**Minutes of the Kempley Parish Council Meeting**

**held at Kempley Village Hall on Thursday 2nd March 2017 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr S Hanes (Chair)

Cllr G Bennett

Cllr L Daykin

Cllr B Andrews

Cllr G Young

Clerk

1 Member of the public

69/17 **Apologies and Declarations of interest**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hanes and Cllr Bennion. There were no declarations of interest.

70/17 **Confirmation of minutes of 12th January 2017**

With two amendments these were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

71/17 **Matters arising:**

1. Planning: caravan in field opposite Little Hoopers. Clerk reported that no response had been received from FODDC in relation to the letter sent.
2. Installation of Fence at 1 Beauchamp Villas – Clerk reported that an email had been received and that it had been agreed that no further action would be taken.
3. Internal Auditor: Clerk confirmed that Mr John Birt had agreed to carry out the internal audit of the accounts.
4. Tree at Old Vicarage: Clerk advised that a letter had been received suggesting that the trees were actually on the property next to The Old Vicarage. Clerk to send the same letter to the new occupants of the property.
5. Replacement for Cllr Daykin: Clerk advised that the Notice of Vacancy would be displayed in the village and if FODDC received less than 10 requests for an election then the Council could proceed to co-opt.

72/17 **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 Hanes and Cllr Bennett.

73/17 **Vehicle Speed Monitor:**

Cllr Andrews reported that Gary Dawson was able to borrow a speed gun and a matrix with no cost to the Parish Council. A member of the Road Safety team would show 6 people how to use the equipment. If the results found a high percentage of vehicles speeding through the village it would prompt the police to visit, however it was thought this was unlikely.

74/17 **Defibrillator at Fishpool**

Cllr Andrews reported that the owners of The Old Forge were happy for the defibrillator to be put up on their wall. Estimates would be needed for the electrical work required for installation of both this one and the one to be located on or near the Village Green. The defibrillators are expected to be delivered May/June. Cllr Hanes has training kits and instructions which we will be used to run our own training session.

75/17 **Trees**

Cllr Daykin raised concern about the large and low branches going out of Fishpool in the direction of the Golf Course. Clerk to write the land owners expressing concern.

76/17 **Neighbourhood Watch**

It was decided to advertise for a new Co-Ordinator in the Parish Magazine and ask Louise Earll if she would send an advert via the community email.

77/17 **Progress on ‘Awards for All’**

In the absence of Cllr Bennion this could not be discussed.

78/17 **Progress on broadband**

Cllr Hanes reported that he, Bob Earll and Martin Brocklehurst had met with Mark Harper and that he had been helpful if finding a contact at Fastershire, however we still do not know whether Kempley would be on the list for phase 2 of the roll out. Fastershire had responded to Mark Harper suggesting that 40 properties in Kempley already had fast broadband, however it was thought that this was incorrect. Cllr Hanes to respond asking for this to be clarified.

79/17 **Planning Application at Orchard Leigh**

The plans were approved by all Councillors.

80/17 **Items for future agenda**

None

81/17 Date of next meeting: Thursday 11th May 2017

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

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