

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 3rd July 2012 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Mrs K Cartwright, Mrs C Ford, Sir D Logan, Mr S Papacostantinou, Dr C Renfrew (Chairman), and Dr R Withnall.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk).

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Darby.

2. 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 Darby declared a prejudicial interest in item 5a (i).

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 1st May 2012.

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

4. Finance

a) Invoices To Be Paid.

The Council agreed payment of the following invoices:-

GBD £759.46, Iain Selkirk (Auditor) £85.00, Victoria Hall £13.00, Clerks Expenses £59.02, K White £75.00, Came and Co £412.58, HMRC £177.40, A Hull £115.15 (May) £115.15 (June) Jubilee (see item 14).

b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

Balance was presented and the following remittances had been received.

VAT £630.42 (incorrect figure reported in last minutes), Lengthsman £143.75 (April) £143.75 (May)

c) To Consider Application No. 500170695 for Rate Relief.

The Council agreed that although the application was of benefit to the parish, however it would not make a financial contribution this year.

d) To Discussing Moving The Bank Account.

The Council agreed to move the Bank Account to Nat West, Barton Street, Tewkesbury, Clerk to organise.

5. Planning.

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

i. C/12/01209/OL Part of Kemerton Estates, Kemerton Road, Kemerton Proposal: Installation of additional terminal poles to enable overhead line crossing to be dismantled. The council has no objection to the proposal.

ii. W/ 12/00870/PP Brasenose Cottage, Back Lane, Kemerton. Demolition of a conservatory and replacement with a garden room. The council has no objection to the proposal.

iii. W/112/01003/PP The Farthings, Back Lane, Kemerton. Erection of Cotswold Stone Wall. The council has no objection to this application.

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

i. W/12/01127/PP Sundial, Hill Road, Kemerton. Extension to porch to create utility extension to garage to enlarge dining room.

ii. W/12/01183/PP Peartree Cottage, High Street, Kemerton. Demolish open porch, extensions and alterations to provide additional and improved living accommodation.

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

Approved

W/12/01003/PP The Farthings, Back Lane, Kemerton.

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W/12/00577/PP Coneygree, Back Lane, Kemerton.

W/12/00592/LB The Grange, Kemerton.

W/12/00433/PP W/12/00608/PP Ryeclose, Back Lane, Kemerton.

W/12/00870/PP - Brasenose Cottage, Back Lane, Kemerton.

Refused by Wychavon

W/00546/PP Boundary Cottage, High Street, Kemerton.

6. To Discuss Traffic Calming Measures.

The Council discussed various traffic calming measures, Clerk to contact Highways and Cllr A Hardman regarding the practical and financial aspect. The Chairman will contact Overbury School and ask if the children could carry out a traffic calming project.

The VAS had been received and the Council is waiting for Highways to put up the extension posts.

7. To Adopt the Worcestershire Model Code of Conduct from the 1st July 2012.

The Council agreed to accept the Worcestershire Model Code of Conduct; all Councillors should read the new code and return their Register of Interest Forms to Wychavon by the 28th of July.

8. To Discuss the Mission Statement and Greater Visibility of the Council.

The Council Mission Statement will be placed on the Website, along with links to various organisations with in the village. The Chairman and Clerk will update the information into the appropriate places on the Wychavon designed site.

9. To Discuss the Victoria Hall.

The fete had been well attended and had raised £8,000, however the hall will have to pay £1,000 to replace the pumps that were stolen from the Portaloos, which were not covered by insurance.

Councillors have received comments from parishioners regarding the Victoria Hall. The Council is aware the constitution of the Victoria Hall states that the committee's task is to maintain the building only.

Cllr Cartwright and other parishioners are in the process of setting up a Social Committee to hold community events. The Council agreed to award the group a grant to support its development. The Chairman and Cllr Cartwright will meet with the Chairman of the Hall to discuss this further.

10. County Councillor Report.

No report.

11. District Councillor Report.

I have been away for a fortnight and have still not fully caught up with all the planning developments which have taken place while I have been away.

South Worcestershire Development Plan

There have been two meetings of the Joint Advisory Panel which I have missed, due to their being rescheduled a month later than originally planned. These have agreed the amendments to the preferred options which are now to be put to the three Councils on July 3rd. If they are approved by the councils there will have to be further consultation, but this will be limited to those policies which have been changed or added.

So far as Kemerton is concerned there were a number of objections and comments raised on the Kemerton allocation, but the officers are not recommending any change.

I would advise the parish council to look at the new policies which are being proposed and to comment on them if you feel they need amending in any way. I will be proposing some minor changes myself and will send you copies of my submissions.

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The importance of tomorrow's meetings by the three councils cannot be overstated. Once they have approved the preferred options, subject to the changes which must still be consulted on, the housing numbers in the new plan can be considered as material. At the moment we are still governed by the much higher numbers in the old West Midland Regional Spatial Strategy. This difference is important since we are required to show a five year housing land supply which we do not currently have.

12. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk.

The Clerk had E mailed all Councillors, as requested, two insurance quotes and the Council agreed to take out insurance with Aviva via Came and Company. Audited accounts have been sent to Clement Keys the external auditor.

b) Chairman.

The Chairman had contact CAB in Tewkesbury to discover that it can not give advice to Wychavon residents.

13. Correspondence For Information. (Listed On The Clerk's Report.)

David Shaw Chief Constable for West Mercia had responded to the letter regarding PC Shephard stating

'we are currently retaining PC Shephard in Worcester to offer ongoing resilience'.

The lengthsman had written to voice his concern that the wet weather and the reduced number of hours he was being asked to work meant that he can not attend to all areas. The lack of support from local land owners, tenanted farmers, individuals and Highways to keep their water courses clear is not helping his concern that we could see flooding on a scale comparable with 2007. Clerk to respond as requested by the Council.

Cllr Logan had attended the recent Wychavon Briefing Meeting on South Worcestershire Development Plan Preferred Options Responses and Further Targeted Consultation. The number of housing supply to be achieved by SWDP has increased by 3,200, half of the increase will hope to be achieved by windfall housing, the increase will not affect Kemerton. A report will be presented to the Full Councils of the entire partner Local Authorities on the 3 July 2012 in order to consider Officers' proposed changes (to the Preferred Options) based on revised technical evidence, consultation feedback and the National Planning Policy Framework. Following the Council's consideration of the Plan on 3 July, a targeted consultation will be commenced on the major changes proposed, from 6 August 2012 – 14 September 2012. There will be a road show in Beckford; all Councillors should make an effort to attend.

14. Items for Future Agenda And Councillor Reports.

The Jubilee Celebrations had been well received; the Council at the previous meeting had agreed to donate £600.00, however due to ticket sales and generous donations, the Council will refund £50.00 to Christina Kulukundis (copy of accounts for the event where presented to the Council), donate £300.00 to Kemerton W.I., pay for the cost of the Toast £103.90 and to donate the remaining 4 bottles of sparkling wine to St Nicholas Church for their fete. Items for future agenda – The moving of Electricity cables underground – Councillors to walk around the village.

15. Date Of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 4th September 2012, Cllr Logan gave his apologies.