

**KEMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Kemberton Parish Council**  
**Held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.30pm**  
**at Kemberton Village Hall**

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*In attendance: Cllrs Angela Blount, Phil Jones, Mary Wright, Mark Lea, and James Rennison. Also in attendance: Vanessa Voysey (Parish Clerk)*

**22.63 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting

Martyn Bidgood has moved to 'pastures new' and has resigned from the Council. Thanks were given for his sterling work over the years. There was regret for his leaving.

**22.64 Apologies**

It was resolved to accept an apology from Cllr Giles Greenwood

**22.65 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

There were none at this time

**22.66 Dispensation**

There were none at this time

**22.67 Report from Shropshire Councillor**

i) Solar Farm

Cllr Richard Marshall reported the Solar Farm is not on the Southern Planning Committee for November. He is no longer on the Committee as he now holds the Portfolio for Highways and Regulatory Services, and this includes planning in its remit. He noted that there were currently 19 solar farm planning applications across the county. Government legislation leans more to accepting them than refusing them, however, the Kemberton Solar Farm plan has strong material objections raised against it. If it doesn't pass it is likely that the applicants will appeal. Cllr Marshall said he would continue to fight against it, as it is in his view in the wrong location, and is half a mile from a brown field site. It's the location of the development, not being against renewable energy.

Cllr Phil Jones asked if the Parish Council giving a three minute presentation at the planning hearing would be worthwhile. Cllr Marshall said that in his view it would be, he also suggested an extra-ordinary meeting before the plan is discussed at Shropshire Council to prepare for it.

ii) Quiet Lanes

Cllr Marshall said that he was still keen on the quiet lanes suggestion but advised that it is a long-winded process and requires investment. Shropshire Council not being awash with money, and he suspects that the Government will not increase allowances for next

year so there could be some hard decisions to make as inflationary pressures will hit the Council as elsewhere.

iii) Affordable Housing

An affordable house built in the village has never been lived in. This is now in the hands of Planning Enforcement.

**22.68 Public Participation Session**

There were no questions from the public at this time

**22.69 Minutes**

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to approve the minutes dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**22.70 Matters Arising** any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

**22.71 Planning Applications Received:**

**22/04838/FUL:** Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling Glendene , Grooms Lane, Kemberton, Shifnal, Shropshire.

*Resolved to Object*

The plans are for a substantially larger building that the existing property and is overdevelopment in the Conservation Area.

**22/04421/FUL.** Replace unstable and cracked front concrete block wall with red brick wall to match house. Westhorpe , Mill Lane, Kemberton, Shifnal, Shropshire.  
*No Comment*

After the publication of the Agenda:

**22/4869/TCA** Fell two lines of Conifers (G1 & G2) at Hilton, Mill Lane, Kemberton.  
*No Comment*

**22.72 Planning Application Decisions:** there were none at this time

**22.73 Another Planning Matters**

It was agreed to contact planning enforcement over a property in the village within the Conservation Area being rendered without it being cleared if necessary permission has been sought.

**22.74 Correspondence**

The following were noted:

- a) The SALC AGM will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm and will include a motion on Solar Farms.

- b) Shropshire Council Streetworks: Field Lane will be closed between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November for repair between 9.30 and 16.00 – it was noted that this work has now been completed
- c) The Chairman had received a letter from a resident that he read out. This expressed concern at the speed of vehicles passing through the village. Although it was recognised that the village is national speed limit of 60mph, drivers should drive to the conditions not the speed. Walking and driving down lanes can be dangerous.
- d) The Chairman had received a letter from a resident intending to write a history of the village. It was agreed that the Chairman should write Back offering the support of the Parish Council.

## **22.75 Finance**

### **22.75.1 Payments**

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

|      | Payee | Description                | Amount | Power              |
|------|-------|----------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| BACS | Clerk | Travel Expenses (November) | £13.50 | LGA 1972 s.112 (2) |
| BACS | Clerk | Salary (Quarter 3)         | £375   | LGA 1972 s.112     |
| BACS | HMRC  | Quarter 3                  | £75    | LGA 1972 s.112     |

### **22.75.2 Income**

The following was noted:

Bank interest - 7p for month of September

### **22.75.3 Bank Reconciliation**

It was proposed, seconded and resolved to receive and accept the Bank Reconciliation to month end September 2022

### **22.75.4 Spend to Date**

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved, to receive and accept the Spend to Date for month end September 2022

### **22.75.5 Grants**

Consideration was given to a request for a donation to Hope House Hospice.

It was proposed, seconded and resolved, to offer the following grants:

£120 to Hope House  
£120 to Severn Hospice  
£200 to St Andrews Church, Kemberton

#### **22.75.6 Donations**

It was agreed to sign cheques to return donations to residents who had contributed towards the Solar Panel Working Party.

#### **22.76 Environment**

The Parish Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had sent notification that no further action would be taken about overhanging hedges by Polo Cottage.

#### **22.77 Highways**

In response to the resident's letter (22.74 c) solutions were discussed including quiet lanes and reduction of the speed limit. Cllr Richard Marshall noted that reducing the speed limit takes about 18 months and cost between £60k and £80k for a short stretch of road. Non-enforcement of the speed limit is also an issue in its effectiveness. Whilst he is hoping to get grant funding for the quiet lanes programme, the whole process will be slow. He advised speaking to the Road Safety Officer at West Mercia Police for suggestions for raising community speed awareness.

Cllr Mark Lea noted his disappointment at the lack of support from Shropshire Council when it was approached to approve a plan for Kemberton Junction that had financial backing from West Mercia Police. He questioned if Shropshire Council would be similarly unsupportive in any future endeavours.

It was agreed to contact West Mercia police and formulate a Working Part to see what can be done to improve community speed awareness.

The Chairman, Cllr Phil Jones, said he would write a note in the village newsletter about speeding.

#### **22.78 Other Parish Matters**

The Chairman, Cllr Phil Jones, said that he had made contact with a company that makes Silent Soldiers and donates to the Royal British Legion. It was closed this year but is something to consider for next year.

**22.79 Next Meeting** will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at Kemberton Village Hall, 7.30pm