

DRAFT Minutes of the Kempley Parish Council
held at Kempley Village Hall on Thursday 9th November 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr S Roberts, Cllr S Hanes, Cllr G Bennett, Cllr B Andrews, Cllr G Young, Cllr Bennion
Cllr Rees, Clerk, Members of the public

124/17 Open discussion for local residents to raise local issues

Issues and Questions:

Members of the public stated the following;

- 1) Cllr Bennion was thanked for his work on the new website.
- 2) Requested that the draft minutes were uploaded to the website between meetings
- 3) Introduced John who is an architect that attended the meeting and will be supporting the Village Hall Trust with its redevelopment proposals.

125/17 Apologies

There were no apologies.

126/17 Declarations of interest

None

127/17 Minutes of meeting Thursday 14th September 2017

Cllr Hanes noted that at 104/17 that it should state "Cllr Hanes to organise maintenance for defibrillator" not a rota as stated in the minutes. The minutes were corrected and approved as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

128/17 Matters Arising

5.1 Parking and Access to 1 Beauchamp Villas Two Rivers provided a named liaison who was supposed to contact Cllr Roberts but this was not completed.

Action: Clerk to contact Two Rivers again as a matter of urgency.

5.2 Standing Orders Time Table Cllr Roberts that this is quite a big project and that this will be added to the agenda for January's meeting.

129/17 Highways

No current issues

130/17 Planning

7.1 Potential planning breach Kempley House: on further investigation the work that seems to have been done is in keeping with the current property and therefore Council has no further concerns.

7.2 Caravan on land opposite Little Hoopers: Cllr Roberts reported that Forest of Dean planning department seem to have visited the site but have not communicated with the Parish Council. Councillors resolved to continue to put pressure on Forest of Dean to investigate potential planning breaches.

Action: Cllr Roberts to write another letter to Forest of Dean

131/17 Clerks Report

8.1

Cheque 346 P Samuel £17.99 for the website was authorised and signed.

Cheque 347 P Smithson £567.50 for the website development was authorised and signed.

Cheque 348 G Gough £200 for trench for defibrillator electricity was authorised and signed.
Cheque 349 C Davies £290.80 for clerks salary and expenses was authorised and signed.

8.2 Clerks expenses: Council agreed to pay the clerks travel expenses. Motion proposed RB, seconded SH, nem. con.

8.3 Correspondence: Letters of support endorsing the community plan and requesting that Council supports the Village Hall redevelopment were received from the following;

Kempley Produce Market:
Friends of Kempley Churches
Kempley PCC
DYFRA
The Kempley Village Hall Committee

132/17 Community Led Parish Plan

The Village plan has been distributed and the response has been good and the letters of endorsement from community organisations was welcomed. Council reported that they held an informal meeting to discuss the Village plan and reminded the members of the public that some of the actions considered a high priority by the community, may not be achievable due to time and budgetary restraints. It was agreed that the action plan as published would be placed on the council website, and that progress on items listed would be noted.

132/17 Precept 2018/19

The Parish precept for Kempley was discussed, and the proposal by the clerk for a cost of living increase of 3% considered. The current precept is £4074.00 and the current band D council tax Kempley parish charge is £30.77. Cllr Bennion advised that there are 96 households in the parish on the tax register. The details for all the tax bands are available on the FODDC website. An increase of some £340 in hours for the work of the clerk in taking over the Neighbourhood Watch duty, in the absence of a parish volunteer, was also noted in the detailed 3% proposal.

The subject of the Parish Council exploring the feasibility of providing some funding towards refurbishment of the village hall, was mentioned in the recently circulated Parish Plan. The Chair of the Hall trustees, Mrs Osmond was present, and stated that the Trustees would now produce a detailed plan together with costings, for a scheme significantly smaller in scope than the previous scheme, (which was reported as costed at £330,000 as recently as the June 2017 Village meeting by Mrs Hawker-Bond).

The proposal by the authors of the Parish Plan, was for a loan to be raised from the Public Works Loan Board, such a loan to be repaid by the Parish Council, by adding the repayments to the parish precept part of the annual council tax Bill for households.

Cllr Roberts said that any proposal for a significant increase in the current precept could only proceed with the agreement of the parish as a whole.

133/17 Items for future agenda

New standing orders to be discussed in January

Village plan

The budget and figures for precept to be finalised in January.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th January 2017 at 7.30.

Chairman thanked all for attendance and with no further business closed the meeting at 21:10.

Signed.....*Simon Hawes*.....

Date.....*10 May 2018*.....

Please note that these are draft minutes only, which are yet to be approved.