

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD AT THE VICTORIA HALL, KEMERTON.
AT 7.30 PM ON Wednesday, 20th January 2010

Present:

Cllr Mr A Darby OBE
Cllr Ms C Allen
Cllr Mr J Van den Broek

Cllr Mr G Long
Cllr Sir David Logan

In attendance: Mrs J Savage, Clerk
Mrs J Shields, Clerk

1) TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES and APPROVE REASONS FOR ABSENCE
Apologies received from Cllr Mr P James and Cllr Mr M Walker

2) INTRODUCE NEW CLERK
Cllr Darby welcomed the new clerk, Jackie Shields. Cllr Long proposed and Cllr Allen seconded that Mrs Shields' contract is to be amended to start on 20th January and Mrs Savage will finish her employment on the 11th February. The council thanked Mrs Savage for her contribution.

3) DECLARATIONS of INTEREST
Cllr Darby owns local land and, therefore, declared a non prejudicial interest in item 7 "VILLAGE PLAN".

4) MINUTES of the MEETING held on Tuesday 3rd November 2009
The minutes, having been previously circulated, were AGREED and signed by the Chairman.

5) REPORT from DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
DC – Cllr Darby attended a presentation regarding the Executive Board Budget. There are no new programmes and Wychavon are continuing to save money. They would like to see cuts of one million pounds.

6) CLERKS REPORTS and MATTERS ARISING
Telephone kiosk – The clerk has applied for an electricity supply from E-on. .
The clerk will write to Worcestershire County Highways and request a replacement "Kemerton" sign post at the Kinsham end of Kinsham Lane.

7) VILLAGE PLAN
Cllr Darby apologised for the delay in giving feedback to parishioners.
He also reported that a petition had been circulated in December objecting to Kemerton being included as a Category 2 village under the South Worcestershire Joint Core Strategy. 163 Kemerton households out of 180 were visited and of these 98% called for Kemerton to be reclassified as Category 3 or higher. This was presented to an officers' meeting on 21 December, and it had been agreed that the petition should also be presented to the next executive board meeting of Wychavon D C on February 2. Unfortunately the officers' meeting did not recommend a change of category, although it did recommend that Kemerton should be considered jointly with Overbury.

Richard Crompton asked for clear guidance for what to do next. It was agreed that the Village Plan should be ready to enable us to deal with the Parish Consultations on the SWJCS which for Kemerton would be held in Bredon on 5th March and in Beckford on 23 March.

Matthew Darby asked if Kemerton parish Council should have a Village Design Statement and a Landscape Character Assessment. If so, should it be a stand alone document or part of the Parish Plan? The draft stage would be needed in April and the final conclusions in autumn. A new steering group would need to be developed.

A public meeting is to be organised between the 5th and 23rd March.
The Parish Council and the Village Plan Committee will meet on the 28th January at 7 pm to

resolve these issues and to finalise the Village Plan.

8) WEBSITE

The Clerk will set up the Kemerton Parish Council website. The draft minutes will be posted on the website.

9) PLANINNG APPLICATIONS

W/09/02350/AC Mr Hussell

New access track – The Wychavon Conservation officer has recommended refusal of plans. The planning officers are meeting the applicant this week. The access track will not be approved in its original form.

W/09/03034 Mrs Hoare

No comments.

Cllr Logan wrote a letter objecting to the proposed wind farm at Strensham, on behalf of the Parish Council, as supported by all Parish Councillors.

10) PRECEPT

The precept was agreed at £6,447. The clerk will send an amended copy of the precept to the councillors.

11) CORRESPONDENCE

The lengthsman scheme has been given an extra £300 for the current financial year.

The new clerk is to be added to the bank mandate.

A question was raised regarding the new village map regarding Hill Road or Hill Lane. The councillors agreed it was Hill Road.

Kemerton Parish Council agreed Cllr Long is their representative on the Village Hall Committee.

12) ACCOUNTS

Accounts were agreed and cheques signed as follows:

A Hull £185.00

Clement Keys £155.25

13) ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Date of next meeting: 9th March

Meeting closed at 9.50

Signed Chairman Date