

## KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes from Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.00pm.

Present Mrs C Ford, (Chairman), Mr A Darby, Sir D Logan, Mr S Papacostantinou, Dr C Renfrew and Dr R Withnall.

In Attendance Ms J Shields (Clerk) and Mr A Hull (Lengthsman).

Mr Hull brought four items to the attention of the council.

Dog fouling on the Highway and public footpaths.

The condition of footpaths in the parish.

Grass cutting.

Flooding especially on Hill Road and Wing Lane.

### **1. Apologies For Absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr's Mrs K Cartwright, Cllr Hardman (County) and CSO J Pardoe.

### **2. Declaration Of Interests.**

Councillors were reminded to update their registers of interest 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 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014.**

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

### **4. Finance**

a) Invoices To Be Paid.

S.O. J Shields £124.54 x 2, Lengthsman £115.15 x 2, VAS Expenses £25.00 x 2, Clerks Expenses £43.49.

b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

The following remittances had been received:-

Lengthsman £143.75 x 2.

The bank balance was presented to the council.

Cllr Cartwright and Withnall are now able to sign cheques.

c) To Consider Recipients for Donations.

After a long discussion the council agreed to donate £500.00 to Bredon Star Rugby Club, as it would improve facilities for the junior team of which Kemerton children attend.

### **5. Planning.**

a) To Ratify The Comments For Applications Submitted Since The Last Meeting.

W/14/00258/PP - Sundial, Hill Road, Kemerton, Tewkesbury. First floor side and rear extension, single story extension to create an orangery, new garage. No reason to objection.

b) To Consider Planning Applications Submitted since the Publishing of the Agenda. None received.

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

None received.

### **6. To Discuss The Draft Traffic Calming Document.**

Cllr Renfrew had circulated the proposed draft document, several improvements were suggested on the schematic of the Kemerton map and a change in some Kemerton Photos to show the road more clearly. The draft will be sent to Overbury School and Overbury Parish Council for comments. The questionnaire will be implemented as soon as possible.

The council thanked Cllr Renfrew for the excellent document.

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The Safer Roads Partnership have put Kemerton on its list for a 'count box'.

The Chairman has contacted Highways regarding a Traffic safety report.

### **7. To Discuss Grass Cutting.**

New Farms had written to say they would be unable to carry out the contract this year. As it is fast approaching the cutting season and there is not enough time to implement a tender process, Mr Jones had been approached by the Chairman to undertake this years contract. Should Mr Jones is willing to take on the grass cutting, his quote will be circulated via E mail and, if the quote is agreed, the councillors decision will be ratified at the next meeting.

### **8. To Consider Submitting Pre Planning Application Advice for Victoria Hall.**

The council agreed to submit pre planning advice for the Victoria Hall.

### **9. County Councillor Report.**

Not received.

### **10. District Councillor Report.**

Once again the major concern is planning. We have recently lost an appeal at Offenham on the grounds that Wychavon cannot show a five-year housing land supply. The inspector was unclear about what the target should be in the light of the recent High Court judgement at St Albans which found that the numbers in the now defunct RSS could not be used to determine the top limit of need. He also found that some of the sites which Wychavon had put forward did not qualify as being available. This obviously has serious implications for the applications at Bredon, both that at Benshams which has been turned down and may go to appeal and that on Chains Corner which has still to come to committee. We are hoping that the inspector dealing with the SWDP may give us a firm target to aim for at the end of the month when he has considered the representation made when the inquiry resumes next week.

However this will not necessarily resolve the question of how many of the proposed sites in the SWDP may count towards the target.

### **11. Progress Reports for Information.**

#### a) Clerk.

Clerk to investigate the cost of dog bins and to inform Mr T Clerk of the problem.

Clerk to investigate Grants for Broadband.

#### b) Chairman.

Chairman to contact Cllr A Hardman regarding footpaths and flooding.

#### c) Overhead Electric Cables.

The chairman had met Mrs Alison Martyr-Icke regarding moving certain over head cables underground, a quote will be produced for the council.

#### d) Bredon Hill Conservation Group.

To be inserted.

#### e) Police.

26/01 Report of suspicious male outside a property called Dulas, call made with good intent, was a carer.

27/01 Burglary in Peppercorn Lane

10/02 Damage to signage around Kemerton Lake footpath

13/02 Call received from NHW to report persons removing items from a driveway, further call from Beckford regarding the same vehicle and people. Two people were arrested and cautioned for the offence.

Patrols within the area have increased due to the number of thefts and burglaries so far, including undercover officers and patrols throughout the night and early hours.

We are also following a number of leads regarding the catalytic convertor thefts and are liaising with our colleagues in Gloucestershire.

Our advice is to leave a light on a timer if you are going to be out during the evening, and/or leave a radio on. Make sure you have adequate locks on your windows and

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doors. Consider properly marking your valuables. Smartwater is still available through NHW and still only costs £20.00 per kit.

You can also buy marking kits for catalytic convertors such as Selectamark, others are available on the internet. Park your vehicle in a well lit area either in a garage or as close to the house as possible. It is mainly high wheel based vehicles that are being targeted. If anyone sees or hears anything suspicious please DO NOT hesitate to call 999 immediately and report it

### **12. Correspondence For Information. (Listed On The Clerk's Report.)**

Wychavon will no longer post planning documents to parish councils.

The council agreed to support Badsey and Aldington in their campaign against a current trend for over development of the Worcestershire countryside.

No councillor was available to attend any forthcoming of New Homes Bonus, Cotswold Conservation Board or County Council Parish Conference.

### **13. Items for Future Agenda And Councillor Reports.**

#### **14. Date Of Next Meeting.**

Annual Parish Meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm.

Annual Parish Council Meeting – May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm.