

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes from Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday January 6th 2014 at 7.00pm.

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

In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk).

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hardman (County).

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.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 5th November 2013.

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

4. Finance

a) Invoices To Be Paid.

The following invoices were agreed for payment:-

SO J Shields £124.54 x 2, Lengthsman £115.15 x 2, VAS Expenses £25.00 x 2, Mark Farey £75.00, Victoria Hall £14.00, HMCR £178.40

b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

The following remittances had been received:-

Lengthsman £143.75.

The bank balance was presented to the council.

c) To Consider Rate Relief 50023567 2012/13.

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e) To Appoint Internal Auditor for Accounts To 2013/2014.

The council agreed to appoint Mr I A Selkirk.

f) The council agreed for the crab apple tree by the Villa to be pruned at the council's expenses not exceeding £20.00.

g) In receipt of further information from Wychavon regarding the Precept and tax base for the next financial year the council agreed to keep the precept at the rate agreed last meeting.

5. Planning.

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

(i) W/13/02284/PP - Fairwind, Back Lane, Kemerton. Alterations and replacement to single storey roof at rear with partial reconstruction, new dormer windows over garage, conversion of garage into living accommodation, internal alterations. No reason to object

(ii) W/13/02395/PP 4 Bayliss Road, Kemerton. The removal of a single storey extension and replace this with a two storey side extension with a dormer window at the front and gable to the rear. No reason to object.

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

W/13/02608/LB - Brookside Cottage, Peppercorn Lane, Kemerton. Replacement of three windows. No reason to object.

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

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Approved.

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6. To Discuss The Draft Traffic Calming Document.

Due the holiday period the document had not been completed by the printers for the meeting, it will how ever be circulated via E Mail.

Clerk had contacted CSO Simon Williams to enquire, how the council could liaise with 'Worcestershire Safer Roads Partnership'.

7. To Discuss Overhead Electric Cables.

The council agreed to ask a representative from Western Power to come to Kemerton.

8. Response to Bus Service Review.

The 540 bus service through Kemerton to Tewkesbury and Evesham is 'at risk' of having the funding from Worcestershire County Council Cut. Clerk to respond on behalf of the council and all councillors would respond individually, stating that the 540 bus service is the only form of transport for some people in the village and also children attending Prince Henrys High School use it.

9. County Councillor Report.

Non received.

10. District Councillor Report.

Wychavon Councillor Adrian Darby's Report to Kemerton PC. 7 Jan 2014

1.Planning. As I reported to the November meeting the Inspector examining the South Worcestershire Development Plan has indicated that he would expect to see an appreciable increase in housing numbers. The councils' consultants are reworking the figures and a new target will be put forward in early February. Until we know what this figure is, it is unclear whether Wychavon has a five year housing land supply and thus it is difficult to resist a planning application in a sustainable location. This obviously has serious implications for the applications at Bredon, both that at Benshams which has been turned down and may go to appeal and that on Chains Corner which has still to come to committee.

2. Finance. Wychavon has increased its Council Tax Base by 1400 houses, due half and half to an increase in the number of houses and to the new arrangements for council tax support for those on benefit (everyone now has to pay something). Kemerton has increased its base by 5 houses, mostly due to the second effect. Because of this effect Wychavon will no longer be making up the 10% shortfall in council tax arising from the new central government grant arrangements.

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11. Progress Reports for Information.

- a) Clerk. (Report Circulated).

Reported water coming up through the pavement at Crossfields; Severn Trent are aware and are dealing with it!

- b) Chairman.

Has arranged a meeting with New Farms regarding grass cutting for 2014/15.

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

Clerk to inform Wychavon, the Telephone Kiosk is to remain.

13. Items for Future Agenda And Councillor Reports.

Footpath Warden Report – Cllr Logan.

- One of the bridges over the Squitterbrook, had been repaired by County Volunteers.
- A new footpath sign had been installed in Church Lane to replace the decayed one.

Recipients for donations.

14. Date Of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 4th March 2014.