

**Kemberton Parish Council**  
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting  
held in Kemberton Village Hall  
on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm.

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**1. CHAIR WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. APOLOGIES**

None

**3. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

None at this time

**4. DISPENSATION**

None at this time

**5. REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR**

None at this time

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

None at this time

**7. MINUTES**

It was **Resolved** to approve and sign the minutes dated 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Proposed by Cllr Mark Lea, seconded by Cllr Mary Wright, all in favour.

**8. MATTERS ARISING**

It was agreed last meeting to raise the parish precept by 3.99%. A rounded figure of £3265 was given to Shropshire Council to meet this percentage.

**9. HIGHWAYS**

The last meeting raised two issues: reporting potholes on the pothole portal on the Shropshire Council website, and the ongoing situation at the junction. Cllr Michael Wood had offered to follow up any pothole problems not solved by using the portal. A reply has been received from the Contract Service Manager at Shropshire Council regarding the junction. It gives the expected reply that there are no funds to warrant investing at this time, and that data is not enough to prioritise it.

“In Shropshire, the priority for the Integrated Transport grant is to fund statutory functions in relation to introducing measures that reduce the risk of road traffic accidents at defined high priority sites. These sites are identified annually by using recorded personal injury accident data to highlight locations and where clusters of accidents are taking place. Although there have been two recorded injury accidents at this junction within the last three years, this location is not currently one of our priority accident cluster sites. For your information, speed was not identified as a factor in either of these accidents.”

“In light of the current budget situation, the focus of this limited budget will continue to be accident cluster site schemes and the formal submission of new community led road safety concerns from town and parish councils has been put on hold until the review of budgets in 2020. Unfortunately, we are therefore unable to progress with assessing and prioritising a community led road safety scheme in this location at this time.”

The Chair, Cllr Martyn Bidgood, commented that there were two serious accidents recently that might not be in the data, the October accident is being treated as a fatality.

Cllr Martyn Bidgood reported that he waited for a reply from Shropshire Council before contacting the PCC's (Police and Crime Commissioner) office about a traffic scheme fund, the Safer Roads Fund. He emailed the PCC on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and also emailed Shropshire Council Highways. He received an email from the Commissioning Officer in the PCC's office on 4<sup>th</sup> March asking for a conversation. In this conversation it was explained that Shropshire Council has a duty to put statutory signs, but the community can put up signs that don't overlap, for example, 'children play here' or a SID (Speed Indicator Device). The conditions of applying through the scheme for a community design is that the community must come up with the design, it must apply for funds for signage and the erection of the signage, and it must be done with the agreement of Shropshire Council.

Cllr Martyn Bidgood has written to Shropshire Council requesting its support and is awaiting a response. He cannot see that it is not its interests. The process would be to consider what the sign might be, to approach someone to make the sign, and to apply to the fund to pay the authority to put up the sign.

Cllr Phil Jones suggested that suitable sign might be 'slow, accident black spot'. He also questioned if solar power or a flashing sign might be considered.

Cllr James Rennison said that the sign needs to be simple

Cllr Giles Greenwood said that whoever makes the signs might have templates and suggestions as to what might be suitable.

Cllr Mark Lea questioned what it is we were trying to achieve and the problem we were trying to address, Cllr Martyn Bidgood said we are past the point of emphasising speed and changing the junction limit, as Shropshire Council have said, speed is not a factor. Cllr Phil Jones agreed that changing the junction would not be possible because of cost.

Cllr Phil Jones asked about the cost of putting in a SID (Speed Indicator Device), to which Cllr Martyn Bidgood replied that £5K would be enough.

Cllr Mark Lea said that some sort of clear warning was required, and suggested asking the advice of professionals about what would work, and for ideas and

samples. What has been done elsewhere? Cllr Martyn Bidgood said he would ask the Commissioner's Office what has been done elsewhere.

It was **resolved** that the Parish Clerk would contact Cllr Michael Wood and ask if he can seek an agreement in principle from Shropshire Council supporting a bid for the fund.

Other highways issues included overflowing drains:

- i) Grooms Lane
- ii) Field Lane/Mill Lane Junction

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would follow up the drains problems, the second of which has already been reported.

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

A follow-up response has been received from Phillip Dunne M.P attaching the response he received from the Area Planning Manager at Shropshire Council:-

“Following the concerns raised by the Parish Council we have discussed the transfer of the business with Renew. There will inevitably be some impact on road users and local residents during this process due to the nature of the local roads and type of transport vehicle. However the company have confirmed that the final phases will be managed to minimise disturbance and inconvenience. This would include scheduling their lorry movements so that their vehicles do not meet each other on the highway network.”

Cllrs Angela Blount and Phil Jones commented that a flat back lorry goes through every day.

The Parish Clerk informed the Council that she had passed on a copy of all correspondence on this matter to the local resident who had complained about this issue.

A response from the Highways and Environment Department at Shropshire Council has been received and discussed (see item 9).

## **11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

*19/00630/FUL / Erection of 1 No affordable dwelling, workshop and detached single garage / Proposed Affordable Dwelling To The South Of Field House Field Lane Kemberton Shifnal Shropshire [13<sup>th</sup> February]*

No comment to file.

*19/00603/DIS / Discharge of Condition 3 (materials), 4 (joinery), 6 (foul & surface water), 7 (construction method statement), 8 (tree protection), 9 (landscaping), 10 (badger survey), 12 (bat & bird boxes), 13 (lighting re bats) & 14 (access) relating to planning permission 17/03311/FUL - Erection of an affordable dwelling / Kemberton Cottage Mill Lane Kemberton Shifnal TF11 9LH [7<sup>th</sup> February]*

Cllr Martyn Bidgood, in the Chair, thanked Cllr Mark Lea for submitting his reponse (via the Clerk) expressing concern about the removal of the wall. Councillors mentioned the prominent place of this development as being part of their concern.

*19/00135/FUL / Erection of two storey extension to rear following removal of existing conservatory and single storey extension / 5 The Row Worfe Cottage Mill Lane Kemberton Shifnal Shropshire TF11 9LJ [11<sup>th</sup> January]*

The Parish Clerk advised Councillors that notification had been received from Shropshire Council advising that permission had been granted after the Agenda had been sent out.

## **12. PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS**

The following planning decisions were noted:-

*19/00331/TCA / To fell 1No Silver Birch tree and 2No Hornbeam trees within Kemberton Conservation Area / Penn Briar Mill Lane Kemberton Shifnal Shropshire TF11 9LU [Consent by Right – Trees, 4<sup>th</sup> March]*

*19/00126/TCA / Fell 1No Alder within Kemberton Conservation Area / Midway House 19 Grooms Lane Kemberton Shifnal Shropshire TF11 9LS [Consent by Right – Trees, 21<sup>st</sup> February]*

## **13. SHIFNAL PLACE PLAN**

Cllr Martyn Bidgood reported on the well-attended meeting that took place in Shifnal on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January, he thought the Committee was constructive in its comments. Concerns about the bypass were raised (it will pass under a railway embankment and through an arch originally built for carts, and the proposed exit is in the path of a pylon) and the encroachment on the green belt.

Cllr Martyn Bidgood said that we shouldn't ignore it because of the impact on Kemberton. Kemberton is in the Shifnal area plan. 1100 responses to the local plans for housing had been sent to Shropshire Council had been sent from Shifnal alone, with 203 from the rest of Shropshire. An updated plan should be produced in October 2019, which will be out for a consultation in November 2019.

75% of respondents to Shifnal Matters' survey had identified GPs services as a major issue. Cllr Nutting (Shropshire Council leader) had been unaware of this issue. The practice was invited to the Friday meeting and was aware of the concerns. The CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) believes that Shifnal and Priorselee has not exceeded its capacity. The practice now has to apply through a different funding scheme **for expansion**. There is a plan for a new surgery to be launched in August 2019 and open by 2020, about which Cllr Martyn Bidgood expressed scepticism. Cllr Giles Greenwood raised the issue of GP recruitment and that 3 doctors are due for retirement in the near future. A survey for Shifnal and Priorslee practice is due to be completed by the Thursday following the meeting (15<sup>th</sup> March) and the Cllr Martyn Bidgood, handed out printed paper copies to hand out to the Councillors for their own use and to pass on to others who may wish to complete the survey.

## 14. FINANCE

1. To approve and sign the following:
  - a) *Cheque payments*

<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
482	Parish Clerk	Salary + Expenses	£208.55
483	Village Hall Committee	Village Hall Hire	£60
484	Diana Russell	Village Newsletter	£29.97

It was agreed to pay a cheque for the sum of £29.97 to Diana Russell to cover the cost of paper for the Village Newsletter. (This was a late item not included on the Agenda.)

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the above cheques. Proposed by Cllr Mark Lea and seconded by Cllr Mary Wright.

- b) *Note income – bank interest*
  - i) *Reconciliation and Bank Statements for the month of January 2019*
  - ii) *Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets*

It was **resolved** to approve payment and note income.  
Proposed by Councillor Mark Lea and Seconded by Councillor Mary Wright.

## 15. AOB

None at this time

## 16. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, at 7.30pm Kemberton Village Hall