

KEMERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Kemerton Parish Council Meeting held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday 3rd March 2015 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT Cllrs Mrs K Cartwright, Mrs C Ford, (Chairman) Sir D Logan, Mr A Darby, Mr S Papacostantinou and Dr C Renfrew.

IN ATTENDANCE Ms J Shields (Clerk), Mr A Hull and Cllr A Hardman (County).

Mr Hull gave a summary of his attempts to keep the water flowing through the village and the number of meetings that have taken place to address the situation, he gets very frustrated by the lack of support from the District and County councils.

The work carried out by the 'two man' Lengthsman team that had sided out the footpath between Kemerton and Westmancote was excellent and he would like the praise past on. The footpath from Orchard House to St Bennett's, had been improved, however further work is needed.

Mr Hull gave the council 12 months in which to find a replacement.

1. Apologies For Absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Withnall and PCSO S Tinkler.

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 3rd January 2015.

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.

Hire of Hall £14.00, Clerk expenses £39.52, M Farey, £75.00 and Mr A Jones £1,100.00.

b) To Receive Bank Balance To Date.

The financial report and accounts for 1st April 2014 to 3rd March 2015 were presented to the council. The council agreed the accounts to date.

c) To Consider Clerks Salary Increase.

The council agreed to the NALC increase. A change in standing order was signed.

d) To Discuss Pension Arrangements.

The council agreed to join the County Council Pension Scheme, clerk to progress.

e) Grass Cutting 2015/2016.

The council agreed for Mr Jones to continue cutting the grass and to the £25.00 per year increase.

5. Planning.

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

W/15/00027/PP - St Judes, High Street, Kemerton, Tewkesbury,

b) To Consider Planning Applications Submitted since the Publishing of the Agenda.

None to date.

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c) To Report Wychavon Planning Decisions.

Approved by Wychavon.

W/15/00027/PP - St Judes, High Street, Kemerton.

Refused by Wychavon

W/14/01168/PN - Aston Mill, Cheltenham Road, Kinsham, Tewkesbury.

6. To Finalise Speed Calming Document For Submission To Worcestershire County Council.

All comments are to be submitted to Cllr Renfrew by Friday 6th March 2015, the final document will then be circulated for approval via E Mail before the Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk to e mail up to date VAS figures to Cllr Renfrew.

7. To Discuss Using New Homes Bonus Funding To Repair The Memorial.

The clerk had applied to the War Memorials Trust for a grant of up to 75% of the cost of repair and cleaning. The council agreed for the clerk to apply for New Homes Bonus Monies to make up the shortfall.

8. County Councillor Report.

Cllr Hardman is coming to the village with the district engineer to look at the flooding problem in Hill Road.

The councillor has found a potential funder to enable the verges in Kinsham Lane to become a pollination corridor for bees.

9. District Councillor Report.

As always, most of my Wychavon council work has been concerned with planning.

The really good news is that the inspector dismissed the appeal for 33 houses at Cheltenham Road, Bredon. In doing so he confirmed that Wychavon now has a five year supply of housing land, even allowing for an extra 20% requirement because of past under performance. Since this decision was published in January there has been a further appeal decision upholding the Council's refusal of 70 houses at Averill Close, Broadway. This inspector also found that Wychavon was able to demonstrate a five year supply of housing land.

We now hope that the inspector will also support Wychavon's refusal for 98 house at Tewkesbury Road, Bredon to which I referred in my last report. The inquiry will take place at Wychavon Council Offices from 11th to 18th of this month.

South Worcestershire Development Plan

The process is continuing. The inspectors in the two appeals listed above have taken its figures for Wychavon's objectively assessed housing need as firmly established and has been prepared to give limited weight to its emerging policies

Cheltenham Gloucester Tewkesbury JCS and Tewkesbury Borough Plan.

You will have noted that in proposing the MoD site without modification that the planners have not taken into account the concerns of all the South Bredon Hill villages about the additional traffic that may be generated by cars rat-running to avoid congestion on the A46. There is currently a planning application for 550 houses to the north of the MoD site with access onto Aston Fields Lane. I have written a letter of objection myself and encouraged all the South Bredon Hill Parish Councils to do the same. Wychavon has also objected making the same points.

Tewkesbury Borough Local Plan which comes under the JCS has also been published for consultation and I would urge the parish council to respond. Responses have to be in by 5pm on 13 April.

Bredon Hill Tower.

There is a further application for radio masts which will presumably come to you soon.

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10. Progress Reports For Information.

a) Clerk.

VAT reclaim had been submitted.

b) Chairman.

The County Council will be contacting the parish in early April re the flood meeting that took place last year.

c) Bredon Hill Conservation Group Representative.

Nothing to report.

d) Victoria Hall Representative.

The clerk had written to the Hall Chairman, explaining the parish council's grant position.

The Victoria hall Committee will be hosting an open session for idea and comments.

e) Area CALC Representative.

Cllr Cartwright is unable to attend the next meeting.

f) Footpath Warden.

The second bridge over the squitter brook has been replaced.

g) Police.

A burglary had taken place on the 5th of February.

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

12. Items for Future Agenda And Councillor Reports.

13. Date Of Next Meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting 17th March at 7.00pm.

Annual Parish Council Meeting 12th May at 7.15pm.