

Minutes of a Meeting of Kemberton Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th January 2024, 7:30PM in Kemberton Village Hall

In attendance: Cllrs Phil Jones (Chairman), James Rennison, Mark Lea, Mary Wright, Giles Greenwood, Angela Blount, Stephen Talbot, the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey) and one resident

2023.74 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year

2023.75 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence

2023.76 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none at this time

2023.77 Dispensation

There were none at this time

2023.78 Report from Shropshire Councillor

There were none at this time

2023.79 Public Participation Session

There were no questions from the public

2023.80 Minutes

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to approve the minutes dated 8th November 2023

2023.81 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

2023.82 Planning Applications Received

The following was noted with no comment to file:

23/05265/FUL: Glended, Grooms Lane, Kemberton: demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling

2023.83 Planning Application Decisions

There were none at this time

2023.84 Another Planning Matters

The Chairman and other residents had attended the appeal hearing against the decision to refuse the Solar Farm. Two days of hearing had been held by the day of the Parish Council meeting, with another day due, and a site visit on the final day.

It was reported that the appeal team was very slick with numerous papers and prepared documents and had a KC to represent its arguments. Shropshire Council's representatives spoke about the agricultural business and urban sprawl. The KC argued that there was no urban sprawl as there is a field and road between the site and Halesfield. The Chairman had made a speech at the hearing.

The Chairman, Cllr Phil Jones, was thanked by the member of public present at the meeting, and the members of the Parish Council, for all his effort and hard work.

2023.85 Correspondence

The Parish Clerk said that West Mercia Police had sent a copy of its Community Charter, and asked for a renewal of its priorities. It was agreed that this should remain as speeding, wildlife crime, and outbuilding theft.

2023.86 Finance

Payments

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to approve the following

	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
BACS	Clerk	Travel Expenses (January)	£13.50	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)
DD	HugoFox	Website fees (November to January)	£35.97	LGA 1972 s.111

Income

The following was noted: Bank interest – £10.67 for the months of November and December

Bank Reconciliation

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to receive and accept the Bank Reconciliation to month end December 2023

Spend to Date

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to receive and accept the Spend to Date for month end December 2023

Budget and Precept

Members considered the draft budget prepared by the Parish Clerk. The variation of precept increases is set against the contingency line.

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to raise the precept by 3.9%.

2023.87 Environment

The level of flooding on Brockton Road remained a concern, the Chairman noted that he had mentioned this at the Solar Farm appeal hearing.

Cllr Mark Lea said that he had received a complaint from a resident about potatoes being planted across a footpath. It was requested that the Parish Clerk writes to the landowner to bring it to her attention.

Cllr Angela Blount raised the unresolved issue of overflow from a cellar pipe icing over on the highway as an ongoing concern.

2023.88 Highways

A pothole on the road to Brockton has been repaired, the Chairman said that it had been responsible for a significant amount of wheel damage.

Grindle Road is marked for repair.

Cllr Mark Lea said that he had received a complaint from a resident about effluent spilling onto the road. It was requested that this be included in the correspondence to a local landowner.

2023.89 Other Parish Matters

Cllr James Rennison raised the matter of replacing the Internal Auditor. The Parish Clerk said that the Internal Audit process needed to be completed by the end of June at the latest, and noted that it could be done by another Clerk.

2023.90Next Meeting will be Wednesday 13th March 2024 at Kemberton Village Hall, 7.30pm