

KEMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kemberton Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th September 2022 at 7.30pm at Kemberton Village Hall

In attendance: Cllrs Angela Blount, Phil Jones, Giles Greenwood, Mary Wright, Mark Lea, and James Rennison. Also in attendance: Vanessa Voysey (Parish Clerk)

22.45 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. All present stood for one minutes silence held in respect of her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

22.46 Apologies

Cllr Martyn Bidgood had sent in apologies (annual leave)

22.47 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests to declare at this time

22.48 Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation at this time

22.49 Report from Shropshire Councillor

Cllr Richard Marshall had sent an email prior to the meeting apologising that he could attend it. He had reported that it was likely that the Solar Farm planning application would be heard in the October sitting of Shropshire Council's South Planning Committee.

22.50 Public Participation Session

There were no questions from the public

22.51 Minutes

It was proposed, seconded and resolved to accept the minutes dated 29th June 2022 as a true record

22.52 Matters Arising

There were none at this time

22.53 Solar Farm Working Party

The Chairman, Cllr Phil Jones, noted that 134 objections to the proposed Solar Farm had been noted on Shropshire Council's Planning Portal and no objections. 71 signatures had been obtained so far on a petition to keep solar farms out of Kemberton.

Donations had been received from residents. The Chairman, Cllr Phil Jones, said that as it has been concluded that there would not be an appeal, and that the costs of legal advice to this stage had been funded by the Parish Council, it would be appropriate to return the donations.

It was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to return the donations made by residents, totally £550.

It was agreed that this would be by cheque and that the Parish Clerk would bring the chequebook to the next meeting.

22.54 Planning Applications Received:

22/03412/TCA School House, Mill Lane, Kemberton, TF11 9LH
Fell 1 Ash within Kemberton Conservation Area
(28th July 2022)

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to object to the plans. It is preferred that the tree is pruned back rather than felled.

Cllr James Rennison declared a personal interest in this plan as it was filed by a friend, and abstained from voting.

22/03415/TCA The Carriages & The Cedars, Mill Lane, Kemberton, TF11 9LH
Prune overhanging branches back to growth point or boundary of 2 no Lombardy Poplar Trees within Kemberton Conservation Area
(28th July 2022)

No comment

22/03243/CPL Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the Installation of a new waste water treatment plant within the grounds of the property, Langley Cottage, Kemberton, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 9LB.
(24th August 2022)

No comment

22.55 Correspondence

- a) SAAA has advised the Parish Council that it has until 30th November to decide if it wants to opt out of the central scheme for appointing an external auditor.

It was **agreed** to continue with the same arrangement: exemption from external audit and not appointing a different external auditor than the one appointed for the central scheme.

- b) Hope House Children's Hospice has written thanking the Parish Council for its support and asking that it considers donating towards its ongoing work.

It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting.

22.56 Planning Application Decisions:

There were none at this time

22.57 Another Planning Matters

It was noted that Polo Cottage is still empty and the owner is no longer resident in the community.

22.58 Finance

i) Payments

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

	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
BACS	Clerk	Travel Expenses (September)	£13.50	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)
BACS	SALC	Membership fees	£160.99	LGA 1972 s.143
BACS	ICO	Fees (retrospective)	£35.00	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Trings	Solicitors Fees (retrospective)	£2160.00	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Clerk	Salary (Quarter 2)	£375 (net £300)	LGA 1972 s.112
BACS	HMRC	Quarter 2	£75	LGA 1972 s.112

ii) Income

The following was noted:

Bank interest - 6p for months of July and August

iii) **Bank Reconciliation** it was proposed, seconded, and **resolved** to receive and accept the Bank Reconciliation to month end August 2022

iv) **Spend to Date** it was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to receive and accept the Spend to Date for month end August 2022

v) Reserves

Consideration was given to the movement of reserves from the current to the savings account.

It was **agreed** that £550 moved from the savings to the current account would be used to reimburse resident's donations. £4,000 of funds in the current account should be sent to the savings account, for the purposes of accruing interest.

22.59 Environment

It was noted that works have been scheduled for Field Lane for 7th to 9th November in order to dig down, locate and repair the break.

There was no action to report in respect of the water flowing onto the road from a cellar. Concern remained about the potential impact in winter weather.

Cllr Mark Lea reported that several residents had complained to him about over hanging trees and bushes protruding onto the footpath from Polo Cottage. There are concerns that this is damaging the wall, and that the wall is part of the historic built-in environment. The Parish Clerk said that she would report this concern to Shropshire Council.

22.60 Highways

Cllr Mark Lea raised the issue of quiet lanes, noting the changes to the Highway Code prioritising vulnerable users. CPRE has information on Quiet Lanes that is potentially useful and relevant to Kemberton. He asked that the Parish Council seeks guidance from Shropshire Council.

Cllr Mark Lea said that several people had mentioned speeding and particular vehicles had been identified in this respect. Cllr Phil Jones said that he would address this in his article in the Parish Newsletter.

Cllr Angela Blount raised the condition of Grindle Road, saying that it was more like a track than a road. It is a public and bus school route. The Parish Clerk said that she would log this with Shropshire Council.

22.61 Other Parish Matters

The Chairman, Cllr Phil Jones, said that several residents had raised the issue of persistent dog-fouling on pavement. He would consider putting a comment about it with the newsletter.

22.62 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th November 2022 at Kemberton Village Hall, 7.30pm