

## **KEMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Kemberton Parish Council held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 7:30PM in Kemberton Village Hall

In attendance: Cllrs Angela Blount, Giles Greenwood, Mark Lea, Phil Jones, James Rennison, Stephen Talbot, Mary Wright, Shropshire Councillor Elizabeth Barker, and the Parish Clerk (Vanessa Voysey)

### **23.25 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Giles Greenwood, returning as a Parish Councillor, and Shropshire Councillor Elizabeth Barker, at her first meeting at Kemberton following the May elections.

### **24.25 Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence

### **25.25 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were no declarations of interest

### **26.25 Report from Shropshire Councillor**

#### **26.25.1 Highways**

Cllr Elizabeth Barker reported from a meeting she had attended with Highways on 8<sup>th</sup> July. She noted that one of the issues she had discussed was there not being a Highways Technician in post in the Kemberton area, one is now being recruited. Shropshire Council is underfunded for Highways. Although it might not always seem like it, a good job is being done, there is a lot of demand on the service. There were 100 reports on Fix My Street in the Rural Shifnal division in one week alone.

Cllr Barker asked for Councillors to let her know what roads they wanted prioritising, as she said that she was hoping to shift more priority to Rural Shifnal division.

Cllr Giles Greenwood raised the issue of quality control and asked about who monitored repair work. Cllr Barker requested that she be emailed with any issues so she can follow it up with Highways managers. In response to a question from Cllr Stephen Talbot about spray paint being put around potholes, she said it was done by Highway Technicians and indicated work that had to be done.

Councillors commented that a lack of response from Shropshire Council had been a problem in the past. The problems at Kemberton Junction were noted as a particular example. Cllr James Rennison said that the lack of illumination at the junction had been reported several times but nothing has been done about it to date.

#### 26.25.2 Police

Cllr Barker reported that she had met with the police to discuss anti-social driving, speeding, and driving under the influence. She will be undertaking a speed check with police. She will also be discussing fines.

Cllr Mark Lea raised the Quiet Lanes initiative, noting that it had been raised in the past but not pursued, he commented that roads in the area are well-used by horses, cyclists and walkers. Cllr Barker said she would look into it. Cllr Barker said that she would also look into the possibility of putting a 30mph limit in the village, and any implications of it.

#### **27.25 Public Participation Session**

There were no questions from the public

#### **28.25 Minutes**

It was resolved to approve the minutes dated 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025

#### **29.25 Matters Arising**

The Chairman, Cllr Phil Jones, thanked Cllr Mark Lea for cutting grass, and said he would try and do the strimming by the September meeting

#### **30.25 Clerks Report**

Shropshire Council has sent out a Youth and Community Profiling consultation. The Parish Council covers a small electorate so it was thought it would not be something it would participate in.

The Neighbourhood Fund sum relates to a barn conversion in the Parish in 2022. There is a 5-year timeframe for spending the money on projects. Projects should have a focus on community benefits. There was consideration of re-visiting the idea of putting village gateways at the entrances to the village as a traffic calming measure. It was agreed to bring back prices to the September meeting.

#### **31.25 Call for Information: Town and Parish Councils Survey**

A response to Shropshire Council's survey of Town and Parish Councils was discussed and will be filed by the Parish Clerk.

#### **32.25 Planning Applications Received:**

There were no planning applications to be considered at this time

#### **33.25 Planning Application Decisions**

There were no planning decisions to consider at this time

#### **34.25 Any other Planning Matters**

Historic Environment (Shropshire Council) gave a quick response to the query about the historic wall that was falling into poor repair within the village's Conservation Area. There was no conclusion to any investigation at this time. Cllr Barker said she would follow this up.

Cllr James Rennison questioned the discharge of conditions for the Solar Panels plan (22/02441/FUL), he expressed the view that the Parish Council should be informed about it and should be holding it to account.

### 35.25 Finance

i) **Payments** – it was resolved to approve the following

	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
BACS	Clerk	Travel, July	£13.77	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Clerk	Hard drive	£17.99	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Clear Councils	Insurance	£465.22	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Lloyds Bank	Bank charges	£4.25	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	HugoFox	Website fees (May, June, July )	£11.99 £11.99 £11.99	LGA 1972 s.111

ii) **Income** – the following was noted:

Bank interest – £10.61 in Quarter 1

Neighbourhood Fund - £2897.10

iii) **Bank Reconciliation**

It was resolved to receive and accept the Bank Reconciliation to month end June 2025

iv) **Spend to Date**

It was resolved to receive and accept the Spend to Date for month end June 2025

v) **Risk Management Schedule**

It was resolved to receive and accept the Risk Management Schedule

### 36.25 Environment

- i) There were no updates from environmental issues reported via Fix My Street at this time
- ii) Overhanging branches and trees are impeding onto footpaths, decreasing accessibility for pedestrians. Cllr Phil Jones said he would include it in his Chairman's report in the village newsletter, reminding homeowners that it is their responsibility to keep access clear.

### 37.25 Highways

- i) The pothole on Hall Lane reported via Fix My Street has been repaired
- ii) Complaints have been made to councillors about inconsiderate parking and cars blocking footpaths. Cllr Elizabeth Barker noted that if a request to park more considerately was not enough to improve matters, there were options to

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consider including putting in restricted parking or notifying the PCSO who will be able to contact the vehicle owner.

- iii) The following road closure was noted:  
Mill Lane, Kemberton  
15th September 2025 to 17th September 2025 between 9.30 and 16.00  
Drainage repair, work promoter is Shropshire Council  
Works Promoter Ref: UJ214DR-1748506  
<https://one.network/?tm=144001311>

Cllr Angela Blount said that water is coming up through this stretch of road, and that in places the roots have broken the drain. It is hoped that works will address this problem.

### **38.25 Other Parish Matters**

Cllr Giles Greenwood said that he had received several complaints from resident about dog fouling. Cllr Phil Jones said he this would be an additional item to include in his Chairman's report in the village newsletter.

Due to annual leave being taken by four members of the Council, it was agreed to move the next meeting forward a week.

**39.25 Next Meeting** will be Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at Kemberton Village Hall, 7.30pm