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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

8th JULY 2020
Kemberton Village Hall
Minutes
7:00PM

1 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Minutes - To confirm the Minutes of the Kemberton Annual Parish meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2019.

3 Matters arising from the minutes

4 Report from Shropshire Councillor

None at this time

5 Chairman's Report on the Council year 1 May 2019 to 30 April 2020.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN – Martyn Bidgood I would like to take this opportunity to thank all councillors for their commitment to their roles and for the support they have given me. A special word of thanks must go to the Parish Clerk, Vanessa Voysey, whose commitment, hard work and efficiency enables the Parish Council to function effectively. It is Vanessa who does all the hard work on our behalf. There have been only five scheduled meetings of full council held in the year. The May meeting this year was cancelled due to the Coronavirus outbreak. The meetings have been very well attended and have covered a wide range of issues. The most frequent of these have been: GRINDLE! This subject should not be featuring in this report, nor should it have featured as part of our discussions throughout the year. Three years ago (17th July 2017) the Planning Inspector stated that 'there are very strong planning reasons for ensuring that the use of

the site ceases without undue delay,' and 'the eight month period (to comply with the requirements of the notice) is reasonable.' The use of the site should, therefore, have ceased in March 2018. Although it appears that HGVs no longer are directed through the village, vehicles from the company using the site continue to use the roads through the village, which clearly demonstrates the site is still in use. This situation has caused considerable inconvenience to many in this Parish and also to those in adjoining Parishes. It is evident the decision by the Planning Inspector has been treated with total disregard and that Shropshire Council has been wholly ineffective in enforcing this decision. Planning issues are always a concern for the electorate and the preservation of the village's unique character should be a priority. During this session the Council has considered and commented upon a small number of minor planning applications for planning consent, for property alterations and tree works within the conservation area. There has also been an application for a further affordable dwelling in the village to the south of Field House in Field Lane. The condition of many of the roads in Kemberton and the local area gives cause for great concern. Past repairs have only caused an inadequate solution which lasts for a short time. The Parish Council has continued to receive complaints from many local residents about potholes and uneven surfaces on local roads such as Field Lane, Mill Lane, Hall Lane and Evelith Lane but also on many of the roads leading to and from the village. The local MP, Mr. Phillip Dunne, had arranged to visit the village to view and discuss the condition of the roads but his visit was unfortunately cancelled due to the Coronavirus lockdown. Safety at the junction of the A4169 and B4379 continues to cause concern and the dangers have now been recognised by the County Council who have included the junction in their plan for Highway Improvements in 2020 / 2021. They are likely to implement a speed restriction of 50 mph through the area. While this is an improvement on the current situation, it remains to be seen how effective this will be.

Once again, many thanks to all for your support.