

KEMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held in Kemberton Village Hall
on Wednesday 8th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

1. CHAIR WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Martyn Bidgood, in the Chair, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2020 and wished everyone a Happy New Year

2. APOLOGIES

Shropshire Councillor Michael Wood was unable to attend as he had another meeting.

3. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None at this time

4. DISPENSATION

None at this time

5. REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCILLOR

None at this time

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A member of the public made a representation about the affordable housing scheme, previously having spoken to the Parish Clerk, the Chair, Shropshire Councillor Michael Wood, and the Planning Department at Shropshire Council. He said that there were no opportunities in the parish for small properties suitable for someone elderly and mobility impaired and this was why he had been looking at the possibility of the build your own affordable home option. He was aware of the constraints of the Conservation Area and had consulted with Shropshire Council.

As part of the process, the Parish Council would need to establish that two out of list of nine criteria were met and write a letter of confirmation. The next part of the process would be to submit an affordable housing application. The Chair said that the definition of 'local area' was the Parish and that this clarification had been obtained from Shropshire Council Planning Department. There was some discussion amongst Councillors on the eligibility criteria listed by the scheme and meeting the 'strong local connection' requirement. The Chair summarised that whilst the Parish Council were sympathetic to the needs and situation of the member of the public and family, it had to apply the criteria and be sure the criteria were met and unfortunately the consensus was in this situation it was not.

Cllr Mark Lea said that previous requests had clearly met the criteria and that he thought there was a difference to this particular case. Cllr James Rennison said that scheme existed to support local people build a home and that the member of the public could still apply for

planning permission to build a property outside of the scheme. The Chair said that the Parish Council aimed to be consistent in planning matters.

7. MINUTES

Councillors noted that typo and a repeated sentence on page 2 of the draft minutes requiring correction. With this amendment, the minutes of 13th November 2019 were accepted as a true record, **all in favour**.

8. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Giles Greenwood raised the lack of response to the Freedom of Information request about Renew filed with Shropshire Council. He said it should be taken to the Ombudsman if there was no response.

It was proposed by Cllr Giles Greenwood, and seconded by Cllr Mary Wright, to notify Shropshire Council that if a reply was not received in seven days then the Parish Council would have no choice but to go to the ombudsman. This was **resolved** by the Parish Council, **all in favour**.

9. HIGHWAYS

i) Potholes

Cllr Martyn Bidgood, in the Chair, said that the video clip of Beckbury village and potholes on all accesses to the village, as recently featured on BBC Midlands Today and shared across social media, could be any village in Shropshire.

The Parish Clerk reported that Ryton and Grindle Parish Council had instructed her as their clerk to request the drafting of a joint letter to Shropshire Council and Phillip Dunne, M.P complaining about the state of the roads and the potholes.

The Chair said that the Parish Council should persevere on this issue, and that if working with another council lends weight, then it should take this approach. There was agreement amongst Councillors present.

Cllr Mark Lea commented on the ineffectiveness of recent road repairs. There was some discussion on this subject, and comments that recent road repairs were pointless and that sections of roads in the Parish were un-driveable

Members of the public had raised the condition of Evelith Lane and Mill Lane (particularly by Kemberton Mill) with Cllr Mark Lea and he said that he would like them to be mentioned in the letter. Grindle Lane was also mentioned as being in a particularly poor condition.

It was suggested that in addition to the joint letter, that the Parish Clerk write to Shifnal Town Council about the condition of Evelith Lane.

ii) Safer Roads Application – Kemberton Quarters Junction

The Chair reported that there had been another serious accident at the junction. He was also aware that there had been a traffic count conducted, identifying types of vehicle as well as speed.

It was noted that the Parish Council had filed an application with the Police and Crime Commissioners Safer Roads Fund in July and that the scheme comes to an end in March. The backing of the County Council is needed or it can't go forward. The Parish Council has been waiting months for a response. Disappointment was expressed amongst those present. Cllr Mark Lea asked for clarification to be sought on what happens after March if there is still no movement.

The Chair said he had discussed the application with Shropshire Councillor Michael Wood that afternoon. The Parish Clerk suggested she press for answers from Shropshire Council.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Hope House has written to the Parish Council with a request for a donation. Cllr Mark Lea suggested that this was reviewed at the time of year when other grants were awarded. There was agreement on this point

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Hillfields, 11 Mill Lane, Kemberton, TF11 9LU
Erection of detached summer house/office building
Pending Consideration, Validated 22nd November 2019

No comment

12. PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS

Field House, Field Lane, Kemberton, TF11 9LR
Discharge of conditions 4 (drainage), 5 (construction method statement) and 7 (tree planting scheme) on Planning Permission 19/00630/FUL for the erection of an affordable dwelling
Discharge conditions approved, 5th December

Aurora Mill Lane Kemberton Shifnal TF11 9LH
Reduction to crown overhanging boundary (up to 15%) and then shape canopy of 1no Cherry (T1) and 15% reduction in height and shape to lower crown of 1no Damson (T2) within Kemberton Conservation Area
Decision: Consent by right – Trees, order 18th December

The above were noted

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>
496	Clerk	Salary + expenses	£227.35
497	Village Hall Committee	Room Hire for year 2019-20	£120

The Parish Clerk noted that the invoice for the Village Hall Committee was for £120 not £180 as written on the Agenda, as an Invoice had been received for the May, July, September and November meetings. An invoice for January and March meetings will be sent in March.

It was resolved to approve the cheque payments.

b) Reconciliation and Bank Statements for the month of November 2019

c) Receipts and Payments including income and expenditure spreadsheets

It was resolved to accept the reconciliation, bank statements, receipts and payments, **All in favour**

d) Note income – bank interest = 7p

Noted

2. Budget 2020/21

It was proposed by Cllr Phil Jones, and seconded by Cllr Giles Greenwood, to raise the precept by 3.99% in line with Shropshire Council. **All in favour**

The Parish Clerk noted that this would raise the annual contribution of a Band D property from £27.94 to £29.04 and raise the amount requested by £107.39.

14. AOB

None at this time

15. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday March 11th, 2020, at 7.30pm Kemberton Village Hall