KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 8th January 2013 at 7.00pm.

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

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

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr A Darby and Mr S Papacostantinou.

2. Declaration Of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest and to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) and their nature.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 6th November 2012. The minutes having been previously circulated, with one amendment were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. Finance

a) Invoices To Be Paid.

The following invoices were agreed for payment:- A Hull VAS expenses and photos £30.00. A Hull £115.15 (Nov), Poppy Appeal £17.00, Clerks Expenses £84.97, Victoria Hall £31.00, HMRC £177.40, A Hull VAS expenses Dec £25.00 and A Hull £115.15 (Dec).

b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

Balance was presented; the Chairman and the Clerk will alter the presentation as requested.c) The Council agreed for Mr Selkirk to carry out the audit of accounts for April 2012 to March 2013.

5. Planning.

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

W/12/02104/CU Part of Kemerton Estates, Kemerton Road, Kemerton. Creation of builders yard including fencing and entrance gate with temporary storage building. No reason to object.

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

W/12/02061/PP and W/12/02062/LB The Farthings, Back lane, Kemerton. Demolition of existing garage and refurbishment of structural elements of the farthings and interior works, demolition of porch and erection of new porch. No reason to object.

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

Approved by Wychavon.

W/12/02211/PP - Boundary Cottage, High Street, Kemerton

W/12/02104/CU - Part of Kemerton Estates, Kemerton Road, Kemerton.

6. To Update Progress On Traffic Calming Measures and Agree Grant To Overbury School.

Cllr Withnall had E mailed information to the Councillors, the Chairman is to meet Overbury School next week, the two councillors will combine information into one document for the next meeting. The Grant will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. To Ratify Appointment of the Bus Shelter Cleaner.

Deferred.

8. To Discuss The Grass Cutting Contract for 2013/2014.

The Council agreed to 6 full and 6 partial cuts, the area of the partial cuts having been extended, extra cuts could be carried out if and when required. Clerk will place the advert within the next 7 days and the decision will be taken at the next meeting.

9. Village Hall Update.

The Village Hall Committee had agreed to the wording of the questionnaire, without the question regarding an Alcohol Licence, as the committee are apposed to this idea. The questionnaire will be

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printed by the Clerk and hand delivered with a possible on line survey. The results of the survey will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on March the 19th.

10. To Consider Moving Electricity Cables Underground.

Clerk to contact Western Power to investigate the possibility of some of the more unsightly overhead power cables going under ground.

11. To Discuss Grit Bins.

Subject to parishioners agreement the Council agreed to order a grit bin for Castle Hill.

12. County Councillor Report.

The County Council is continuing to invest in Flood protection, and suggested that Kemerton Parish Council lead a flood initiative for the parish. A site visit will be conducted.

The concerns of Cllr Papacostantinou regarding the school bus have been relayed to the Mr Chris Holloway.

Cllr Hardman gave his support for the continued development of the traffic calming investigations and agreed that when the time was right, Ian Balforth from Highways could meet with the Parish Council representative to consider proposed modifications.

13. District Councillor Report.

Report to Kemerton Parish Council by Wychavon District Councillor Adrian Darby.

There is very little to report since our last meeting apart from the news that all three councils have now approved the draft South Worcestershire Local Plan. Wychavon DC did so at its meeting on 18 December. There were no votes against, although some councillors abstained including me. I felt that I should do so as I had declared an interest on various sites in my ward (including the one at Job's Lane Kemerton) which were included in the plan. However none of these were seen as controversial and I was allowed to take part in the wider debate over the plan policies.

The plan will now be submitted for a final public consultation which will last for six weeks from 11 January, and will be limited to technical arguments about soundness. It will then be forwarded to the inspectorate for public examination.

14. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

Various pot holes have been reported to County Council Highways.

Each month the lengthsman reports various drainage issues which are reported to the relevant authorities.

b) Chairman.

No report.

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

The hire cost of the Victoria Hall will be increased from the 1st January 2013.

A letter from the lengthsman, voicing his concerns regarding flooding in the village, has been passed to the County Council asking for a meeting.

Concerns regarding the "squitterbrook" path had been raised and passed on to the County Council footpath officer.

16. Items For Future Agenda And Councillor Reports.

17. Date Of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 5th March 2013.