

KEMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kemberton Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th November 2021 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: one member of the public, and Vanessa Voysey (Parish Clerk)*

21.55 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

21.56 Apologies

Shropshire Councillor Richard Marshall was unable to attend the meeting as he had been called to an urgent meeting elsewhere.

21.57 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none at this time

21.58 Dispensations

There were none at this time

21.59 Report from Shropshire Councillor

Cllr Richard Marshall filed a written report in advance of the meeting:

"I am aware of the concern in relation to the consultation (or lack of) on the Kemberton junction scheme that is now in place. As this scheme started before I came in to office and therefore was not involved at its inception. I have however requested from both WSP and SC a full report on the consultation process. At the time of writing, there have been several staff changes and I have not yet received that report, as soon as I do, I will update.

Highways are pushing on at pace and have repaired over 16000 defects since May. Evelith Lane is due to be closed and repaired, I forwarded that info to you previously. The A442 at Norton will have traffic lights on the 10th 11th for carriageway repairs and the section from the Bandon Arms is completely being resurfaced in the first week of January which will result in a full road closure."

Regarding the Kemberton Junction scheme, Cllr Martyn Bidgood, in the Chair, said that there was dissatisfaction with what had been offered by Shropshire Council. There was some discussion on the role of the Parish Council if Shropshire Council either overlooked its views or was unresponsive to issues raised by it.

Cllr James Rennison commented that the resurfacing is long overdue. On the subject of 'what is the point of the Parish Council', he suggested an open letter with others of the 6 Parishes expressing dissatisfaction with the service and support offered by Shropshire Council as a collective voice would be stronger than one small Parish Council.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should contact the other local Parish Councils of the Six Parishes and pass on the Chairman's letter about 'what is the point of a Parish Council', and request a joint meeting to agree upon a letter to send to the area's Shropshire Council representative and M.P to highlight the dissatisfaction with the service and support offered by Shropshire Council.

21.60 Public Participation Session

A member of the public present at the meeting said that he has received a letter from EON about a free gas central heating boiler, and on contacting the company, had been advised that the origin was Shropshire Council. He commented that not only was he not eligible, but there was no gas connection in Kemberton, and in his view sending out the letter was a waste of funds.

Cllr James Rennison said that this was a scatter gun approach probably based upon the Electoral Roll. Cllr Mark Lea said that it was against the policy of Shropshire Council on fossil fuel usage.

Cllr Angela Blount said that a resident of Field Lane has questioned why gullies have been cleared out but drains identified by Severn Trent as having broken pipes needing replacement have not been done despite this work being identified in 2009. Cllr Mark Lea noted that roadside gullies are the responsibility of Shropshire Council.

It was noted that a collapsed drain on the junction of Mill Lane and Field Lane has been twice marked for work and the markings subsequently worn away with no work undertaken. Cllr Martyn Bidgood, in the Chair, said that Shropshire Council should be made aware of this situation and a request made for necessary action.

21.61 Minutes

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to approve the minutes dated 8th September 2021

21.62 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda

21.63 Queen's Jubilee

It was noted that the Lord Lieutenant had written to the Parish Council to request consideration of nominees to attend a Garden Party in the style of Buckingham Palace but to be held at Orleton Hall in June 2022. Cllr Mary Wright said that she would like to nominate Postman Pete in recognition of his service in the community.

Cllr Giles Greenwood reported that the Village Hall Committee was looking at a joint effort for events to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee in June 2022.

Cllr Martyn Bidgood said that as a pig roast had been put forward as a suggestion at both Parish Council meetings where the Jubilee celebrations were discussed, that Cllr Giles Greenwood takes this as a suggestion to the Village Hall Committee with a possible date of Friday 3rd June.

The Parish Clerk reported that the response from the Six Parishes was that small events were being planned in respective parishes. She also noted that the Parish Council held reserves sufficient to fund costs of a small event without need to levy the public.

It was noted that a member of the public had suggested a picket fence be placed by the village sign with flowers to celebrate the Jubilee. This would likely require the permission of Shropshire Council. It was requested that the Parish Clerk pursue this suggestion.

21.64 Highways

21.64.1 Kemberton Junction

Cllr Marytn Bidgood said that the common consensus was that what has been done at Kemberton Junction is disappointing. The original proposal made by the Parish council would have been at the cost of £8,000 and would have highlighted the safety aspects of the junction. What has been implemented has been at a likely much higher cost and reduces the speed limited to 50mph only. It is also disappointing that there has been no response to comments made as part of the consultation

21.64.2 Condition of the Roads

Cllr Martyn Bidgood noted that repairs on Evelith Lane are awaited, and that there was a need to persevere as regards Field Lane and Grindle Road. Cllr James Rennison said that an alternative access into the village was required as currently Hall Lane is the only viable access.

21.64.3 Any other Highway matters

There was discussion on the disruption in Shifnal whilst repairs are being undertaken.

21.65 Correspondence

The following was noted:

Temporary Road Closure

Evelith Lane, 6th to 10th December, Monday to Friday 9.30 to 16.00

Capital works to include patching, overlay, ironwork raising, ironwork replacement, road marks. Works Promoter is Kier on behalf of Shropshire Council

21.66 Planning Applications Received:

21/04273/FUL

2 Hall Lane Kemberton, TF11 9LQ (Validated 28th September)

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

No comment to file

21/04770/TCA

Cranleigh, Mill Lane, Kemberton, TF11 9LH, (Validated 8th October 2021)

To reduce by 50% 1no Magnolia tree within Kemberton Conservation Area.

No comment to file

21.67 Planning Application Decisions:

The following were noted:

Permission Granted:

21/00933/FUL Westhorpe Mill Lane Kemberton Shifnal TF11 9LH

Discharge of conditions 3 (materials) and 4 (joinery) on planning application

Declared Lawful:

21/03115/CPE

The Grove, Field Lane, Kemberton, TF11 9LR (Validated 23rd June, updated 8th October)

Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the existing area of land to the side of the main property has been used as domestic curtilage for a period in excess of ten years

21/04864/CP

The Grove, Field Lane, Kemberton, TF11 9LR, (Validated 12th October)

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed erection of new orangery to side

21.68 Another Planning Matters:

There was none at this time

21.69 Finance

21.69.1 Payments

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

	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
BACS	Clerk	Salary + expenses Q3	£296.94 (£283.44+£13.50)	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)
BACS	HMRC	PAYE	£71.00	LGA 1972 s.112(2)

21.69.2 Income

The following was noted:

Bank interest - 2p for months of August and September

21.69.3 Bank Reconciliation

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

It was noted that the bank reconciliation holds total Parish Council funds of £8,874.40

21.69.4 Spend to Date

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

21.70 Environment

21.70.1 Flytipping

Field Lane is the main area of concern. Cllr Angela Blount noted that when Shropshire Council has been contacted about flytipping blocking the highway, it has been cleared straight away. Cllr Martyn Bidgood noted that some members of the public have suggested that this area might need a camera to monitor it.

21.70.2 Footpaths

There were no updates on footpaths at this time

21.70.3 Any other environmental issues

Cllrs Mary Wright and Mark Lea had attended the recent Six Parishes Climate Action meeting held in Beckbury Village Hall. It was a drop-in session with information and experts available for discussion.

21.71 Other Parish Matters

21.71.1 Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Marytn Bidgood noted that the Safer Neighbourhood Newsletter had been received by the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, so communication is getting better

21.71.2 Any other Parish Matters

Cllr Phil Jones raised concerns about affordable housing in the Parish remaining empty.

Cllr James Rennison questioned if there should be consideration of re-visiting the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Mark Lea reported that the AED is requesting new pads and will need a replacement. It was agreed to replace the pads with costs at approximately £44 plus delivery costs.

21.72 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at Kemberton Village Hall, at 7.30pm