

KEMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Kemberton Parish Council Wednesday 13th January 2021 7.30pm Held on Zoom, meeting ID 870 6833 5244

In attendance: Cllrs Martyn Bidgood (Chairman), James Rennison (Vice-Chairman), Angela Blount, Mark Lea, Phillip Jones; Vanessa Voysey (Parish Clerk)

20.39 Chairman Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman, Martyn Bidgood, welcomed everyone to the Council's first Zoom meeting.

20.40 Apologies

Cllrs Mary Wright and Giles Greenwood were not present

20.41 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Philip Jones declared an interest in item 14.a) cheque payments, as this included a payment to reimburse him for expenses

20.42 Dispensation

No requests for dispensation had been received

20.43 Report from Shropshire Councillor

There was none at this time

20.44 Public Participation Session

There were no questions from the public at this time

20.45 Minutes

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes dated 9th September 2020

20.46 Matters Arising

- i) It was noted that correspondence from Phillip Dunne M.P had said that Renew relocation from Grindle Farm would be finalised by 30th September 2020. The Chairman reported that this did not look to have been the case, but understood that it the site is now vacated and he expressed the hope that this would be the final time this matter was mentioned.
- ii) A gift had been given to Mrs Diana Russell thanking her for all the work she has on the Parish Newsletter on behalf of the community

20.47 General Power of Competence

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to state that the Parish Council is an eligible council to exercise the General Power of Competence in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 ss 1-8 as i) the Parish Clerk completed and passed CiLCA in October 2020 and ii) as two-thirds of the Councillors were elected and not co-opted

The Parish Council offered its congratulations to the Parish Clerk.

20.48 Highways

i) Condition of the roads

Correspondence has been sent to Shropshire Council Highways about the condition of roads out of the village but there has been no response as yet. Cllr Mark Lea said that the worst sections of Evelith Lane falls into Shifnal Parish and that the amount of work done has been miniscule. People might want to use the lane to go into Shifnal but don't use it because of its condition.

It was agreed that a reminder email should be sent about the poor condition of Field Lane, Grindle Road, and Evelith Lane. It was also agreed that an email should be sent to Shifnal parish Council about Evelith Lane.

ii) Kemberton Junction

There was some discussion about the lack of notification and discussion with the Parish Council about upcoming work on Kemberton Junction, due in four weeks. Whilst there was agreement that the work is likely to be maintenance rather than substantial changes, more information and dialogue would be welcome. It was agreed that Highways should be chased up about consultation on Kemberton Junction.

iii) Any other Highway matters

An overflowing drain on the junction between Field Lane and Mill Lane has been causing problems in cold winter weather with the overflowing water freezing into a sheet of ice. It was agreed that this issue should be included in correspondence to Shropshire Council Highways.

There a report of a cellar pump going onto the pavement and then onto the road on Mill Lane. It was agreed that this issue should be raised with Shropshire Council Building Control.

20.49 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted:

- i) Hope House has written to the thank Kemberton Parish Council for their donation.
- ii) Kemberton Village Hall has written to thank Kemberton Parish Council for their donation in what is difficult times
- iii) St Andrews Church has contacted Kemberton Parish Council and thanked it for the donation given at last meeting
- iv) Diana Russell has sent a thank you card with a message of thanks for the gift offered to her in respect of her work on the Parish Newsletter.

- v) An email response has been sent from Shropshire Council to the Chairman and the Chairman of Ryton and Grindle Parish Council about the lack of enforcement at Grindle Farm

20.50 Planning Applications Received

- i) *20/04065/TCA – St Andrew and St John the Baptist Church, Mill Lane – Reduce crown by 50ft 1 no Lime Tree within Kemberton Conservation Area*

No Comment

- ii) *20/04736/FUL – Kemberton Cottage, Mill Lane – alternations to existing cottage and attached outbuildings to provide two additional bedrooms and a lounge*

No Comment

- iii) *20/04799/FUL – Ashana, Mill Lane – erection of a two storey front extension adjacent to existing gable; single storey extension at rear and flat room extended between existing dormers at rear*

Permission Granted on 12th January

- iv) *20/04772/FUL – Proposed Barn Conversions at Church Farm, Hall Lane – conversion of former barn to form two dwellings; conversion of former stables to form one dwelling to include erection of link extension to former smokehouse, conversion of stores to garaging, erection of boundary walls*

No comment

20.51 Planning Application Decisions

The following were noted:

- i) *Permission Granted - 20/03594/LBC Kemberton House, Mill Lane – Conversion of outbuilding to create ancillary accommodation affecting a Grade II listed building - Permission Granted*
- ii) *20/03350/FUL Kemberton House, Mill Lane – Conversion of outbuilding to create ancillary accommodation - Permission Granted*
- iii) *20/03351/FUL Glendene, Grooms Lane – Erection of two storey side extension - Permission Refused*
- iv) *20/03589/TCA Kemberton Cottage, Mill Lane, reduction of line of trees in Kemberton Conservation Area - Consent by Right*

20.52 Finance

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** that the following Cheque payments be approved:

Cheque Number	Payee	Description	Amount
513	Clerk	Salary Q3 + expenses	£279.12 + £14.99(memory stick)
514	HMRC	Tax Q3	£34.80
515	Phil Jones	Expenses: Newsletter	£71.20

Cllr Phil Jones did not vote on this item

a)

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to sign and approve:

- i) Reconciliation and Bank Statements for the month of September 2020
- ii) Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets for September 2020

b) Online Banking

An update was given on the move to online banking. The Parish Clerk reported that she was able to view the account but not administer payments. It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to send a mandate variation to the bank to enable the Parish Clerk to become a full signatory.

c) Budget and Precept for 2021-2022

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to approve the budget prepared by the Parish Clerk and to request a of £3450 for the financial year 2021-2022

20.53 Environment

A flytipping incident has been reported after being captured on a resident's CCTV. The car did not have up-to-date tax according to DVLA records against its registration number. This has been reported to DVLA.

There was some discussion on possible strategies for addressing the problem of flytipping and the value or otherwise of putting up advisory signage.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk contacts Shropshire Council to ask what strategies it might suggest to address the problem.

20.54 Any Other Parish Matters

It was noted that the affordable home on Mill Lane remains empty. Two properties have been approved as affordable homes in the village, one of which is not currently being used as a home.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should contact the Planning Department for clarification on the current situation as an unoccupied house is not serving the purpose of affordable housing for the community.

A report had been received about trees being cut down in the Conservation Area and it had been questioned if permission had been sought for it. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk report this to Shropshire Council.

20.55 Next Meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance. Covid permitting, the next meeting will be at Kemberton Village Hall.

Next meeting date: Wednesday March 10th, 2021, at 7.30pm