

## KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.00pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE          Ms J Shields (Clerk).

### **1. Election Of Chairman.**

Cllr Renfrew proposed, Cllr Papacostantinou seconded and it was agreed by all to election Cllr C Ford as Chairman, the acceptance of office was duly signed.

### **2. Apologies For Absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr's Mr A Darby and Mr A Hardman (County).

### **3. Election of Vice Chairman.**

Cllr Papacostantinou proposed, Cllr Withnall seconded and it was agreed by all to election Cllr C Renfrew as Vice Chairman.

### **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 declared a DPI in item 11, as partner of the owner.

### **5. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013.**

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

### **6. Finance**

#### a) Invoices To Be Paid.

The following invoices were agreed for payment:-

Iain Selkirk Audit £85.00, New Farms April £360.00, May £360.00 and June £360.00, Victoria Hall £14.00, M Farey May- July £75.00.

Due to none receipt of the cheque book, that had been order at the end of May and had been requested again on two occasions, had not been received, the cheques will be signed and posted ASAP.

#### b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

The following remittances had been received:-

Lengthsman £143.75 (April).

The bank balance was presented to the council, various questions were asked, and the Clerk will adjust the spreadsheet accordingly.

#### c) Auditors report.

The auditors report had been circulated to all councillors and comments noted.

The Clerk to query the opening statement on the auditors report.

#### d) To Consider Purchase of 30mph Wheelie Bin Stickers.

The council agreed to purchase 50 wheelie bin stickers in conjunction with Bredon Parish Council.

### **7. Planning.**

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

None received.

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

The Council had been alerted to an outline planning application for 33 dwellings in Bredon Parish.

The application is, unwelcomed and developer lead, outside the village boundary and will erode into the green area between Bredon and Kinsham, which is recommended in both

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Kemerton and Bredon Parish Councils Village Design Statements. It will also lead to even more traffic passing through Kemerton. The council agreed to object this application.

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

None to date.

### **8. To Consider Parking on the Grass Verge Outside the Victoria Hall.**

The Council agreed for the Chairman to pursue quotations for the work to be carried out, the findings will be presented to the village for consultation at the Autumn Fair to be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> September, subject to space being available.

The council agreed for the Victoria Hall Representative to liaise with the Victoria Hall Committee to discuss their future plans for the hall.

### **9. To Discuss Recent Grass Cutting Comments.**

The Clerk to contact New Farms to arrange a meeting to discuss areas being cut and the non removal of cuttings.

### **10. To Discuss The Draft Traffic Calming Document.**

The document had been circulated by Cllr Renfrew before the meeting, comments were invited and adjustments will be made accordingly, it was agreed to consult the village at the Autumn Fair as above. Cllr Renfrew was congratulated and thanked for producing the document. The £500.00 grant for Overbury school will be sent as a thank you for the children's contribution.

### **11. Application For Rate Relief.**

Cllr Papacostantinou left the room whilst this item was discussed, the council agreed to support the application for rate relief and a cheque for £97.14 will be raised.

### **12. County Councillor Report.**

None received.

### **13. District Councillor Report.**

I am sorry that I am not able to attend your meeting as I have a long-standing engagement in Scotland. As I reported to your last meeting I was in France for two months and missed several Wychavon meetings.

As always, the critical issue continues to be the new South Worcestershire Development Plan (SWDP) which, you will have seen, was submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination on Tuesday 28 May 2013. As I reported last time, because of Wychavon's shortage of a five year Land Supply until the numbers put forward in the new plan have been accepted by the inspectorate, applications will have to be judged on whether they constitute sustainable development as defined in the NPPF.

This was of particular relevance in the case of two very large applications on the edge of Droitwich which were the subject of a special planning committee meeting on 16 May. These sites were not included in the SWDP, but the officers had recommended approval on the grounds that Wychavon could not show a five year housing land supply. Nonetheless the members unanimously refused the applications in the light of furious local opposition, having already granted another very large site in Droitwich which had been the preferred option in the emerging SWDP.

A similar case on a smaller scale may arise in Bredon where there is an application for 33 houses outside the village development boundary. This site is not the allocated site in the SWDP, but may be recommended by officers on five year housing land supply grounds. Kemerton Parish Council may wish to consider and comment on this case in a neighbouring parish. Its application number is W/13/01150 and details of it can be found on the Wychavon website under planning applications.

### **14. Progress Reports for Information.**

a) Clerk. (Circulated).

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The Council agreed for the 'old' minute books to be deposited at the County Records Office and for all the 'old' paperwork currently stored in the Victoria Hall to be sorted and disposed off accordingly.

b) Chairman.

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

Copies of responses to land drainage letters had been received.

### **16. Items for Future Agenda And Councillor Reports.**

Overhead electricity lines, up dating of traffic calming scheme project.

Clerk to report the deterioration of a stretch of footway between Applewood and the Grange to Highways.

Complaints regarding overflowing domestic waste bins should be reported directly to Wychavon.

### **17. Date Of Next Meeting.**

3<sup>rd</sup> September – Apologies were received from Cllr Logan.