

Kemberton Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held in the Kemberton Village Hall
on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present:	Cllrs: James Rennison (Chairman); Martyn Bidgood; Giles Greenwood; Philip Jones; Ian Amos and Mark Lea
In attendance:	Vanessa Voysey – Clerk, Ben Walker – Shropshire Council, members of the public

1. CHAIR WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed members of the public in attendance and visiting Shropshire Council officer, Ben Walker.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Mary Wright

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

Members of the public present wished to inform Councillors, as a matter of courtesy, of their intention to apply for affordable housing planning permission for land at the side of their existing home.

The Chair commented that the Parish Council had objected to a previous affordable housing application because of its proximity to historic buildings and its ecological impact. These objections would not necessarily apply to future applications and he looked forward to seeing the proposal.

7. BROADBAND

Ben Walker from Shropshire Council gave a presentation on the Connecting Shropshire programme, and took questions from Councillors.

The programme addresses the gaps in broadband provision where its costs are unviable for commercial markets. Shropshire Council has a fibre optic contract with B.T, and since July 2017 with Airband. This second contract is aimed at coverage in more outlying areas. There are currently 200 masts in place in the Shropshire Council area providing this service, ranging from micro 2 metre masts

to 24 metre lattice masts. There are about 2,000 properties in the Shropshire Council area that are not currently in the plan, this will require additional funding.

A cabinet will be placed in the village to impact the maximum number of homes who can opt for fibre optic. Premises near the cabinet will get 70 to 80 megabytes per second. As the first part of the process, Hall Lane will be closed for cabling between 12th and 16th March. Installing the cabinet will happen later in the year. Households that are able to receive fibre optic will need to renew or switch contract with their internet providers.

Airband is a fixed wireless network. It has planning go-ahead for a structure on Sutton Farm that will provide access to broadband for a number of houses in the parish. Transmitters are also in place in Redhill, Beckbury and Derby House. The technology works by allowing a broadband signal to be transmitted wirelessly to a receiver fixed to the property in clear line of sight to an Airband transmitter. The receiver is about the size of a two-pint milk carton. Airband prices range between £10 and £42 pcm.

Parishoners can check availability of Airband in their homes by entering their postcode on the website <https://home.airband.co.uk/coverage/> Airband will provide updates to anyone who registers interest as information becomes available. About 40 properties already have access to Airband. It does not provide a telephone service; this is not required for this option. Speeds will be about 30 megabytes per second.

8. **MINUTES Resolved:** Acceptance of minutes of 10th January 2018. Proposed by Cllr Bidgood and Seconded by Cllr Greenwood. All were in favour.

9. **MATTERS ARISING**
None at this time

10. HIGHWAYS

The Chair reported that his car wheel was buckled on a pothole and that he has been advised to make a claim he would have to prove council negligence. There was agreement amongst fellow Councillors that the patchwork repairs on the village's roads were unsatisfactory. Comments were made about damage to cars and consideration of motorbike riders.

It was noted that there had been another accident on Hall Lane.

There has been no response yet from Shropshire Council regarding the road junction and a potential speed survey.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

1) *Response to questions on affordable housing*

The planning caseworker for 17/03311/FUL has advised the Parish Council that neighbours, towns and parish councils are not notified or consulted on Discharge of Conditions Applications. Comments can be made upon it but there will be no notification in advance of it being made available.

The Ecological Assessment can be viewed online at

https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/files/32E0E01246CCC1FB9916B904797D0EC5/pdf/17_03311_FUL-ECOLOGICAL_ASSESSMENT-3110021.pdf

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Reference: 18/00804/FUL (validated: 21/02/2018)
Address: Montrose , Grooms Lane, Kemberton, Shifnal, TF11 9LS
Proposal: Erection of detached 4-bay open fronted garage
Councillors considered the planning application and found no cause to raise objection.
No Comment to file

13. PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS

Reference: 17/06028/FUL (validated: 18/12/2017)
Address: Hillfields , 11 Mill Lane, Kemberton, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 9LU
Proposal: Erection of extension to rear of garage to create gym and workshop and part conversion of garage to create WC
Decision: Grant Permission
Noted

14. FOOTPATH DIVERSION

Councillors discussed the proposal to divert Footpath 16 and were in agreement that this is a sensible solution, righting a previously made mistake.

15. FINANCE

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- a) It was **Resolved** to agree and sign the following cheque payments, Proposed by Cllr Jones and Seconded by Cllr Lea, all in favour:-

<i>Cheque Number</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
463	Vanessa Voysey	Clerk Salary plus expenses February & March 2018	£208.55
464	Village Hall Committee	Village Hall Hire for November, January & March	£90.00
465	PP Electrical Services	Replacement for AED heater unit including labour costs	£136.44

- b) Income received – bank interest of 6p – noted
c) *To sign*
i) It was **Resolved** to agree and sign the reconciliation and bank Statements for the month of January 2108
ii) It was **Resolved** to agree Receipts and Payments for the month of January 2018

16.AED

A new heater has been put in place.

Cllr Lea reported that arranging an evening session has proved difficult. There might be a charge and it was suggested that it might be better to produce an A5 flyer including operating details. All agreed. Councillors present were willing to help deliver the flyer. The Chair thanked Cllr Lea for his work on AED.

17.EXTERNAL AUDIT

There is an external audit opt-out option for small councils this year. The cost of requesting an external audit is £200 + V.A.T.

It was **Resolved** to opt-out of external audit, Proposed by Cllr Amos, and Seconded by Cllr Lea, all in favour.

18.DATA PROTECTION

More news is needed from the Government and SALC on how Parish Councils should become compliant.

19.LJC UPDATE

Nothing to report at this time

20.AOB

21.NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 9th May, 2018, at 7.30pm Kemberton Village Hall