

Kemberton Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held in Kemberton Village Hall
on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

1. CHAIR WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished them Happy New Year. He welcomed Cllr Michael Wood to the meeting, hoping he felt much better.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr James Rennison sent his apologies in advance of the meeting

3. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None at this time

4. DISPENSATION

None at this time

5. REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

Cllr Michael Wood thanked the Parish Council for its card and well wishes. He is starting to get back into things again.

Finances:-

News from Shire Hall included the likelihood of a budget levy of 3.99%.

The Highways budget is short of money, with another £5M gap this year as last year. The Central Government grant does not make up the gap taking into account both years' shortfall. There are continuing budget pressures from Adult Social Care and Cared for Children, both of which are statutory duties where needs must be met as they arise.

Highway issues:-

-Problems continue at Stableford Bridge. There is money for traffic lights but it will be April before money can be released; £700K is needed from capital funds.

-Kier share prices are in fall. The situation is being watched. There is a shortage of big companies who want to do council work maintenance.

- The 'rat run' and roads around Worfield are likely to get worse. Cllr Wood said he is concerned about this and will be having another meeting with other local Councillors on 16th January where he will raise this as an issue.

- lorry queues building up by the Cowgreaves site is a problem that has arisen recently, email with attached photos have been sent by Cllr James Rennison to Cllr Wood

Cllr Angela Blount commented that the potholes on Field Lane are horrendous. A local resident has had a near accident when on a mobility scooter.

Cllr Michael Wood said that if people had have complaints it would be helpful if they used the pothole porthole on the Shropshire Council website as this collates information. He will also follow up complaints if necessary.

Cllr Martyn Bidgood, in the Chair, said that it seemed there was not enough money and someone will have to prioritise expenditure.

Housing developments:-

There will be a public meeting about the Stanmore housing development site on January 17th at the Castle Hall. The site will affect other communities in the area due to the impact on traffic and facilities, so Cllr Wood encouraged Councillors to attend the event. There will be a similar event in Shifnal. Councillor Mark Lea suggested making a delegation.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Local residents (not present at the meeting) had written to the Chair with an update on an affordable housing project. Plans are underway following consultation with Shropshire Council.

7. MINUTES

It was **Resolved** to approve and sign the minutes dated 14th November 2018.

Proposed by Cllr Giles Greenwood, seconded by Cllr Phillip Jones, all in favour.

8. MATTERS ARISING

None at this time

9. HIGHWAYS

The Parish Clerk reported that she had contacted Highways regarding safety measures on the junction but had not received a reply to date.

Cllr Martyn Bidgood, in the Chair, reported that the police had treated the recent accident on the junction as fatal. The man injured in the accident has survived but has suffered brain damage.

Cllr Martyn Bidgood also said that cost of calling out security services to serious accidents of this severity will exceed the cost of safety measures. He has considered getting in touch with the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office about their Safer Roads Fund. Signage warning of the speed restriction at the junction could help.

Cllr Michael Wood said that Norton is a local example for where illuminated speed restriction signs have proved successful. It has also been successful at Cressage.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

A reply has been received from Phillip Dunne M.P in response to the Parish Council's letter about the volume of traffic on local lanes due to the Renew relocation. Mr Dunne has written to the Chief Executive at Shropshire Council to raise his concerns.

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

None at this time

12. PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS

Cllr Phillip Jones advised the Parish Council that the planning application for his property had been approved.

13. FINANCE

1. To approve and sign the following:

a) Cheque payments

<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
481	Parish Clerk	Salary + Expenses	£208.55

b) Note income – bank interest

i) Reconciliation and Bank Statements for the month of November 2018

ii) Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets

It was **resolved** to approve payment and note income.

Proposed by Councillor Giles Greenwood and Seconded by Councillor Mark Lea.

Councillor Mark Lea raised the possibility of need a new battery for the AED. He checked the battery when it was very cold and it was not working.

It was agreed that if a new battery or heater element was needed between meetings, that Cllr Lea and will liaise with the Parish Clerk and purchase a new one.

14. PRECEPT AND BUDGET 2019/2020

To discuss and agree a precept for the year 2019/2020

Budget 2019/20		
Clerk's Salary	£1,200	
Clerk's expenses notional	£150	
Admin expenses	£100	
Insurance	£250	
SALC Subscription	£200	
Room Hire	£180	
Parish Newsletter costs	£300	
Grants (S137)	£150	
Other Section 137	£100	
Website maintenance	£100	grant
Computer maintenance	£100	grant
Contingency	£435	
Total	£3,265	

It was proposed by Cllr Phillip Jones and seconded by Cllr Mary Wright to raise the precept by 3.99% in line with the expected rise of Shropshire Council. All agreed. It was **resolved** to raise the precept by 3.99%. It was agreed to put the surplus amount in the contingency part of the budget.

15.AOB

Cllr Phillip Jones said he had attended a church meeting where a comment had been made about the Parish Council taking over the church if it had, as suggested, three years to go. It would be the Diocese of Lichfield that would take it over, not the Parish Council.

16.NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 13th March, 2019, at 7.30pm Kemberton Village Hall