**Minutes of the Kempley Parish Council Meeting**

**held at Kempley Village Hall on Thursday 12th January 2017 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr S Hanes (Chair)

Cllr S Roberts (Vice Chair)

Cllr G Bennett

Cllr L Daykin

Cllr B Andrews

Cllr G Young

Cllr Bennion

Clerk

1 Member of the public

58/17 **Apologies and Declarations of interest**

There were no apologies or declarations of interest.

59/17 **Confirmation of minutes of 3rd November 2016**

These were approved signed by the Chairman.

60/17 **Matters arising:**

1. Planning – caravan on land opposite Little Hoopers – possible break of planning refusal. Cllr Roberts reported that it appears someone is living in the caravan and that he contacted the District Councilor and the Enforcement Office, but no action had been taken. It was decided to write to the Enforcement Officer and if no reply was received within 14 days to write to the Monitoring Officer.
2. Installation of Fence at 1 Beauchamp Villas – Clerk to forward letter to Chairman for approval before sending.

61/17 **Clerks Report and Finances, including payments.**

See attached report, financial statement, payments list and planning register. Invoices approved and cheques signed as per attached list by Cllr Roberts and Bennett.

1. New Independent Auditor required

Chairman reported that Lynette Greenway had resigned as the current Internal Auditor. Lynette was thanked for her work as the Internal Auditor. It was suggested that the Clerk contact John Burt to ask whether he would be able to take on the role.

62/17 **Budget and Precept:**

1. To finalise budget agreed at November meeting (minute ref 40/16). The final budget was presented and agreed by all. Cllr Roberts proposed a precept of £4074 which was agreed.
2. Maintenance Contract for Defibrillator. It was agreed to proceed with the basic membership.
3. Purchase of Second Defibrillator. Cllr Hanes explained that the British Heart Foundation is currently offering grants to support the installation of defibrillators in the South West. It was agreed to proceed with a grant application for an additional 2 units, one to be installed in Fishpool and one in the telephone box on Kempley Green. Cllr Andrews agreed to assist Cllr Hanes with the grant application and installation.

63/17 **Highways Update**

Cllr Andrews gave the following update:

1. Cadster House bollard removed.
2. Bollards in Fishpool – following the sudden erection of these bollards a meeting had been held with highways, a letter had been sent and the matter had been passed to Road Safety. It was expected that the bollards would be removed shortly.
3. ’20 is plenty’ signage – Cllr Bennion to take down, clean up, repair and put back up.

64/17 **Trees at the old Vicarage overhanging the road.**

It was decided to write to the occupants to request that the branches overhanding the road below the church be cut back.

65/17 **Resignation of Councilor Daykin**

Councilor Hanes had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Daykin with affect from March 2017. Clerk to begin the process of finding a replacement.

66/17 **Community Plan Update**

Cllr Bennion reported that the final draft would be ready for viewing at the next café and that final comments would be requested before the final document is printed in time for the village meeting on 1st June 2017. Cllr Hanes asked for all Councilors to attend the village meeting.

65/17 **Fast Broadband for Kempley**

Cllr Hanes reported that the working group had initially been given a figure of £77,000 in install faster broadband by BT but that Kempley may be on the list for Fastershire phase 2 but was trying to meet with Mark Harper to get a more definitive answer.

66/17 **Planning Application at Pumpkin Cottage**

Clerk had added this to the agenda as the planning application had been received after the agenda had been distributed. All approved the plans.

67/17 **Items for future agenda**

SR reported that he would not be standing as Chairman for a further term.

68/17 Date of next meeting: Thursday 5th January 2017

Chairman thanked all for attendance and with no further business closed the meeting.

Signed……………………………………….. Date………………………………………………..