

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Councils Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 6th November 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllrs J Van den Broek (Chairman), C Carver, A Darby, R Davies and S Papacostantinou.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk) and Lady Thomson.

Mrs Hilary Thomson informed the council of the community group concerned with retaining the shop and post office in Kemerton, and asked for the support of the parish council.

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr's C Kulukundis and Sir D Logan.
The Vice Chairman took the Chair.

2. 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.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 4th September 2018.

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

4. To Review The Councils

a) Councils Policies with the changes implemented in GDPR.

The council agreed the document. **Action.** Clerk to put on the website.

5. To Discuss The Grass Cutting Contract.

Deferred to January.

Action Cllr Carver to inform the present contractor that the contract will be going out to tender for 2019/2020.

6. Finance.

a) To agree the invoices to be paid.

The following invoices were agreed for payment:

Village Hall	Hall Hire (Sept)	£14.00
S Harte	BHCG	£30.00
J Shields	Clerks Expenses	£39.97

It was agreed for the clerk to take appropriate action regarding the over payment of Mr M Farey and WCC.

b) To receive the bank balance to date.

Remittance

WDC	Precept and Grant	£4.068.00
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Cllr Davies reported an error in the report. **Action.** Clerk to resend, as due to a formula.

c) To consider a draft budget.

Cllr's were asked to be prepared for the next meeting, when the precept will be set.

d) Closure of Santander Bank Account.

The account has at long last been closed and a cheque for £17,342.50 has been paid into Lloyds Bank.

7. **Planning.**

a) To Consider Planning Applications received to date.

None received.

b) To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last Meeting.

18/01540/HP Southfield Castle Hill Kemerton. The parish council comments can be found on the Wychavon Website.

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

Approved by Wychavon

18/01708/HP - The Old Bakehouse High Street Kemerton.

18/01540/HP – Southfield Castle Hill Kemerton Tewkesbury.

18/01436/HP - The Wings Wing Lane Kemerton.

8. **To Receive a Report from County Councillor Mr A Hardman.**

No report received.

9. **To Receive a Report from District Councillor Mr A Darby.**

South Worcestershire Development Plan Review (SWDPR):

Consultation on Issues and Options

This process has now started and the parish council needs to submit its comments by 17 Dec. We will not be able to prepare our comments by the November meeting and will have to consult with each other electronically. The questions we have been asked are all fairly high level and it is not always easy to see how they will apply to Kemerton directly.

In particular this consultation does not look at the specific sites put forward in the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA), although the SHELAA is part of the evidence base for the SWDPR. So far the maps showing proposed sites have not been posted on the SWDP website and so it is not yet possible to see what, if anything, has been proposed for Kemerton.

Works to Barn at Providence Cottage

I was asked to look into the question of whether the recent works (re-roofing, insertion of rooflights etc) required planning permission. The latest report I have received from the enforcement officer is that his initial impression is that they do not. However he has so far only viewed the site from the road and needs to make further investigation and to consult with the conservation officer.

Closure of Village Shop and Post Office

I was one of a large number of Kemerton residents who attended the meeting in the village hall arranged by Hilary Thomson and David Logan. I spelled out what I believed to be the planning issues involved. This was policy SWDP 37 B which states that any proposal that would result in the loss of a site or building currently or last used as a community facility will only be permitted if the following criteria are met. There are seven of these criteria of which the most relevant would seem to be iii. In the case of commercial community facilities it has been demonstrated that it would not be economically or operationally viable to

retain the facility for community use and v. The community facility could not be provided or operated by either the current occupier or by an alternative occupier (e.g. by a local community body, public-private partnership, etc.) and it has been marketed in accordance with Annex F (Marketing Requirements). As I understand it the current occupiers are not proposing to apply for change of use at the present, so this policy does not yet come into play.

10. Progress Reports for Information.

- a) Clerk. (Report circulated).
- b) Conservation Area.

The review has been sent to Wychavon.

- c) Churchyard.

On going.

11. Correspondence.

- The closure of the Village Stores and Post Office.

Report from D Logan.

A meeting was held at the Village Hall on 1st November to discuss this. The meeting was very well attended, with at least 80 present. A number of ideas for the way ahead were discussed. As a first step, Hilary Thomson and I are putting together a group of volunteers to explore possibilities and, if all goes well, to develop a business plan. Its first meeting will be on 13th November.

The council gave its support to the group.

Action Clerk to contact Wychavon re. funding.

- Workshop - Concept Masterplan for Ashchurch Tuesday 13 November at 5.30pm.
Cllrs Van de Broek, Darby and Davies will attend.
- South Worcestershire Development Plan Review – Issues and Options Paper Public Consultation.
Action. Cllr Darby will prepare a response to be agreed via E mail.
- Cllr Kulukundis resigned as chairman due to work and family commitments, as there are only two meetings until the end of all councillors terms of office, the vice chairman will chair the meetings.
- The draft Eckington Neighbourhood Plan has been published.
The council does not wish to comment.

12. Items for Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

13. Date of Next Meeting.

Tuesday January 8th 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed

Date.