

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 4th November 2014 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Mrs C Ford, (Chairman) Sir D Logan, Mr A Darby and Mr S Papacostantinou.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk).

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr's Mrs K Cartwright, Dr C Renfrew, Mr R Withnall and Mr A 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 2nd September 2014.

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.

HMCR £178.40, Mark Farey £75.00, Village Hall £28.00.

b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

The following remittances were received: - Wayleave £8.05

A Statement of Accounts were circulated to all councillors.

c) To Discuss Pension Arrangements.

Deferred to next meeting.

5. Planning.

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

W/14/01884/PP - The Malt House, Jobs Lane, Kemerton. The parish council has no reason to object.

b) To Consider Planning Applications Submitted since the Publishing of the Agenda. None received.

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

Approved by Wychavon.

W/14/00678/PP - Dutnells, Kemerton Road, Kemerton.

W/14/01830/LB - Brookside Cottage, Peppercorn Lane, Kemerton.

W/14/01884/PP - The Malt House, Jobs Lane, Kemerton.

W/14/01014/CU - Crown Inn, High Street, Kemerton.

W/14/01483/PP - The Old Chapel, Hill Road, Kemerton.

6. To Discuss The Results From The Speed Calming Questionnaire And To Finalise The Report For Submission To Worcestershire County Council.

The council would like to see this item completed before March 2015, the chairman will liaise with Cllrs Cartwright and Renfrew to have a final draft prepared by the end of this year to be agreed at the January meeting.

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The council would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers that helped with the speed count.

7. To Consider The Precept For 2015/2016.

Cllr Ford proposed, Cllr Logan seconded and it was agreed to keep the precept at the same rate as this year, due to the economic climate and central government changes in local funding. However, the rate on the council tax bill may not be the same due to the number of occupied houses, banding changes and the system of funding from central government.

8. County Councillor Report.

None received, clerk to write and ask Cllr Hardman to provide a report if he is not attending.

9. District Councillor Report.

South Worcestershire Development Plan.

At the Council meetings held on 30 September 2014 the three South Worcestershire Councils agreed to undertake formal consultation into the proposed uplift in housing numbers in the SWDP. This was brought about by the need to revisit targets after the SWDP Inspector, Roger Clews, expressed his concerns over the level of housing being proposed to 2030 in the Plan Submitted in April 2013.

This consultation is entirely focussed on the proposed Modifications to be placed before the Inspector for examination once the next stage of hearings commence in early 2015.

There are a number of sites listed in the consultation for Wychavon, but all but one of these are sites for which planning permission has already been given (often on appeal) and which were not in the original submission document. The only entirely new site involved was one for 300 houses at Swinesherd Way on the edge of Worcester to meet the needs of Worcester City. So far as South Bredon Hill Ward is concerned there were no changes proposed.

Five Year Housing Land Supply

The encouraging news is that there was a further update on this submitted to the Wychavon Planning Committee on 9th October. This reinforces the claim in the report to the July committee that Wychavon has 5.96 years housing supply. It is hoped that the inspector will be convinced by this evidence when it is submitted to the appeal inquiry into Benshams, Cheltenham Road, Bredon on 2-4th December. At an earlier appeal into a site at Drakes Broughton the inspector paid scant attention to the Council's case on this, and this decision is being challenged by Wychavon at judicial review.

Joint Chief Executive with Malvern Hills D.C.

Both councils have voted to share their chief executive and have appointed Jack Hegarty, who is currently managing director of Wychavon, to the post. This will result in cost savings of £60,000 per annum to each council.

Current large scale Planning Applications in the Vale

The Planning Committee has recently refused two large scale developments which have implications for the openness of the countryside: for a very large chicken farm at Upton Snosbury and a 48 ha solar farm at Wickhamford. It will be considering an application for an even larger (over 100 ha) solar farm at Defford Aerodrome this coming Thursday.

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Wychavon Council is arranging a Meet your Council visit to South Bredon Hill Ward on 28 November. The Meet your Council programme is for councillors and managers to meet and talk to a range of people in their wards that they wouldn't normally meet, to listen to residents' and businesses' views about the area and the council and help resolve issues that arise. I will be accompanied by two council officers.

The programme is also an opportunity to explain to residents what we're doing in their area. It will start with my holding a surgery at the Star Inn, Ashton under Hill from 10-11a.m and be followed by visits to local businesses.

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10. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

Report circulated, Highways have agreed for the Lengthsman to side out the footways between Kemerton and Overbury and Kemerton and Westmancote, Mr Hull will endeavour to 'side out;' to Overbury, however to Westmancote is too over grown, other means are being looked into!

b) Chairman.

Six people have now volunteered for 'Speed Gun Training'.

Electric cables are still ongoing - Western Power appear to be surveying the area again.

c) Bredon Hill Conservation Group Representative.

At the recent meeting the impact of the view from the Hill that the application for Solar Panels at Defford was discussed.

d) Victoria Hall Representative.

Design of the extension is still in progress.

e) Area CALC Representative.

Cllr Cartwright had attended the meeting held in September where next year's council elections were discussed.

f) Footpath Warden.

Work has taken place at the Squiterbrook and on footpath no 512 at Upper Court.

g) War Memorial.

Quote has not yet been received.

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

Mr John Phillip had written on behalf of the Victoria Hall, Clerk to write and explain that the £1,000.00 grant is not a fixed annual event. When setting the precept a sum of money is set aside for grants: organisations need to apply and then the merits of every application considered. Clerk to write to Mr Phillip.

12. Items for Future Agenda And Councillor Reports.

Finalise Precept amount – January

Canvas for new parish councillors, as over half the present council are not re standing at the election in May – March.

13. Date Of Next Meeting.

6th January 2015.