

KEMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Kemberton Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th September 2023, 7:30PM in Kemberton Village Hall

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

2023.39 Chairman's Welcome and Announcements

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly the new Shropshire Councillor, Andrew Sherrington

2023.40 Apologies

Apologies were accepted from Mark Lea

2023.41 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were none at this time

2023.42 Dispensation

There were none at this time

2023.43 Report from Shropshire Councillor

Andrew Sherrington was elected as Shropshire Councillor on 7th September. He is currently being inducted, the first training session he has done is about digital devices being used in social care. As business commences, he will keep the Parish Councils informed. An initial concern he noted was the failure of paperwork in the levelling up grant bid for £18.5 million, the bid failed as it was poorly drafted and rejected, he said Shropshire Council should be held to account.

2023.44 Public Participation Session

There was none at this time

2023.45 Minutes

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved, to approve the minutes dated 12th July 2023

2023.46 Matters Arising

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

2023.47 Planning Applications Received

23/02871/FUL

Woodhead, Hall Lane, Kemberton: Conversion of existing carport and loft space over, erection of new open sided carport.

No comment

23/02932/OUT

Proposed Dwelling To The East Of, Mill Lane, Kemberton: Outline application for the erection of a dwelling (all matters reserved)

Objection filed on the grounds of proximity to three Grade II Listed Buildings in the Conservation Area)

23/03752/TCA

Cranleigh , Mill Lane, Kemberton: To fell and remove 3no. Apple and 1no. Plum trees within Kemberton Conservation Area

To file: conditional objection as if the trees are in good condition and not diseased, the Parish Council can see no reason for them to come down.

2023.48 Planning Application Decisions

The following were noted:

23/02931/FUL (validated: 05/07/2023)

12 Mill Lane, Kemberton: Installation of solar panels on detached garage and trim branches of rear Ash Tree

Decision: Grant Permission

23/03273/FUL (validated 26/7/2023)

Hilton, Mill Lane, Kemberton: demolition of existing utility, lobby and pantry and erection of rear two storey extension

Decision: Grant Permission

2023.49 Another Planning Matters:

It was noted that the deadline for an appeal against the refusal of a solar panel farm in Kemberton is 20th September.

The Chairman, Cllr Phil Jones, updated the newly elected Shropshire Councillor on the solar farm planning application and was assured that support would continue for the Parish Council's objection to it.

2023.50 Correspondence

i) Retirement of Internal Auditor

The Internal Auditor has advised the Parish Council of his retirement. Appreciation was expressed for his years of service. It was agreed that a card and a gift would be appropriate.

ii) Website

Free services on Hugo Fox will end on 4th October. Members discussed the possibilities available, the Parish Clerk said that she had obtained two alternative quotes and that Hugo Fox were offering competitive prices. It was noted that there is still some transparency grant funding held in reserves that could be used to offset the unexpected cost for this year.

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved to keep the Hugo Fox website with the bronze package of £9.99 a month plus VAT.

2023.51 Finance

i) Payments

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

	Payee	Description	Amount	Power
BACS	Clerk	Travel Expenses (September)	£13.50	LGA 1972 s.112 (2)
BACS	Clerk	Salary quarter 2	£329.90	LGA 1972 s.112
BACS	Clerk	Tax quarter 2	£82.60	LGA 1972 s.112

2023.52 Income

Bank interest of £10.23 for months of June, July and August was noted

2023.53 Bank Reconciliation

It was proposed, seconded, and resolved, to receive and accept the Bank Reconciliation to month end August 2023

2023.54 Spend to Date

It was proposed, seconded, and resolve, to receive and accept the Spend to Date for month end August 2023

2023.55 Environment

Cllr Giles Greenwood reported that he had received complaints from residents about agricultural vehicles chewing up the verges. Shropshire Cllr Andrew Sherrington said that if residents were able to make a statement about the damage that had been caused then it could be presented to Shropshire Council.

2023.56 Highways

Cllr Phil Jones said that speeding through the village remains a concern. Cllr Mary Wright expressed the view that the existing speed limit through it remaining national speed limit was inappropriate. It was also noted that plans to introduce Quiet Lanes had itself gone quiet.

Cllr Andrew Sherrington said that the criteria on changing speed limits was something he was going to look into as it had been raised by several village communities during his election campaign. A speed survey using handheld speed guns was an option to consider, it the results can be used by the Police who will have information on the registered holders of vehicles. This would need to be part of a clear plan, and realistically, it would need a commitment of a year. Cllr Phil Jones suggested that Councillors send a wish list of items that they would like advice on from Cllr Sherrington, through the Clerk.

The Parish Clerk reported that Ryton and Grindle Parish Council had raised the condition of Grindle Road in their meeting of 11th September, and had noted that there were markings left on the road on the Kemberton side. Shropshire Councillor Andrew Sherrington said that there is a patch programme going on. Where yellow markings have been left on the road there will be patching, where there is white parking, the pothole is too deep for patching. Cllr Angela Blount said, "the whole road is a pothole".

2023.57 Other Parish Matters

There were no other items raised with Parish Councillors that were not otherwise covered in the meeting

2023.58 Next Meeting will be Wednesday 8th November 2023 at Kemberton Village Hall,
7.30pm