

KEMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kemberton Parish Council held on Wednesday 29th June 2022 at 7.30pm at Kemberton Village Hall

In attendance: Cllrs Martyn Bidgood, Angela Blount, Phil Jones, Giles Greenwood, James Rennison and Mary Wright. Also in attendance: Shropshire Cllr Richard Marshall, Vanessa Voysey (Parish Clerk) and three members of the public.

22.27 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

22.28 Apologies

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to receive and accept the following apology for absence:

Cllr Mark Lea – Annual Leave

22.29 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared.

The Chairman declared a personal interest in item 14.6 as he is the Treasurer of St Andrew's Church, Kemberton.

22.30 Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation

22.31 Report from Shropshire Councillor

Cllr Richard Marshall reported that he had taken up the suggestion of quiet lanes as raised in the previous meeting and will be bringing a motion on it to Shropshire Council. In his view, Evelith Lane would fit into the scheme. Following its repair, the additional traffic is noticeable and there is a speeding issue.

22.32 Public Participation Session

A member of the public raised the issue of road signage where there are closures and diversions, Cllr Richard Marshall said that this issue was 'on his radar' and that he had an upcoming meeting with Kier (Shropshire Council's contractors) to discuss it. It is helpful if information on road closures is disseminated to residents. Cllr Martyn Bidgood confirmed that road closures information is put in the local newsletter.

22.33 Minutes

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to approve the minutes dated 11th May 2022

22.34 Matters Arising

The Chairman, Cllr Phil Jones, thanked Cllrs Giles Greenwood and Angela Blount for their participation in the Jubilee event.

22.35 Solar Farm Working Party

The Solar Farm Working Party reported that a solicitor had seen a copy of the plans and had produced a report.

It was noted that the farmer working the land questioned the exact amount of hectares and 3A level land in the plans. The land is currently used as part of an organic dairy. This is dismissed in the plans.

Cllr Richard Marshall noted that taking away agricultural land is a key element of the objection. Despite the popularity of renewable energy, the self-production of food sources and the fact that this is Green Belt land is significant. It currently acts as a buffer to the Halesfield Industrial Estate. Carbon footprint would also be reduced if solar panelling was moved nearer to the power station.

Cllr Richard Marshall said that he thinks there is a good case and reported that he had spoken to the case officer. More sensible objections are needed on Shropshire Council's Planning Portal. These need to be based on material objections. It was noted that the village newsletter would be going out the day after the meeting and that it would include a guide on how to compile a comment. Letters can be sent in but should arrive by the due date for close of comments (15th July).

Cllr Martyn Bidgood noted that Paddock Lane looks right across the field, even if the Conservation Area and the village is at more of a distance. The pub also looks across the field, however, Cllr Richard Marshall said that supposition that it might lose trade would not be an effective argument. The loss of trade to the dairy farm is more tangible: less hectares mean less cows, this can be evidenced.

Cllr Richard Marshall said that he thought that the Plans would go to Committee in August or September. He had called in the Plans to Committee but he would not be able to vote because it is in his ward and represents a pecuniary interest. He will have 15 minutes to make a case. Normally three minutes would be reserved for the Parish Council or its legal representative, he also thought that the farmer who currently farms the land would be likely to be able to make a three minute presentation. He advised the Parish Council to post a standard objection onto the Planning Portal, and to email the independent solicitor's advice to the case officer, copying in Cllr Marshall, and request it be put in the documents section of the Planning Portal. He asked to be copied into all correspondence.

Cllr James Rennison mentioned the Parish Plan, written at a time when solar panels were not thought of but clearly mentioning wind farms.

It was **agreed** that members of the Parish Council would encourage members of the public to lodge their responses, and would emphasise that these need to be lodged as soon as possible.

It was noted that when surveying for residents' views that six people were in favour because of energy needs. Cllr James Rennison commented that everyone was in favour of this aspect but that this proposal is in the wrong location.

22.36 Planning Applications Received:

22/02441/FUL Installation of solar farm and associated infrastructure
Proposed Solar Farm to The South Of, Hall Lane, Kemberton, Shifnal, Shropshire.

View the application directly online: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=RCEFE1TDG8L001>

It was **agreed** to object to the plan, and for the Parish Council to post a precis of the objection online, noting that the Parish Council had taken legal advice and would be sending that advice as a separate document. The Parish Plan and the legal advice are both to be sent to the case officer as a separate document.

22.37 Correspondence

The following was noted:

- a) **CPRE** – a membership welcome pack was received in May

22.38 Planning Application Decisions

The following decisions, received after the publication of the agenda, were noted:

22/01964/FUL Langley House, Kemberton, Installation of new septic tank

Decision: Grant Permission

22/01851/FUL 3 Hall Lane, Kemberton, erection of a greenhouse to rear of property

Decision: Grant Permission

22.39 Another Planning Matters

There were no other planning matters at this time

22.40 Finance

22.40.1 Payments

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

	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
BACS	Clerk	Travel Expenses (June)	£13.50	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)
BACS	Shropshire Council	Election Expenses	100.00	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Village Hall	Room Hire (May and June)	£60	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Village Hall	Jubilee Celebrations (Hog Roast)	£830	General Power of Competence

22.40.2 Income

The following income was noted:

Bank interest - 4p for months of April and May

Donation - £50 from residents towards the Solar Panels Working Party

Precept - £3630 from Shropshire Council

22.40.3 Bank Reconciliation

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to receive and accept the Bank Reconciliation to month end May 2022

22.40.4 Spend to Date

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to receive and accept the Spend to Date for month end May 2022

22.40.5 Grant to the Village Hall

It was agreed that in lieu of a donation this year, that the contribution of costs to the jubilee event additional to half of the overall event should be considered as a donation to Kemberton Village Hall. This agreement was made in light of the resolution to pay for the cost of the hog roast, and as total costings of the whole event was unavailable at this time.

Thanks were given for the Village Hall Committee for making the even such as success.

22.40.6 Grant to St Andrew's Parish Church

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved**, to offer a donation to St Andrew's Parish Church, Kemberton of £100.

22.41 Environment

It was noted that the overflowing drain had been logged by Shropshire Council but that no noticeable work had been done as yet.

The discharge of water onto the pavement from Hall Cottage was again raised as a concern and that action should be taken before problems occur. It was noted that the matter had been raised with the owner on a previous occasion.

22.42 Highways

It was noted that work conducted on Field Lane had resulted in water coming out of holes that had been patched. Cllr Giles Greenwood said that this had been raised with him by a resident.

Flooding on the B4379 by Langley Cottage has occurred where gullies have been dug with the result of it going onto private land. It was agreed that a request should be made with Shropshire Council to investigate the drainage management in the area.

There had been two recent accidents on the junction with Hem Lane. There was some discussion on whether or not the recent speed restrictions by Kemberton Junction had an effect on speeding elsewhere in the Parish.

22.43 Other Parish Matters

It was noted that there had been concerns about speeding through the village and nad that some cars had been identified in this regard.

22.44 Next Meeting will be Wednesday 14th September 2022 at Kemberton Village Hall, 7.30pm