Submitted since the Publishing of the Agenda.

No Applications.

c. To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

(I) W/10/02639/PN Robins Mill, Overbury Erection of dwelling for use by Gamekeeper.

(II) W/10/03007/PN - Hill Furlong, Jobs Lane. Proposed alterations to partially erected dwelling (erection of dwelling, detached garage &

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pond W/07/00247/PN) including removal of dormers, change of materials & erection of chimney.

16. To Appoint The Following Officers, Representatives and Groups.

- a. Finance Officer - Cllr Renfrew.
- b. Bredon Hill Conservation Group Representative – Cllr Papacostantinou
- c. Victoria Hall Representative – Dr Withnall
- d. Area CALC Representative- Cllr Ford
- e. Footpath warden – Cllr Fittus.

The clerk to write to Mrs Maber regarding Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator.

17. Items For Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

Clerk to report potholes in Church Lane and to write to Inspector Kent, West Mercia Constabulary, requesting confirmation that PC Shepherd would return to his duties in the village after six months, as informally indicated.

18. Date Of Next Meeting.

Thursday 7th July

Tuesday 30th August.

Tuesday 1st November.

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