

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 1st July 2014 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Mrs C Ford, (Chairman) Cllr's Dr C Renfrew, Sir D Logan and Mr S Papacostantinou.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk).

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr's Mrs K Cartwright, Mr A Darby, Dr R Withnall and Mr A Hardman (County).

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 6th May 2014.

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

4. Finance

a) Invoices To Be Paid.

The following invoices were agreed for payment:-

SO J Shields £124.54 x 2, Lengthsman £115.15 x 2, VAS Expenses £25.00 x 2, Wychavon £27.02, M Farey £75.00, Ian Selkirk £85.00 and Westcott £96.00.

b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

A Statement of Accounts were circulated to all councillors.

c) The council agreed to fund the spraying of the weeds in the village, Clerk to contact Mr S Gwilliam.

5. Planning.

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

I. W/14/01280/LB - The Grange, Kemerton. Internal modernisation, repair works & making good to external elevations (approved under W/12/00539/LBC). Minor alterations to replacement door & window on the south elevations. No reason to object.

II. W/14/01231/PP - The Well House, Back Lane, Kemerton. Replace roof lights with dormers, re-site porch door. No reason to object.

III. W/14/01285/ CL The Bredons, Kemerton Road, Kemerton. Application for a lawful development certificate (proposed development) for single storey flat roof extension. No reason to object.

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

c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions. None received.

6. County Councillor Report.

None received.

7. District Councillor Report.

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The South Worcestershire Development Plan saga continues. As I reported to you last time, the inspector has ruled on the additional numbers that the plan must provide for each of the three districts' needs. However he has not said how much of Malvern Hills' need should be provided by Wychavon. In the version of the plan submitted last May Wychavon was providing some 1,250 houses for this and some 7,650 towards its own need. Under the inspector's latest ruling Wychavon must provide 9,950 for its own needs. We therefore need some 2,300 additional dwellings if we continue to provide the same number towards Malvern Hills' need.

Because the three councils were aware that the inspector was likely to increase the housing numbers above the allocations in the submitted plan they issued a call in March for additional sites to be put forward by 2 April. These sites are being sifted using the criteria that were used in the original Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and it is believed that there are enough sites coming forward to enable the need to be met. Further work is still needed to check that they are viable, their effect on transport infrastructure etc .

It should be borne in mind that a number of large planning consents have already been given for sites which were not allocated in the submitted SWDP. Ward councillors have not been told what new sites will be coming forward. This information should be available by the end of August, with the three councils agreeing to put them forward for public consultation at the end of September. The inspector will then hold a public consultation in October and November on these additional sites. It should be stressed that this is the inspector's consultation and not the three South Worcestershire Councils'.

In the meantime Wychavon (and the other two councils) are still having to deal with a number of applications on sites which were not in the original SWDP. This is because our five year housing land supply position is not clearly robust enough to stop developers trying their luck.

Last Thursday the planning committee (of which I was vice-Chairman for the day) turned down the application for 98 houses at Tewkesbury Road, Bredon, which was an example of just such a site. The developers Gladman have already announced that they are lodging an appeal. We are due to receive a further report on the five-year housing land supply by the end of July. The last, which we received in April, claimed that we had 5.65 years, but admitted that many of the sites which we had included as being available over the next five years were being challenged by developers. We are hoping that the July report will clarify the situation.

There is an appeal hearing into the other recent Bredon refusal at Benshams, Cheltenham Road on the 30th July at which I have agreed to appear on behalf of Wychavon - in particular, to talk about biodiversity and landscape issues.

8. Progress Reports for Information.

a) Clerk.

Minutes books have been deposited at WCC Records office.

Three locations were reported to highways where pipes need jetting that the lengths man is unable to clear.

Report to Highways that various footways need clearing of greenery

Clerk to write to Mr Grove and thank him for painting and re attaching the Cotswold Conservation Plaque in Kinsham Lane.

Clerk had 'chased' the siting of the dog bin in Kinsham lane.

b) Chairman.

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The chairman has received concerns from a parishioner regarding the flow of water after heavy rain in the High Street. The chairman to advise the parishioner to contact the County Council as well as the parish council.

c) Traffic Calming.

The report is on line and flyers have been distributed.

The council is disappointed at the response from Overbury Parish Council – Cllr Renfrew will update Overbury School on the progress to date.

Mr Hemstock (Worcestershire County Council) will be looking at the parking area over the next couple of weeks.

d) Overhead Electric cables.

Four areas in Kemerton are being looked at by Western Power for the removal of the overhead cables to underground. A quote for one area has been received from Western Power, Cllr Ford will look into the possibility of grant funding and also try and negotiate a lower cost with Western Power. Another area (Boundary Cottage to hunters gate) will undertaken by Western Power in due course free of charge: the electric cable will be moved underground beneath the pavement.

e) Bredon Hill Conservation Group Representative.

Linden Homes are proposing to build 250 new homes on land south of the A46 at Ashchurch.

f) Victoria Hall Representative.

The Victoria Hall Committee are seeking pre planning advice to extent the hall at the rear," to square off the building."

g) Area CALC Representative.

No report.

h) Footpath Warden.

The Countryside service has removed two dead trees from the 'squitter brook', has repaired one bridge and is due to repair the other, the water that stays in this area would be reduced if the adjoining land owners cleared out their ditches.

The overgrown track from the top of Hill Road, is also to be strimmed.

9. Correspondence For Information. (Listed on the Clerk's Report.)

No councillors were available to attend various events.

Cllr Darby will circulate a response, to be approved by the council via e mail for the clerk to submit to the "Pre-Submission Joint Core Strategy for Gloucester, Cheltenham & Tewkesbury".

Police Report.

Unfortunately I am still on restricted duties for another week or so and am unable to attend the meeting so please send my apologies.

Please inform the PC that we now have a new member of the team PCSO Steve Tinkler. Steve is currently finishing off his training on the area and waiting to be signed off to patrol independently. We should therefore have a full quota of patrolling officers by the end of this month.

If there are any issues that the PC wish to discuss with one of the team then please email pershorerural.snt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk and one of us will make contact.

20/04 Burglary of residential property Bells Castle.

10/05 Criminal damage to a car in the car park area of Bells Castle, rear windscreen broken, no leads.

13/05 Anti social incident in High Street, persons spoken to.

26/06 Theft from dwelling in Kemerton, ongoing enquiries.

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Regards,

Julie Pardoe, Police Community Support Officer, Pershore Rural North & South Safer Neighbourhood Team.

10. Items for Future Agenda And Councillor Reports.

The council was pleased to see that Highways have installed a culvert under the entrance to the field opposite 'The Bredon's' where the banks of the ditch keeps collapsing.

Results from speed calming questionnaire.

The Clerk, Cllr Ford and Mr Hull will be attending a "flood" meeting on the 10th July.

11. Date Of Next Meeting.

2nd September 2014, Cllr Logan gave his apologies.