

KEMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Kemberton Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 7:30PM in Kemberton Village Hall

In attendance: Cllrs James Rennison, Stephen Talbot, Mark Lea, Mary Wright, Angela Blount, 21 members of the public, and the Parish Clerk (V.Voysey)

20.26 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

Vice-Chairman Cllr James Rennison welcomed everyone to the meeting.

20.27 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Phil Jones and Cllr Giles Greenwood

20.28 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of interest

20.29 Report from Shropshire Councillor

There was no report from the Shropshire Councillor at this time

20.30 Public Participation Session

Cllr James Rennison thanked residents for attending the meeting, noting that there had been significant interest in Shropshire Council's Local Plan, and the sites put forward for consideration in Kemberton.

A resident asked if the sites had been proposed by owners and not the Council, it was confirmed that this was the case, however, it was also noted that one of the site owners had said she knew nothing about it, and that sites can be put forward that you don't own.

A resident asked if the sites will be sieved down, Cllr James Rennison said that this was the case and that viability study would be undertaken.

Cllr Mark Lea explained that at this stage of the process it is a not a consultation on sites but on the process that will be followed to assess sites. He commented that publishing the sites proposed before deciding on the process to assess them had upset everyone. He advised residents that he had completed a response to the scoping exercise currently being undertaken and had done so as a local resident rather than a representative of the Parish Council. It was a long and tedious form that is part of a county-wide process. He had used some of the feedback spaces in the document to express his concerns about rural lanes and infrastructure. A member of the public said that they had done similar.

Cllr James Rennison noted that the Chairman, Cllr Phil Jones, had sent out an email with a link on it to the consultation. The Parish Clerk would be able to send out the link to anyone present, if they were happy for her to have their email addresses.

A request for a show of hands on who was opposed to large scale development indicated that all residents present were against it.

A resident asked about the number of houses required and the number that had already been built. Cllr James Rennison responded that Shropshire Council will need to demonstrate a 5 year supply of houses, the target is set by national government, this is a rolling 5 year plan will stay in place unless there is a change of government policy. A resident asked if the sites in Kemberton appearing on the consultation map were in the Conservation Area. It was confirmed that all the sites are outside of the Conservation Area. It was noted that being in the Conservation Area had not been a consideration that had stopped the solar farm plans going head.

Cllr James Rennison noted that this is the start of the journey, and everyone will be kept informed.

20.31 Minutes

It was resolved to approve the minutes dated 14th January 2026

20.32 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

20.33 Clerks Report

i) Severn Trent Water

The Parish Clerk reported that she had been in contact with Community Engagement representatives of Severn Trent Water. She had spoken about the issues raised by Cllr Mark Lea about the impact of road closures on the agricultural community, and that there had been flooding issues of note in the area. It is hoped that there could be a meeting arranged with Cllr Lea to discuss this matter further.

Cllr Lea said that his particular concerns were: road closures being longer than necessary with three days a standard, closures across the whole road not just the section being worked on, and work taking place for 2 or 3 hours a day. There is not enough consideration of the impact on the local community.

Cllr James Rennison said that it might be Highways who insist on road rather than lane closure.

It was agreed to write to Highways about the number of road closures, the impact on the community, and the use of diversions that are not suitable alternatives, particularly Field Lane and Grindle Road.

ii) Recycling Centres postcode restrictions

The Parish Clerk noted that she had received a response from Stuart Anderson M.P and a further follow-up from his office about the restriction of recycling centre use to postcodes in Telford and Wrekin. This had been raised at the Annual Parish Meeting, and had also been raised at the neighbouring Annual Parish Meeting at Ryton.

Stuart Anderson M.P has had several complaints about it from constituents, and has been following up the issue with Telford and Wrekin Council and Shropshire Council.

20.34 Planning Applications Received:

No planning applications were sent between the publication of the agenda and the meeting of July 8th

20.35 Planning Application Decisions:

No planning decisions were sent between the publication of the agenda and the meeting of July 8th

20.36 Any other Planning Matters:

- i) Shropshire Local Plan Scoping Exercise

It was agreed to write to Shropshire Council conveying the strength of feeling in the Parish about the proposed sites. This should be sent to the Shropshire Councillor, Head of Planning and Stuart Anderson, M.P

- ii) Other planning matters

Cllr James Rennison referred to the Neighbourhood Parish Plan. He said he had spoken to a planning consultant about getting an assessment made of it and commenting on its fitness of purpose. An update of it would have to be considered on any future plans.

It was agreed that Cllr Rennsion should investigate this proposal further and obtain quotes for the work

20.37 Finance

- i) It was resolved to approve the following payments

	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
BACS	Clerk	Travel, July	£13.77	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	Lloyds Bank	Bank charges pcm (June, July)	£4.25	LGA 1972 s.111
DD	HugoFox	Website fees pcm (June, July) Email	£11.99 £2.99	LGA 1972 s.111

- ii) It was agreed to note Income
Bank interest – £3.214 was received in May and £4.69 June
- iii) It was resolved to receive and accept the Bank Reconciliation to month end June 2026
- iv) It was resolved to receive and accept the Spend to Date for month end June 2026
- v) It was suggested that future project expenditure to be set against Neighbourhood Fund received could be a refresh of the neighbourhood plan.

20.38 Environment

It was noted that the water leak on Field Lane has been fixed.

20.39 Highways

- i) It was noted that the hole in the private driveway that Shropshire Council had promised to fix was work still outstanding. The Parish Clerk said she would contact Shropshire Councillor Elizabeth Barker about it.
- ii) It was noted that there had been another road closures in the last week. The Clerk's Report had covered responses to comments about road diversions and road closures

20.40 Other Parish Matters

There were no other Parish Matters to be put under consideration at this time.

20.41 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th September 2026 at Kemberton Village Hall, 7.30pm