

KEMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kemberton Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.30pm Held at Kemberton Village Hall

In attendance: *Cllrs Martyn Bidgood (Chairman), Angela Blount, Phil Jones, Mary Wright, Mark Lea, Giles Greenwood. Also in attendance: Shropshire Cllr Richard Marshall and Vanessa Voysey (Parish Clerk)*

21.73 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

21.74 Apologies

There were no apologies at this time

21.75 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared at this time

21.76 Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensations at this time

21.77 Report from Shropshire Councillor

Cllr Richard Marshall said that he was disappointed with central Government regarding grant funding and being given a one year funding grant only as this makes moving forward difficult. Both he and Phillip Dunne M.P have been lobbying Mr Gove and Central Government. He said that he could foresee a situation where Council taxpayers get less services for more money unless more Central Government funding is obtained.

85% of Shropshire Council's budget is being spent on adult and child social care, leaving only 15% to do everything else including highways. This year it is probable that Council Tax will rise by 2.99% (Shropshire Council element) and Social Care by 1%.

Cllr Marshall addressed the letter circulated to other Parish Councils of the Six Parishes, written by the Chairman (Cllr Martyn Bidgood). He said that there were some valid points in it. He noted that some of the concerns within it dated from pre-May when he was not in office. He also noted that he was pleased with some of the achievements since then, more money has been invested in roads, and the poor condition of Evelith Lane has been sorted, Cllr Marshall had lobbied for this to be done. Regarding Evelith Lane, he asked if there were any reported problems with speeding if Councillors could let him know about it. He also noted that 20,000 potholes have been repaired since May, 97% of repairs have been done as permanent repairs.

Addressing the issue of planning enforcement, Cllr Marshall said that the reality is that it is expensive, and the Unitary Authority will do everything it can before it has to resort to

enforcements. Renew has now moved from its site at Grindle Farm. Councillor Marshall will be attending the upcoming meeting of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council where the Apley Estate Manager is expected to attend and the future of the site discussed. Cllr Marshall said that he is local to the area and often comes through the village but will not hear of everything that is going on so he welcomes being notified about enforcements.

Cllr Marshall said that [in answer to the question: what is the point of a Parish Council?] all Parish Councils are important as they are the eyes and ears of local residents. If there is a problem with lack of response and support, please let him know, he won't be able to deliver everything but he will do his utmost to get the best results.

Cllr Martyn Bidgood, Chairman, thanked Cllr Richard Marshall for being pro-active. He said that the Renew situation was frustrating and some consultations seem to be ignored, for example, over the Kemberton Junction.

Cllr James Rennison noted that Cllr Martyn Bidgood had done a lot of work on the junction. Cllr Mark Lea agreed and said that the solution proposed by the Parish Council would have cost nothing (by means of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Safer Roads Fund) but it was blocked by Shropshire Council who have implemented its own solutions that have done very little to improve the problem.

Cllr Marshall said that the junction needed speed enforcement to cement in the new speed limit. He said he would have a look at the cost of it and speak with John Campion, the Police Commissioner. Cllr Martyn Bidgood noted that local residents had approached him about the village being national speed limit.

21.78 Public Participation Session

There were no members of the public presents or questions filed at this time.

21.79 Minutes

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to approve the minutes of 10th November 2021

21.80 Matters Arising

It was noted that the letter about dissatisfaction with the response and support from Shropshire Council written by Cllr Martyn Bidgood had been passed to the Six Parishes and would be discussed at January meetings.

Cllr Phil Jones said that concerns remained about affordable housing in the village remaining empty. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should follow this up with Richard Marshall.

21.81 Queen's Jubilee

A hog roast event, possibly to be held on the Friday of the Platinum Jubilee weekend, had been discussed at the last meeting. There was agreement that setting up a sub-committee to plan it would move this idea forwards. Cllr Giles Greenwood said that he would discuss this with the Village Hall Committee.

Information about possible costings for a village gateway had been circulated prior to the meeting. Based on this information, Cllr Martyn Bidgood estimated that the cost of one sign would be approximately £800 to £900 with additional V.A.T. Cllrs Phil Jones and Mary

Wright raised the possibility of placing a Silent Solider, as seen on the Royal British Legion Website, with a cost of approximately £90.

It was **agreed** to pursue this option and to continue the discussion via email prior to the next meeting in order to move the project forwards.

It was noted that the suggestion for placing a village gateway was from a member of the public. Cllr Richard Marshall said that he supported the idea and would help with information concerning official permissions from Shropshire Council.

21.82 Highways

21.82.1 Kemberton Junction

Cllr Martyn Bidgood reported that he had noticed that traffic has been slower but that there was still a lot of speeding by the junction.

21.82.2 Condition of the Roads

It was noted that the condition of Evelith Lane was a huge improvement.

Concerns had been raised by the public, and by members of the Parish Council, about some pothole repairs being very poor and this included potholes being prodded down with feet.

The need for gully maintenance remained a concern, gullies and ditches need clearing out to reduce the amount of surface water on lanes.

21.82.3 Any other Highway matters

There were no other comments about highways at this time.

21.83 Correspondence

- a) **Hope House** – Hope House had written to request consideration of a further donation. No action to be taken at this time.

21.84 Planning Applications Received:

The following was sent for consultation after the publication of the agenda:

21/05945/FUL (validated: 22/12/2021)

2 Agricultural Cottages, Talley House , Mill Lane, Kemberton, Shifnal, TF11 9LN

Erection of a part two storey/part first floor extension; front extension to lounge; alterations to existing front entrance and layout alterations and improvements

No comment at that is time

21.85 Planning Application Decisions:

The following was noted:

21/04273/FUL (validated: 28/09/2021)

2 Hall Lane, Kemberton, Shifnal, TF11 9LQ

Demolition of upvc conservatory to rear of detached garage and erection of two storey side extension with balcony at first floor, replacement of dilapidated unmatching windows and

external render to improve overall architectural aesthetic

Decision: Refuse

Cllr Martyn Bidgood advised members of the Parish Council that the applicant had contacted him with background to the application being put in to Shropshire Council, this was also noted.

21.86 Another Planning Matters

There were no other planning matters at this time.

21.87 Finance

21.87.1.1 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)

21.87.2 Income

The following was noted:

Bank interest - 3p for months of October, November and December

21.88 Bank Reconciliation

It was proposed seconded and **resolved** to receive and approve the bank reconciliation for month end of November 2021

21.89 Spend to Date

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to receive and approve the spend to date for month end of November 2021

21.90 Budget

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to agree a budget of £3630 for the financial year 2022-2023

21.91 Precept

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to agree a precept of £3630 for the financial year 2022-2023

21.92 Environment

21.92.1 Fly-tipping

Cllr Angela Blount reported that there were still incidents of fly-tipping on Field Lane, and noted that Shropshire Council had been quick to clear anything blocking the highway.

21.92.2 Footpaths

There were no updates on footpaths at this time.

21.92.3 Any other environmental issue

It was noted that the water table is low and that there were no incidents of discharge onto pavements.

Cllr Mark Lea said that he had been sent a list from South Staffordshire Climate Action asking for feedback on issue that may or may not be relevant to the Parish including public transport questions. Feedback was supplied by Parish Councillors on the questions as read by Cllr Lea.

21.93 Other Parish Matters

21.93.1 Neighbourhood Watch

An update on Neighbourhood Watch had been circulated by the Chairman, Cllr Martyn Bidgood, prior to the meeting. It was noted that hare coursing had become a bigger issue in the area.

It was noted that the Parish Council support the work of Neighbourhood Watch on behalf of the village.

21.93.2 Any other Parish Matters

Cllr Phil Jones raised a matter about potential requirement for planning permission to which Cllr James Rennison explained that structures came under building control not planning.

Cllr Martyn Bidgood said that he would be standing down as Chairman in May.

21.94 **Next Meeting** will be Wednesday 9th March 2022 at Kemberton Village Hall, 7.30pm