



PARISH COUNCIL Kempsey

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2023 AT 7.30 PM AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: - Cllr Waller (Chair), Cllr Stevens, Cllr Gardener, Cllr Clamp, Cllr Cooke, Cllr Bott, Cllr Bristow (joined at 7.37pm) and Cllr Anstey.

IN ATTENDANCE: -District Cllr Harrison and District Cllr Michael and Mr. Biddle plus 2 other members of the public. Sharon Baxter - Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

1. Apologies: Cllr Charnock (Personal), Cllr Webber (Personal) - Accepted
County Councillor Allen (Personal) - Received
2. Declarations of Interest
 1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interest.
 2. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature - None
 3. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests on items on the agenda and their nature - None
3. To Consider Written Requests from Councillors for the Council to Grant a Dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) - written requests to be submitted to the clerk prior to the meeting - None

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Notes from Public Question Time are appended to these minutes.

County Councillor Report - In the absence of Cllr Allen, Cllr Waller read out his report.

District Councillors Report - Cllr Harrison and Cllr Michael – The reports were noted.

4. Minutes: Having been previously circulated the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14.08.2023 were signed as a true and correct record.
5. Correspondence for Information: - Under General Data Protection Regulations names of Identifiable subject/matter withheld.
 1. Antisocial motorbike behaviour - Members of the public to report any incidents directly to the police.
 2. West Mercia Police – speed enforcement in your area - KPC to sign up to receive police alerts.
 3. Demand responsive Transport - Malvern - Map to be placed on the website.
 4. Project idea - ‘Digital Champion’ - This may be of interest to Kempsey Promotions CIC, subject to finding a suitable venue.
 5. Parishioner complaint - Windmill Lane, Kempsey - For Information
 6. Parishioner complaint - Lammas Way, Kempsey - For Information
 7. StreetWatch – Seeking volunteers to help keep your community safe, to meet new people, improve community engagement with the police and to keep fit and healthy.
6. Finance
 1. Payment of accounts as per schedule were authorized, except payment to Grants Online for £150.00 which was deferred whilst Cllr Waller carried out some further enquiries.
District Cllr Harrison highlighted the increase in postage costs from 2 October 2023. The Clerk confirmed she will place a bulk order to help save costs.
 2. Monthly Bank Reconciliation Statement - For Information Only.
 3. Capital Budget - For Information Only
7. Committee Appointments
 1. **RESOLVED:** That membership of Finance and General Purposes Committee comprises of Cllr Waller (Chair), Cllr Stevens, Cllr Gardener, Cllr Cooke and Cllr Bott.

Action

8. Committee Report Updates and Proposals: -

1. Finance & General Purposes Committee: Cllr Waller
Both tenants have been written to regarding costs associated with the renewal of their leases. Awaiting their feedback.
a. **RESOLVED:** To offset £7677.06 CIL money against reports that have already been conducted for the PFL project.

2. Environment & Recreation: Cllr Bott
2000 daffodil bulbs had arrived, using budgeted money to enhance the display of daffodils along the Main Road and outlying areas. WCC had awarded £200 on 1.9.2023 to purchase daffodil bulbs destroyed in the A38 road works.
6 new litter bins had arrived ready for installation.
A playground inspection had been carried out where an abandoned cricket screen was highlighted to be trip hazard. Cllr Cooke agreed to liaise with the cricket club requesting its removal.
A visit to the Rocky had taken place by the Landscape Officer to obtain advice on how to attend to a Yew Tree tree that is encroaching into the Hatfield Brook. Some forms are due to be completed to help try to resolve this issue.
Cllr Cooke confirmed he had received a polite notice from the Environment Agency concerning works due to take place at Kempsey Pumping Station.

- Working Party: MRWP Update: Cllr Clamp.
The welcome signs are due to be re-positioned tomorrow.
A request has been made to Morrisons to improve the shop front area.
The noticeboards outside the Parish Hall are due to be aligned to improve their appearance.
Cllr Bott kindly agreed to update the Parish Hall noticeboard of Parish Council activity.
Nothing was agreed regarding updating information in the noticeboards in the outlying areas.
Cllr Stevens is progressing the Christmas Tree Event with light switch on anticipated to be Saturday 2 December 2023.

3. Community Centres: Cllr Stevens
Bookings at the Youth Centre have increased, although the café is not yet in situ.
Repairs to the emergency lighting at the Sports Pavilion have been carried out.
Both defibrillators have been checked and pads replaced.
Consideration is to be given to install security cameras at the Sports Pavilion by extending the existing security at the Youth Centre with two additional cameras. Awaiting comments from committee members.

4. Planning: Cllr Gardener
The Planning committee met on 4 September 2023 where various applications and other matters were considered and commented on.
Neighbourhood Planning training is being offered by Worcs CALC. Anyone interested should contact the Clerk who will secure a booking.

5. Infrastructure Committee: Cllr Waller
The Design Team are re-engaging on Thursday 14 September 2023 with Calfordseaden, following the summer break.
An FOI request has been raised by a private individual to Worcestershire Regulatory Services regarding potential contamination of land at Pixham Ferry Lane.
Cllr Waller to liaise with District Cllr Harrison to progress the archaeological survey.

6. Commons and Hams: Cllr Cooke
The committee met on 15.8.2023 where the following was discussed: -
 - Reduction of gorse on Kempsey Common
 - Improving access to the dew ponds
 - Replacing four wooden anti trespass posts on Kempsey Common.
 - Problems with overgrown vegetation to a cattle grid have been reported to WCC.
 - The hay has been baled on Stonehall Common, Kerswell Green and Normoor Common.

- Cllr Cooke to meet with Mr. Pugh regarding maintenance of Kerswell Green.
- Exploring options and funding to create a wetland on Ashmoor Common.
- Completed and submitted National Forest survey.
- Assisting a university student with her studies.

Action

9. Chairman's Report: Cllr Waller

- Progress with siting the donated defibrillator
The Parish Hall is being pursued as an alternate location to place the donated defibrillator from TW. Cllr Stevens to follow up.
- Update on recruiting a Community Builder
Four application forms have been received. These will be circulated to the interview panel comprising of Cllr Waller, Cllr Charnock and the Clerk who will decide which ones to progress to the interview stage.
Subject to applicants availability, interviews are to be progressed w/c 18.9.2023 with a recommendation to be put to the Parish Council at an EOM on Monday 25 September 2023, together with a proposal for the Clerk to sign the Funding Agreement.

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Cllr Waller confirmed a person had approached the Parish Council to offer their support as a volunteer having seen the advert for the community builder role. He was encouraged to join the Parish Council. Awaiting his response.

- Kempsey Colts FC - Whole Club Fun Day at Plovers Rise
To celebrate the 20 Anniversary, KCFC would like to hold a family fun day on Sunday 12 May 2024 and are seeking approval in principle from KPC for this event to be planned to go ahead. – This was agreed in principle, subject to all the necessary risk assessments and insurance arrangements being made.

Meeting Closed at 9.27 PM

Signed Chairman..... Date

Standing Orders were adjourned.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

On behalf of the Parish Council Cllr Waller congratulated Kempsey Primary School and Cllr Stevens who had recorded a song, written by Cllr Stevens, for the King's Coronation- who had received a thank you card from the King and Queen Camilla.

A parishioner asked if any S106 monies could be used to help contribute towards providing a pedestrian crossing at the north end of the village. She requested if this could be given some consideration.

Mr Biddle confirmed he had investigated various transport options travelling from Kempsey to Worcester, quoting different routes and prices.

He gave an update on the Patients Participation Group confirming that Cllr Robert Gardener was not allowed to join due to confidentiality reasons. He drew attention to Welbeck Strategic Land Development which is proposing to have its own health centre and pharmacy and the impact this may have on Worcester hospital and Haresfield surgery. A meeting is due to take place in 10 days time. He questioned if this development area would be included under Kempsey's precept?

He encouraged people to examine the Demand Responsive Transport map.

He asked for a progress update on the provision of a parking space at the Community Centre, which is being investigated.

He also commented that road works have been completed on the A38 with some snagging works still to be completed. Hopefully the passing bays will be installed by Christmas.

District Cllr Harrison draw attention to the site at Pixham Ferry Lane highlighting that some unauthorised excavation works had been carried out and ongoing problems with joyriders using the parking area. Cllr Waller will follow up the excavation works with Shannonside and SNT will be asked to increase their patrols.

District Councillor: David Harrison

Commented that his response plus those submitted by KPC had been omitted from the SWDP publication. This was not satisfactory and he is pursuing.

District Councillor: John Michael

Highlighted the importance of having an up to date Neighbourhood Plan being the only line of defence against planning development, referring to Hallow who had recently carried out a lighter touch review.

County Councillor: Martin Allen

Good evening,

I am sorry I cannot be with you tonight; I am on annual leave enjoying the delights of Penzance.

WINDMILL LANE AND LYFS LANE WEEDS COMING THROUGH THE FOOTWAY.

I have requested that both pavements are sprayed where the weeds are growing through.

BULBS

I understand that replacement daffodil bulbs are needed on the A38 at the point where the endless roadworks have taken place.

I have applied for funding, and you should have it in the next few weeks.

PIXHAM FERRY LANE BAYS

I don't have any further information.

COMMUNITY BUS

This service is due to end on 22/09/23. The number of users for June/July have been 5 or 6 passengers each week. I have asked for a meeting with WCC about this and the On Demand Bus, but despite a week after week request, no meeting has yet been agreed to.

I will take up the battle on my return from my break.

ON DEMAND BUS SERVICE

Cllr Tom Wells and I are still waiting for another meeting to see if WCC officers have agreed to the Hospital, Haresfield House Surgery, Tesco's, Aldi, and St Peters Garden Centre being included as destinations. If there is not a change in destinations, I fear this trial will end in failure.

CROSSING NORTH END OF KEMPSEY BY THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

I have had a briefing last Friday; things are still looking positive. I have asked that a brief report be made available, along with plans so that KPC can give their views and either agree the scheme goes forward or not. Once I have these details, I will forward them to you. I have also suggested to WCC that at the next meeting Cllr Rob Gardner and one other Parish Councillor we invited to the Teams meeting to raise any concerns the Parish Council has. I will also be inviting both of our District Councillors.

A38 SOUTHERN END ROADWORKS

I am very pleased to see the end of the overnight closures, it reach a point where in my opinion the poor residents were treated appallingly by Shannonside. In the end I had Mr John Frazer from Highways personally attend one evening to hear my concerns.

I have written to the Leader of the County Council calling for a Public Enquiry into the whole shambles that this scheme turned into.

TARMAC AT CLIFTON

Following their merge/takeover, there is still no news if they are staying or leaving the site.

KERSWELL GREEN VASS POLES

I understand that there is a southern pole with a speed sign on it that is also currently being used for a VASS unit. We can leave that one in use, although it is not in the ideal location and then just install the northern pole. Or we can install two new poles in the ideal locations to have most effect. Please could you let myself and Tanya know which option you would prefer.

BOUNDARY REVIEW WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

I have submitted my comments, but as there is now agreement from the Boundary Commission that the numbers are balanced across the district and there will not be any changes in the MHDC area.

This is the link to the boundary review: <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/worcestershire>.

Warmest regards

Martin Allen.

Standing Orders were reimposed.