

Held on 15th May 2024 at 7:00pm in Kempley Village Hall

Present: Chair Martin Brocklehurst, Cllr Rob Howson, Cllr Denise Wood,

In attendance: Clare Muir (Clerk to Kempley Parish Council)

5 members of the community

Apologies were received from Cllr Kim O'Rourke, Cllr Ricky Goodwin, Cllr David Lewis

Introduction and Welcome

Kempley Parish Council Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, explaining its purpose was to identify the key issues affecting Kempley to inform the Parish Council's priorities for the year ahead. Cllr Brocklehurst stated that there is a vacancy for one additional Councillor and urged anyone interested in this role to come forward.

To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2023

Minutes were approved and can be found on the Parish Council website.

Items for Discussion

The attending members of the community were asked to put forward items for discussion along with items from the Parish Council.

- 1 **How can we make the meetings more inclusive?** The format and publicity for the Annual Parish Meeting needs to be addressed going forward to be more appealing for community members to attend. It was suggested the Parish Council should put agenda's for meetings on the Village Hall noticeboard and not just the Parish Council noticeboards. Local groups should be personally invited to attend to give a report on their groups and not just invited via the meeting poster.
- 2 **Potholes and other Highways Issues** . Members of the community are encouraged to report any potholes via Fix My Street [FixMyStreet \(gloucestershire.gov.uk\)](https://www.fixmystreet.gov.uk) who have a duty to respond. Emails to Andrew Middlecote andrew.middlecote@gloucestershire.gov.uk are also encouraged and copied in to Gill Moseley gill.moseley@gloucestershire.gov.uk. It was suggested a group of keen volunteers was needed to constantly report issues and to keep up the pressure on the County Council as demonstrated with some success in other parishes.
- 3 **Community Led Plan.** This non statutory plan was put together in 2017 by a group of volunteers and needs reviewing and updating. A group of volunteers is needed to take this forward. A copy of the plan can be found on the Kempley Parish Council website [Community Led Plan – Kempley Parish Council](#)

- 4 **Litter Collection.** A few members of the community regularly litter pick, but is there more we can do? More volunteers? A communal thanks go out to Liz Daykin and Lynette Greenway for their commitment, and it was suggested asking them if they require any items such as litter picking sticks etc.
- 5 **Emergency Response Plan.** This plan needs updating to take into account electronic means of communications such as WhatsApp and other social medias. This needs taking forward by a group of volunteers.
- 6 **Improving Relationships Between Farmers and the Community.** Are there any issues? Cllr Ricky Goodwin is the Parish Council liaison between both groups. It was suggested most problems are discussed on WhatsApp, but does anyone monitor WhasApp to bring these issues forward?
- 7 **Upgrading of Infrastructure such as Drains and Electric.** Cllr Brocklehurst stated that the Parish Council needs to understand it before they can do anything about it. Severn Trent have the plans and a conversation needs to be had with them about whether the water and sewage drains can cope with the capacity and whether the drains are fit for use or too old and not coping with the capacity. The same applies with the electrics.

The above items will be added to the Parish Council meetings over the next few months.

Reports from Local Community Groups

Katie Osmond reported on the **Village Hall**. She said that the last year has been very successful with many events and bookings which the hall replies on to continue. She reported that the **Pop Up Pub** is in danger of folding as not enough volunteers are available to support it. This is seen as a great social event for the community and would be very sad if it couldn't continue.

Chair of Kempley Parish Council's Annual Report

Copies of the report were available to read and a copy can be found on the Parish Council website. Cllr Brocklehurst reported on the highlights of the Parish Council's work this year:

- Completion of the Kempley Community Broadband Scheme.
- Improvements to our Public Rights of Way (PROW) with kissing gates replacing stiles on many of our footpaths; and
- The very first park and ride scheme for the Kempley Daffodil Weekend in partnership with Bus4Us.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm