

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 5th January 2016 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllrs C Kulukundis, C Carver, A Darby (Chairman), R Davies, Sir D Logan and S Papacostantinou.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk).

1. Election Of Chairman.

The council agreed to a rotating chair, until a councillor feels able to take on the role.

Cllr Darby will chair this meeting and will continue as follows:-

March	Cllr Davies
May	Cllr Van den Broek.
July	Cllr Carver
September	Cllr Kulukundis
November	Cllr Logan
January 2017	Cllr Papacostantinou
March	Cllr Darby.

2. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr's J Van den Broek and Cllr A Hardman (County).

3. Declaration Of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest held by Wychavon and to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and their nature.

Cllr K Kulukundis declared an Other Disclosable Interest (non-prejudicial) as her family owns neighbouring farmland.

4. To Elect a Vice Chairman.

The council agreed not to have a vice chairman, while the rotating chair is in operation.

5. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 3rd November 2015.

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

6. To Discuss Grass Cutting Contract for April 2016 to March 2017.

A draft proposal with maps had been circulated to all councillors, after discussion it was agreed for Cllr's Kulukundis and Carver to put together a contract, maps etc to encompass the comments made at the meeting. Detailed maps will be provided for the contractor and the council. A leaflet will be distributed to all parishioners outlining the new cutting schedule with the clerk being point of contact either via E mail or letter (dropped in to the shop for collection by the clerk) for ongoing comment. The leaflet will also include information on riparian responsibilities of house holders. To be agreed at the March meeting.

7. Finance

a) Invoices To Be Paid.

The following invoices were agreed for payment: M Farey bus shelter and December Lengthsman £255.00, HMRC £149.80.

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- b) To agree a standing order to Mr M Farey – Parish Council Lengthsman.
The council agreed the standing order to Mr M Farey, WCC and change to clerks.
- c) To receive the bank balance to date.
Bank balance was presented to the council.
- d) To agree the precept for 2016-2017.
The council agreed to the proposed precept of £7,910 which will incur a 1.11% increase, 38p to a Tax band D.
- e) To consider the Victoria Hall grant application.
The council will consider making occasional contributions to the village hall to help cover the cost of specific maintenance issues when they arise, provided the council can see a quote for those repairs and the grant is approved by the council. However, before any requests of that sort can be evaluated, the council respectfully asks to see a copy of the village hall accounts. With regard to future capital projects, the council regrets that they are not prepared to consider a donation, either regularly or as a lump sum, to major refurbishment plans until the village hall committee is significantly further along in their planning and design (including professional detailed plans and quotes). The council understands what a lot of work this represents, and applauds the efforts of the village hall committee in this endeavour. The Council would also like to hear about the Committee's plans for marketing the hall to encourage more use of the facility in 2016, if such plans exist.
- f) To Consider Engaging an Independent Internal Auditor for 2015/2016.
Clerk to clarify the offer from a Bredon parishioner to undertake the internal audit.

8. Planning.

- a) To Ratify The Comments For Applications Submitted Since The Last Meeting.
 - I. W/15/03112/PP - Ryeclose, Back Lane, Kemerton. Proposed Dormer.
Cllr Kulukundis, will write a response based on the comments made by all councillors at the meeting, for the clerk to place on the Website.submit to Wychavon.
 - II. Appeal Reference APP/H1840/W/3135818-W/15/00435/PM – Bredon Radio Tower, Double hedges Road, Overbury. “Kemerton Parish Council continues to object to this application for the reasons it gave when it was first made Kemerton Parish Council wishes to make the following additional points:
 - Since the date of the original application, Historic England have rejected the application to list the building as an historic building. However, they appear to have done so on the incorrect grounds that the Tower is a post-1840 building. Historic England themselves recognise that building dates from the early 19th century at the latest. It can be expected, therefore, that a further application to list the building will be made, and that this objection should fall away.
 - Secondly, Historic England point out, in rejecting the historic building application, that the tower stands within Kemerton Camp, which is itself a Scheduled Ancient Monument, and as such is protected under the provisions of the 1979 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act.These points further strengthen the case against this application. Kemerton Parish Council therefore strongly believe that the refusal of it should be sustained.”
- b) To Consider Planning Applications Submitted since the Publishing of the Agenda.
- c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

9. To Receive a Report from County Councillor Mr A Hardman.

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The council would like to thank Cllr Hardman for his efforts as leader of WCC and hope that he continues as our representative on the county council. The parish and county has benefited from his tenure.

10. To Receive a Report from District Councillor Mr A Darby.

The comments on the Main Modifications to the SWDP has have been passed to the inspector, who it is hoped will produce his final report by early February. The three councils will then formally adopt it.

11. To Discuss The Unsocial Behaviour In The Bus Shelter.

The situation is being monitored by Cllr Papacostantinou and the Lengthsman, The Crown has been made aware of the situation and are cleaning when necessary.

12. To Agree The Terms and Councillors Authorised To Sign The Handover Of The Series K Telephone Kiosk To The Council.

The council agreed for Cllr's Carver and Davies to sign the documents.

13. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk.

Report circulated.

Clerk had meet and walked the village with Mrs J Hidden (WDC Land Drainage Inspector) and Mr Mark Morris (WCC Projects Engineer - Capital Drainage Schemes), various improvements could be made to the drainage in Kemerton which also included householders keeping their ditches clear. Hopefully over the next twelve months parishioners will see a difference.

b) Traffic Calming.

No further correspondence received from WCC.

c) Overhead Electric cables.

No further correspondence received from Western Power.

d) Flood Meeting.

See above.

e) Assets for Community Value.

Ongoing.

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

a) Superfast broadband.

Parishioners are urged to complete the questionnaire.

Clerk to contact and ask why only parts of Kemerton will receive the new service.

b) Clean for the Queen 2016.

Item for the next agenda, clerk to recirculate the relevant E mail.

15. Items for Future Agenda And Councillor Reports.

The clerk will report moles in the village green, parishioners will also be asked to report this.

16. Date Of Next Meeting.

1st March.

Subsequent meetings

May 3rd, July 5th, September 6th, November 1st.

Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 15th March at 7.30pm, Cllr Darby will Chair the meeting.