

KEMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES FROM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

10th MAY 2017
Kemberton Village Hall
7:00PM

Present: James Rennison (Chairman), Ian Amos, Martyn Bidgood, Giles Greenwood, Mark Lea and Mary Wright.
Cllr Michael Wood (Shropshire Councillor)
No further members of the public were present.

In attendance: Joanne Fellows clerk to the Council

- 1 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements
The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.
- 2 Minutes - To confirm the Minutes of the Kemberton Annual Parish meeting held on Wednesday 11 May 2016
The minutes of the APM held on 11th May 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman
- 3 Matters arising from the minutes
None
- 4 Report from Shropshire Councillor
Cllr M Wood reported the following.
 - There is the ongoing problem in 17/18 with Children and Adult social care deficit.
 - The newly elected Shropshire Councillors meet next Monday the 15th May and will form new council and vote for leader. There are 19 new members out of the 74 seats held. It will be interesting to see what direction the new council will take.

The Chairman thanked Cllr M Wood for update and the ongoing support that has been offered to the parish council.
- 5 Chairman's Report on the Council year 1 May 2016 to 30 April 2017.
The Chairman tabled report – appendix A.
- 6 Parish Plan
Cllr J Rennison had hoped to be able to table parish plan at meeting tonight but wanted to ratify some details before presenting report. The clerk will make some enquiries with Electoral services as to number of properties in parish. Deferred to July parish council meeting with a target to submit plan to Shropshire Council August.
- 7 Public Opportunity to Speak
None present

The meeting was declared closed at 7:30PM

Appendix A

KEMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 10th MAY 2017

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN – James Rennison

This is my fourth report as Chairman. This year has seen the local election. The election was advertised and, as there were no additional candidates nominated for the parish council, a non-contested election was completed with the existing parish councillors agreeing to serve again. The role of the Parish council may be perceived as relatively minor but it is a necessary role. I would like to thank all the parish councillors for their continued commitment.

This year we have also welcomed a new Parish clerk Jo Fellows. Jo replaced Val Edwards who had provided the council an invaluable service over the last few years and despite having to cope with a family crisis and ill health she never once faltered and I would like to again record the Council's thanks.

The normal aspects of Parish council duties were dealt with as usual. However several items have consistently been on the agenda and these relate to planning, the Parish Plan and superfast broadband for which I cover in more detail later.

There have been 5 scheduled meetings of full council held since the last Annual Parish Meeting in May 2016. The meetings have been very well attended. All meetings have been good humoured and constructive and I thank all the councillors for their continued commitment.

I would also wish to thank Cllr. Michael Wood who has attended and supported many of the PC meetings and has kept us well advised on issues that relate both at local and county level.

The Parish Plan

The draft Parish Plan has been prepared based on the results of a questionnaire document that was circulated to all households in the Parish to establish the needs and requirements of the village. The plan will now need to be ratified and submitted to the county council.

Planning

Planning issues are always a concern for the electorate and the preservation of the village's unique character should be a priority. During this session the Council has considered and commented upon a small number of minor planning applications for planning consent, for property alterations and tree works within the conservation area.

A development proposal / application for the neighbouring parish of Ryton and Grindle for a change of use to agricultural buildings has dominated discussions.

Grindle House Farm

The changes in the use/ development at Grindle House Farm, on the Apley Estate have resulted in a protracted planning application that has resulted in an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. The Parish council provided a representative at both the planning committee and the planning appeal hearing in order to ensure its objections

were recorded. I would like to thank in particular Phil Jones and Martyn Bidgood for acting as our delegates. The result of the appeal is still to be published.

Village Defibrillator

A village defibrillator has been operating for nearly two years. General maintenance costs and operational costs are now allowed for in the yearly precept. I would like to thank all the on-call volunteers for their continued support.

Superfast Broadband

The Superfast Broadband service will be coming to Kemberton later in the year and should be available by Spring 2018. Survey work has already commenced.

Finance

The precept has been increased this coming year by approximately fifty percent to cater for increased administration costs. This could have potentially been far greater but for the help of Jo Fellows who applied for, and secured, grant funding for the acquisition cost of a computer and the implementation cost of the new Kemberton Parish Council web site.

Web site

A village web site has been created by our new clerk in order for the Parish Council to comply with the transparency regulations. The web site will also provide the platform to publish documents and advertise village events.

Thank you to you all for your support and contribution throughout the year.