

KENSWICK AND WICHENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th February 2015 in the Memorial Hall, Wichenford.

Present

Mrs G Britten-Long (Chairman) Mrs J Panton, Mr A Cox, Mrs H Rendall, Mr J Wells, Mr K Randall and Mrs S Sanders (Clerk to the Parish Council)
County Councillor and 15 members of the public.

15/01 APOLOGIES and APPROVAL of absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr M. Andrews (On Holiday)

15/02 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

Democratic half hour/public question time.

The chairman invited all present to ask questions or make statements about parish business.

Concerns were raised over the application for the solar proposal at Woodhall Farm. The Parish council have been working incredibly hard with Malvern Hills. A public meeting was held on 14th Jan with around 80 people present and all the issues and concerns raised are being addressed. The parish council are looking at other solar parks and reasons why they have been refused. Parishioners present were assured that everything possible is being done and to just keep writing as they have until April at least before the application is looked at.

15/03 MINUTES

It was proposed to accept the minutes of the 15th December as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Rendall and seconded by Councillor Cox

15/04 COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Councillor Grove reported that the road between lower Broadheath and Martley is to be resurfaced as some areas are particularly bad. Council tax will rise by 1.9% and this will go into childrens services. The parish council no longer need the money from the divisional fund but the county councillor will keep the money for us to use at a later date.

A solar panel VAS SLOW sign is approx £3,500 to be fitted. The Kenswick name sign is £800 and one is needed at both ends and the pc would like to use the money for either one of these items.

Councillor Grove agreed to look into the problem of heavy goods vehicles coming through the village.

The parish council asked if councillor grove could get some feed back from Tom Palmer regarding the flooding at Laughern Brook.

15/05 APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION.

No applications were applied for.

15/06 PROGRESS REPORTS

Fishing pools at land off Ankerdine Road.

The enforcement department are not going to pursue this any further and the parish council find this totally unacceptable as Malvern Hills has a duty to follow this up. The clerk was asked to write to the district council asking them to review their decision as the information they have received is totally misconceived.

Update on Kenswick Stables.

The clerk was asked to write to the district council regarding this site. In December we were told that a planning application was being prepared but as yet has not been submitted and maybe it is time for the council to take further enforcement action.

15/07 PLANNING

Applications pending since the last meeting. (For information only)

14/01658/FUL Construction of solar park with attendant infrastructure including substations, replacement tower, centre station, inverters, cameras and fencing for Land at Woodhall Farm.

Applications refused/approved/withdrawn.

14/01700/HOU. Keepers Cottage, Wichenford. **(Approved)**

14/01680/HOU. Barn 4 Rimmers Farm. **(Refused)**

14/01743/HOU.Sledgemoor House, Broadwas. **(Withdrawn)**

14/01503/HOU single storey extension to existing property at Ridgend Barn, Wichenford. **(Approved)**

14/01194/OUT. Outline planning for 1 single storey eco-dwelling at Kings Green, Wichenford. **(Refused)**

14/01474/HOU Laughern Hill Cottage, Wichenford. **(Approved)**

Applications to be considered.

None.

15/08 FINANCE

Payments were approved and cheques signed accordingly.

Clerks Salary and expenses and Memorial Hall Rent.

The acceptance of the finances was resolved.

15/09 LENGTHSMAN

Usual duties plus grips in Venn Lane and Barbers Lane, and any jetting/ditching that needs doing.

15/10 SPEEDING.

The parish council are aware that this is an increasing problem but are not sure what can be done. The community speed watch seemed like a good idea but after reading the correspondence it appears pointless for us as it can only be done on roads with a 30mph limit. Until the district council do a speed review then not much can be done.

15/11 ELECTIONS

Elections of all **Parish and Town Councils within Malvern Hills District** are scheduled for **7th May 2015**, alongside the Local and Parliamentary elections.

The nomination period is open from Monday 23rd March till 4pm on the 9th April.

The Parish Council is keen to encourage anyone interested for standing as a candidate, and with this in mind, advertising literature will be displayed around the village.

There is also a video available on the MHDC web site malvern hills.gov.uk/how-to-become-a-councillor

15/12 COUNCILLORS TRAINING

None

15/13 TO REPORT ANY URGENT DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

None

15/14 CORRESPONDENCE

For decision by the parish council (Information only)

All Correspondence is now emailed to councillors. It was suggested that a place be made on the agenda to allow councillors to discuss items in the correspondence folder.

Calc update 14-43/15-03, Oil Buying Club, WCC Analysis of Traffic Speeds, MHDC Guidance Notes on Conversion of Agricultural Barns.

15/16 COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS and ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

The clerk has asked Malvern hills for a litter pick in our area and wants to know which areas are particularly bad.

15/17 DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting 30th March (APM and Ord) 18th May (Annual meeting) and 13th July 2015.

PLEASE CHECK DATES and BRING YOUR DIARIES.

Next meeting will be in the Memorial Hall Wichenford at 7.30pm.

Signed.....

Dated.