

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council held at the Victoria Hall, Kemerton on Tuesday 9th March 2010.

PRESENT Cllrs Mr A Darby OBE (Chairman), Mr G Long, Mr P James, Mr M Walker, Sir D Logan, Ms C Allen and Mr J Van den Broek.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk).

The Chairman welcomed the Clerk; a letter of thanks to be written to the former Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies.

2. Declaration Of Interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On 20th January 2010.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

4. County Councillor.

Not present.

5. District Councillor.

Wychavon's part of the council tax will rise by only 1.94% instead of the 2.5% originally planned. There was an extra £43,000 received from Council Tax as a result of less residents claiming single occupancy. This paid for both the smaller than expected rise in council tax and for energy saving measures introduced in Council buildings. From 2011 onwards Government grants are expected to fall and more action will be required to deal with an anticipated deficit.

Cllr Darby has been part of the working group overseeing Member Development in Wychavon which has just been awarded the West Midlands Member Development Charter.

Cllr Darby as a member of the Joint Advisory panel of the swjcs, has been working to refine the classifications of villages in terms of their facilities. The JAP is now recommending that to be included in category two, a village should have three key services and not two.

Cllr Long expressed concern that recycled items are going into land fill. Cllr Darby said that he was not aware of this. The plant is now running at $\frac{3}{4}$ capacity and will be at full capacity by July. There is an open day at the Norton Plant shortly.

Cllr Darby, as a District Councillor, had attended the previous meeting of the BHCG. The group is not functioning as it should and its future is uncertain in its present state.

6. To Discuss The Parish Plan And Forming Of Village Design Statement and Landscape Character Assessment.

A meeting took place on the 28th January between members of the council and the parish plan steering committee resulting in the 'Kemerton Parish Plan' being produced and handed over to the parish council. The Parish Council agreed to receive and endorse the Parish Plan. The Steering Group were reluctant to present the plan to the parishioners. The council agreed for Cllr Darby to Chair the meeting and present the plan at the Public Meeting to be held on Thursday 11th March.

It is the intention of the parish council to create two documents to accompany the plan: a Village Design Statement and a Landscape Character Assessment. The documents will be created by a group consisting at present of Cllr Logan and three parishioners, although more parishioners would be welcomed. The aim of the two documents is to identify possible sites for development within the parish and to set guidance for the design and size of such developments. As the Local Plan comes to an end this year and the new Development Framework is implemented, it is hoped that planners at Wychavon will include the three documents as Local Information sources.

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Cllr Darby expressed his concern that the Conservation Area in Kemerton had not yet been reviewed by the Wychavon Conservation team. This made it more important for the village to produce its own design statement.

7. To Discuss the Telephone Kiosk.

The council agreed to allow BT to light the telephone kiosk and when BT decided to discontinue the supply the subject will be reconsidered.

8. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

The Clerk reminded Cllrs to provide a 'piece' about them selves for the website.

b) Lengthsman

A meeting had taken place on the 10.2.2010 at the Victoria Hall Kemerton, present were Cllr G Long, Cllr A Darby, Cllr A Hardman, Mr A Hull (Kemerton Lengthsman), Mr D Lavender (County Council), Mr R Payne (County Council) and Ms J Shields. Cllr Hardman had called the meeting to discuss drainage issues in Kemerton. The County Council, which is responsible for all water which falls on the highway, is undertaking the surveying of its pipe runs in the county by 2012. This information will be mapped and passed on to the District Council, which is responsible for ditches and water courses on land. Any water course is the responsibility of the land owner (Riparian ownership) and the District Council has the authority to service 28 day notices on land owners who do not keep their water ways clear. Once the maps have been produced it is hoped to have a clear picture of water courses and drainage. This information will be available to parishes once all the information has been collated. Mr Hull had prepared a comprehensive list of the problems in Kemerton. Mr Lavender produced a rough map of the water courses that have been surveyed in Kemerton, showing size of existing pipe, damaged and blocked pipes. From this map several key areas where highlighted. Blockages in the pipe are mainly caused by silt coming off the hill, which unless a quick flow is established, is impossible to stop. Any measures that are taken to elevate problems on higher ground will exacerbate the problem at Dunromin. The County Council will not undertake any work until this has been resolved. Various options where discussed and the most feasible is to create or find an existing ditch across the land on the east side of Kinsham Lane South of Dunromin.

The council approved Cllr Darby approaching Overbury Estates regarding this ditch.

9. Correspondence For Information.

Notification of HMRC employers reference Number.

10. Invoices to Be Paid.

A Hull £120.00, Clerk £119.96, A Jones £1,028.12.

11. Planning.

Applications

a) W/09/02954/PP, Orchard End, Hill Road, Kemerton. Orangery to rear. No Objections.

Approved by Wychavon

b) W/09/03034/PP - Primrose Bank, Bells Castle Lane, Kemerton. Construction of new kitchen extension, remodelling of existing conservatory, external modifications to windows and doors, internal alterations to create annex accommodation.

c) W/09/02954/PP, Orchard End, Hill Road, Kemerton. Orangery to rear.

12. To Discuss Forming a Planning Group.

The group will consist of Cllrs M G Long, Mr P James, Mr M Walker, Sir D Logan, Ms C Allen and Mr J Van den Broek, the Clerk to create 'Terms of Reference'

13. Items for Future Agenda.

Excess mud had been reported by several residents on Castle Hill. Clerk to write to resident.

14. Date of Next Meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting - 23rd March 2010

Annual Parish Council Meeting - 4th May 2010