KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7.00pm.

Councillor Darby signed the Declaration of Office.

PRESENT Cllrs L Croft (Chairman), C Kulukundis, J Wenham, C Carver, A Darby

and O Alexander.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk), three parishioners and County and District Cllr A

Hardman.

Parishioners commented that the village is not looking at its best and highlighted the following issues:-

Footway from Kemerton to Westmancote needs attention.

Length of greenery on grass verges.

Blocked water courses

Gullies and drains need clearing.

Footpaths are overgrown.

Footpath signs need replacing.

All these issues have been addressed repeatedly by the parish council, which is just as concerned as the residents at the lack of action from the parties concerned, see the minutes below.

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr A Howell.

2. Declaration Of Interests.

Councillors were reminded to fill in and return their registers of interests to Wychavon and to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in items on the agenda and their nature. The council agreed a councillor's applications for dispensation, enabling them to be part of the discussion and vote on the precept until the end of April 2027.

3. To Consider The Adoption Of The Minutes Of The Meeting Held On The 4th July 2023.

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

4. To Review The Councils Risk Assessment.

Deferred.

5. Finance.

a. To agree the invoices to be paid.

The following invoices were agreed:-

Wychavon DC Election £796.24

b. To ratify payments made between meetings.

No payments made.

c. To receive the bank balance to date.

The bank balance was circulated to all Cllrs via E Mail

The following remittances were received:-

Roof top Housing Contribution to Grass Cutting £450.00

6. Planning.

a. To Consider Planning Applications received to date.

W/23/01467/HP Lindum House High Street Kemerton. No planning reason to object. W/23/01468/LB Lindum House High Street Kemerton. No planning reason to object.

- b. To Ratify The Comments For Applications and Appeals Submitted Since The Last Meeting.
 - i. W/23/00842/FUL Site of Former Lane End Back Lane Kemerton. Parish council's objection can be found on the Wychavon website.
 - ii. W/23/01050/HP Primrose Bank Hill Road Kemerton No objection.
- c. To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

Refused by Wychavon

W/23/00066/HP - The Grange Bells Castle Kemerton

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7. To Receive a Report from the County Councillor.

The only RAAC used in Worcestershire is the drama block at Pershore School, which is to be demolished to allow further construction.

The government has renewed, until September 2024, the licence for café restaurants etc. to trade on the footway.

8. To Receive a Report from District Councillor.

The SWDP should be ready for consultation in October 2023.

9. Progress Reports for Information.

a. Clerk.

The clerk has contacted Highways regarding the siding out of the footway to Bredon – Kemerton is in the waiting list.

Contacted resident informing them that road closures are within the remit of the county council and not the parish.

Contacted Rooftop again re the garages in Baylis Road.

b. Ditch in Castle Hill Road.

This is still a stalemate.

c. Jetting of Drains in the village.

The clerk has reported 5 areas where drains need jetting to highways, this should be carried out by the 10th September, and has also asked for regular maintenance plan by Worcs. County Council for 'Jetting and Gulley Sucking' be changed to 2 years instead of 4.

d. Grass Cutting

Cllr Wenham to contact the contractor.

10. Correspondence.

a. Trees Call to Action Project.

There are no suitable sites in Kemerton.

b. Considerate parking.

The council will write to the offending parishioner.

11. The Parish Magazine.

The council will continue to support the Parish Magazine, when a new organiser is found.

12. Items for Future Agenda and Councillor Reports.

Draft Budget for 2024-2025.

Dog Bin Back Lane Lower Mill Lane.

13. Date Of Next Meeting.

November 7th 2023

Signed Jacqueline Shields 27.8.2023