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KEMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of Kemberton Parish Council to be held on Wednesday 14th January 2026, 7:30PM in Kemberton Village Hall

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

72.25 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, the first one of the New Year.

73.25 Apologies

An apology was received from Cllr Mark Lea

74.25 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Cllr James Rennison declared a Personal Interest as he is a neighbour of one of the tree planning applications

75.25 Report from Shropshire Councillor

Cllr Elizabeth Barker said that she had spoken to Highways about drain works on the day of the meeting. The work is anticipated to last for several days. The cost of damaged to the owner's property will be covered as part of repairing the drainage issue.

Cllr Barker has followed up the issue about the private drain that flows onto the footpath. She is waiting a response from the department dealing with it.

76.25 Public Participation Session

There were no comments from the public at this time

77.25 Minutes

It was resolved to approve the minutes dated 12th November 2025

78.25 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising not otherwise covered on the agenda

79.25 Clerks Report

The additional cost of each Councillor having a gov.uk email each month is £17.49 + VAT. The Council has committed to having an official one at £2.49 per month.

80.25 Planning Applications Received:

The following applications received after the publication of the agenda were noted

25/04902/TCA (validated: 06/01/2026)

Fairview , Mill Lane: Reduce crowns by 25 percent of 2no. Apple trees and fell and replace 1no. Apple tree within Kemberton Conservation Area

26/00073/TCA (validated: 19/12/2025)

Wisteria Cottage, Mill Lane: Reduce height by 25% with 5% thinning of 1no Maple (T1) & fell 2no Conifer (T2&T3) and 1no Magnolia (T4) within Kemberton Conservation Area

25/04830/VAR (validated: 22/12/2025)

Glendene , Grooms Lane: Variation of condition no.2 (approved drawings) attached to 23/05265/FUL Amendment to the proposed plans and elevations

No comment to file

81.25 Planning Application Decisions: there were no planning decisions to note

82.25 Any other Planning Matters: there were no other planning matters to discuss at this time

83.25 Finance

Payments it was resolved to approve the following

	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
BACS	Clerk	Travel, January	£13.77	LGA 1972 s.111
BACS	Shropshire Council	Election expenses	£125	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Lloyds Bank	Bank charges pcm (October, November)	£4.25	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	HugoFox	Website fees pcm (October, November)	£11.99	LGA 1972 s.111

It was resolved to pay the following invoice arrived after the publication of the Agenda: Shropshire Council, Election Expenses, £125

Income

Bank interest – £7.15 was received in November and December

Bank Reconciliation it was agreed to receive and accept the Bank Reconciliation to month end December 2025

Spend to Date it was agreed to receive and accept the Spend to Date for month end December 2025

Budget and Precept it was agreed to accept the draft budget and to request a precept of 5% increase

84.25 Environment

- i) Fix My Street updates: no update was given on overhanging trees on Hall Lane.
- ii) Other Environmental: Cllr James Rennison expressed thanks to local farmers who had gritted and snowploughed in the recent snowy weather.

The Chairman, Cllr Phil Jones, said he was disappointed to see that someone had left a bag of dog waste in the grit bin. He has removed it. He noted that it was noted on Fix My Street that the grit bin was only one quarter full, it was filled up the next day.

85.25 Highways

- i) Fix My Street updates: a road sweeper will be sent out as part of upcoming routine maintenance
- ii) Highways other matters: there will be a road closure on 16th March on Field Lane between 9.30 and 5.30. This is for BT Openreach pole testing and tree cutting.

It was noted that the repairs that were done in the last two years on Grindle Lane have all gone. This has reported on Fix My Street. Cllr Elizabeth Barker asked if she could have the reference number of the report so that she could follow it up.

The pothole filled in on Brockton Junction failed in the cold weather.

86.25 Other Parish Matters

Work has started on the Solar. Concerns were raised that access is being used on Hall Lane and was contrary to what was agreed in the plan. This should go to Shropshire Council's Planning Enforcement.

Cllr Phil Jones and Mary Wright attended a meeting in Norton Village Hall organised by Stockton Parish Clerk. This discussed devolution of services in the Shifnal Rural Area. Statutory services will be retained by Shropshire Council, but there is still uncertainty about what local councils might be expected to take over.

87.25 Next Meeting will be Wednesday 11th March 2026 at Kemberton Village Hall, 7.30pm