

# KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllrs C Barber, C Kulukundis (Chairman), C Carver, A Darby and G Stacey.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk).

Presentation from Wychavon Conservation Review.

## 1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr L Croft, who is unwell.

## 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.

Cllr Darby takes no part in any decisions regarding planning as he sits on the planning committee at Wychavon.

## 3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

## 4. Finance.

a) To agree the invoices to be paid.

The following invoices were agreed for payment:

00040	J Wray	Newsletter	£50.00
00041	J Shields	Clerks Expenses	£37.23
00042	Jones	Grass	£1,360.00

The update standing order request for M Farey was signed.

b) To receive the bank balance to date.

Balance was presented to the Council, the bank statement was signed by Cllr Stacey as being reconciled.

## 5. To Discuss The Continuation Of The Lengthsman Scheme.

The council agreed the continuation of the Lengthsman scheme.

## 6. Planning.

a) To Consider Planning Applications received to date.

20/00279/HP Freestones Kemerton Road Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JB. **RESPONSE**

### **TO GO IN**

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

i 20/00171/HP Silverton Cottage Jobs Lane Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7HZ.

The council has no planning reason to object.

ii 20/00062/LB The Villa Back Lane Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7HY.

The council has no planning reason to object.

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

Approved by Wychavon.

19/02230/HP - Hill House Hill Road Kemerton Tewkesbury GL20 7JJ

20/00171/HP - Silverton Cottage Jobs LaneKemertonTewkesburyGL20 7HZ

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### 7. To Receive a Report from the County Councillor Mr A Hardman.

None received.

### 8. To Receive a Report from District Councillor Mr A Darby.

*Wychavon has now fixed its council tax for next year and is keeping it at the same level as this year (£158.56 at Band D for Kemerton). This will result in a deficit and the Liberal Democrat Group had proposed a small increase of 1%, but we were overruled. Of course the Wychavon element is only a small part of the total council tax we pay and the other elements, County Council, Police, and Fire & Rescue) will rise appreciably so that the total council tax for band D will rise by 3.56% to £1,780.80.*

*The managing director Jack Hegarty is retiring after a health scare and the process of appointing his successor is well under way. Jack has been a most successful leader of Wychavon and also of Malvern Hills DC since the two councils agreed joint working. He will be much missed.*

#### *Planning*

*The SWDP process continues. I have attended monthly meetings of the Joint Advisory Panel but since our meetings are confidential I cannot tell you about the discussions. There were a great number of responses to the consultation held in the autumn and officers are working through them with a view to producing in October a version of the plan to submit for inspection during 2021.*

*I have been attending monthly planning meetings although I did miss the one on 9th January owing to ill health and I will also miss the one this Thursday as I have to attend a great friend's memorial service. The only item of much relevance to Kemerton is the application for 5 gypsy pitches at Eckington Road, Bredon's Norton (actually just in Eckington Parish). This is the site which was occupied by gypsies over a bank holiday weekend and finally refused in 2004 after a lot of court activity. At present there is permission for 2 pitches on the site, one of which was given permission on appeal in 2017 and the other in 2019. This application is recommended for approval.*

### 9. Progress Reports for Information.

#### a) Clerk.

Meetings in May, July and September will take place at St Bennet's Meeting Room.

No parking sign for Hill Road was reported no 815466

Rooftop items.

1. The grass cutting invoice for 2019— *The invoice has been passed to our assets manager for his attention*
2. The garages in Baylis Road— *Rooftop are I'm in the process of visiting garage sites to improve their condition where needed, a new contractor has been appointed for this. Unfortunately they have not got to Kemerton yet and they do not have a timescale for this as the work required covers a wide area.*
3. There is a lime tree in School Close— *as it is an area of conservation, our contractor has made an application to Pollard it. I have chased this up as I haven't heard back. Sadly, due to budget shortages, we may have to wait until April before the works can be approved as it will be a costly job. have requested that our contracted tree surgeon looks at this and provides a quote to pollard it.*
4. The trees on the bank, between the rear of the houses on Baylis Road and Hill Road— *I am not familiar with this area but will do a visual inspection when I am next in the village. If necessary, our tree surgeon will be asked to do works.*

#### b) Burial Space.

Ongoing.

#### c) Notice Board and Bench.

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Permission has been granted for the sign, the council can now proceed with installing the board and the bench.

### 10. Correspondence.

A complaint has been received regarding some of the footways (pavements) in the parish, footways are not within the remit of the parish council and all complaints or comments should be directed to the County Council.

<https://e-services.worcestershire.gov.uk/onlinereporting/FindLocation.aspx?FaultType=10>

Telephone no.01905 765765.

The Parish Lengthsman is employed for a set amount of hours per week, for the Lengthsman to manually side out the footways would mean that his other duties would not be carried out such as clearing drain and grips etc. In the current weather conditions the clearing of the waterway courses are a priority. The county council has a team that are employed to side out footways and due to the footway between Kemerton and Westmancote being reported by the parish council previously , we are on the waiting list for this to be carried out.

Police report.

*We only have one recordable incident to report for the last month which took place around the 24th January. A group of people had gained access to the Kemerton lakes and had caused damage to one of the hides. A number of registrations were obtained by an informant and we have visited the registered keepers of the vehicles. Unfortunately no prosecution has taken place because there is no evidence to prove they had caused the damage.*

### 11. Items for Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

Review the Village Design Statement.

### 12. Date Of Next Meeting.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at St Bennet's Meeting Room

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm.