

KEMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kemberton Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th July; 2021 at 7.30pm Held at Kemberton Village Hall

In attendance: Cllrs Martyn Bidgood (Chairman), James Rennison (Vice-Chairman), Angela Blount, Giles Greenwood. Also in attendance: Richard Marhsall (Shropshire Councillor), one member of the public, and Vanessa Voysey (Parish Clerk)

21.22 Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

The Shropshire Councillor, Richard Marshall, was introduced to those members of the Council who had not met him previously, and to members of the public present.

21.22 Apologies

Cllrs Phil Jones (personal commitment and Mark Lea had sent apologies prior to the meeting, for personal and family commitments respectively, the apologies were accepted by the members of the Council present.

21.23 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none at this time

21.24 Dispensation

There were none at this time

21.25 Report from Shropshire Councillor

Cllr Richard Marshall, elected as Shropshire Councillor for Worfield Ward in May, introduced himself and explained that he was the Deputy Portfolio Holder for Physical Infrastructure, Highways, and Built Housing. He has a business background in transport so road safety and road infrastructure affects him both professionally and personally. HGV cut-throughs on country routes is one of the issues he is working on but he recognises there is no quick fix.

The Portfolio Holder, Steve Charmley, recently wrote an open letter regarding Highways that he hope everyone had read (this was affirmed), and in it he gave an honest view about the roads being in poor state, and referred to problems with Central Government funding and the contract with Kier. Cllr Marshall said that before taking on the post of Deputy Portfolio Holder had not appreciated that potholes required different repairs. He noted that residents had the tools to report problems – My Shropshire and Fix My Street – he is ready to follow up issues if this does not get results.

A member of the public raised the issue of verges and the completeness of the work conducted. Cllr Marshall said that verges were the single most contentious issue he deals with, he estimated that 50% of emails he gets ask for verges to be cut and 50% for them not to be cut. Consideration has to be given to many needs: safety for pedestrians, safety for

drivers, wildlife, and equestrian needs amongst others. Workmen have done their best to appease both sides of the argument.

Regarding the Kemberton Junction, an email was received by Cllr Marshall from the Highway Engineer in May. This advised him that the hold-up in reducing the speed limit to 50mph was from Telford and Wrekin. Councillors present noted that it had requested 40mph not 50mph as a speed limit and that the lack of response from the consultation was disappointing. Cllr Marshall said that there were no complaints against the proposal and this had been noted, he also noted that the national measure of a black spot was fatalities, concurring with Parish Councillors present with their views on waiting for a fatality before something is done. Serious collisions are a sign that something is wrong.

On the subject of communication, it was commented that officers get bombarded with emails and phone calls and not all is in a respectful tone. It was also commented that Cllr Marshall who hoping to spend as much time at Parish Council meetings as possible.

A member of the public asked about the reported £1000 a day consultant. Cllr Marshall said that the reportage of this had not been entirely accurate as the appointee was a Senior Technical Advisor and not a Consultant, and that there had been arguments had delivered results. Value for money might remain a question but he could confirm the person was no longer in post.

Evelith Lane is so far gone it needs to be ripped up and re-laid, unfortunately this is not financially viable at the current time so it is not on the current round of works but it is on the list.

21.26 Public Participation Session

A member of the public present raised the issues of trees overhanging the road by Pool House on Grooms Lane, overgrown vegetation from the new house (as yet unnamed) in the village, and also asked if Cllr Greenwood could cut his hedge. The reply was that Cllr Greenwood intends to cut the hedge soon.

Cllr Martyn Bidgood said that he would make a note in the next village newsletter about owners responsibilities, and questioned if Highways would tackle such matters as they had in the past as it might not be considered to be a priority.

21.27 Minutes

It was proposed, seconded and resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2021 be accepted as a true record.

21.28 Matters Arising

Noticeboards: Cllr Giles Greenwood has sanded the Millennium Map frame. Cllrs Martyn Bidgood and James Rennison said they would sand the other noticeboards when the weather allows.

Discharge of water from the road from a cellar: the Parish Clerk said that Highways had logged this issue. There was concern expressed by Councillors that this situation needs to be sorted before winter.

TF11 Wombles: the Chairman, Cllr Martyn Bidgood, confirmed that he had written and thanked the TF11 Wombles for their work in the Parish. This email had been well-received and had been put on the groups Facebook page.

21.29 Highways

- a) Kemberton Junction
A lack of response to the Consultation was noted, as was discussed in the Shropshire Councillor's report.
- b) Condition of the Roads
Following a roadside meeting with Richard Marshall prior to the Parish Council meeting, a list of roads of particular concern has been emailed to him, this list includes the condition of Field Lane, Evelith Lane and Grindle Road. The quality of work undertaken and lack of response to issues reported to the Council was also included in this correspondence.
- c) Any other Highway Matters
A village sign on the junction of Grindle Road and Mill Lane was noted – it was agreed that the Parish Clerk should report this to Shropshire Council.

21.30 Correspondence

- a) Shropshire Council Street Works Team has sent notification of a temporary road closure on Hem Lane on 24th August for tree-trimming. The works promoter is Western Power. *This was noted*
- b) West Mercia Police has emailed a Community Charter asking for the Parish Council to choose contact frequency and top three community issues.

Neighbourhood Watch, Wildlife Crime and Road Safety were suggested as the issues, but as the drop-down box facility did not allow for these options the preferences of Wildlife Crime, Road Traffic Collisions and Road Safety have been entered.

21.31 Planning Applications

The following was noted (having been sent for noting and not for consultation):

21/03115/CPE (validated: 23/06/2021)

The Grove , Field Lane, Kemberton, Shifnal, TF11 9LR

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

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QV47HMTDGA600>

21.32 Planning Decisions

There were none at this time

21.33 Finance

21.33.1 Payments

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

	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
21/5/2021	SALC	Fees	£142.06	LGA 1972 s.112
22/7/2021	ICO	Fees	£25	LGA 1972. 134

An invoice for £60 for meetings held at the Village Hall in May and July was received after the publication of the Agenda.

Cllr Giles Greenwood declared a personal interest in this item as he is on the Village Hall Committee.

It was proposed, seconded and **resolved** to approve the payment of the £60 to the Village Hall for meetings held on May 12th and July 14th 2021.

21.33.2 Income

It was noted that there was 2p in bank interest by the end of May

The Parish Clerk also advised the Parish Council that a V.A.T rebate had been received in June.

21.33.3 Bank Reconciliation

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

21.33.4 Spend to Date

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

21.34 Environment

21.34.1 Flytipping

There has been a reduction in reports of flytipping. It was noted that the TF11 Wombles had said that the Council had been very responsive in clearing away reported flytipping. .

21.34.2 Footpaths

A response had been received from Shropshire Council about the footpath by Kemberton Mill.. There has been a significant increase in workload in the department but it will be addressed in due course. Historical records are being investigated to aid with the enquiry.

21.34.3 Any other environmental matters

Concerns remain about the work carried out at Hall Meadows.

21.35 Any other Parish Matters

21.35.1 Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr Marytn Bidgood has spoken with the co-ordinators of Neighbourhood Watch in Ryton and Kemberton about contact with West Mercia Police. A new messaging scheme has been opened, although it seems the Kemberton Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator had not sent this information.

21.35.2 Another other matters raised by the public to Parish Councillors

Markings by gateposts near dog owners have been notified to the police. Cllr Martyn Bidgood said he would include information about this and the need to be vigilant in his newsletter report.

21.36 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 7.30pm at Kemberton Village Hall.