

KNEESALL, KERSALL & OMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

25 JULY 2017

1. **Present:** T Kirk (Chairman), C Cutts, P Davies, Ms S Gemmell, Ms M Lissaman
2. **Apologies:** D Yeardley, R Taylor, B Allebon, Mrs E Fidler, B Laughton (CC) & M Michael (DC)
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 June 2017:** Were confirmed as a true and correct record.
T Kirk/C Cutts

4. **Matters arising from the Minutes:**

War Memorial- Councillor Davies advised further progress had been made but he would be liaising with Councillor Gemmell and that they would report back in due course.

Village Triangle – The Chairman advised that he made contact with the contractor who had collected the grass cuttings on the next cut which had improved the appearance. However, cuttings had been again left following further cutting. Monitoring will again be carried out and the situation does not improve further contact will be made with the contractor.

Pot Holes – The Clerk was directed to contact County Councillor B Laughton regarding Baulk Lane, Flash Lane and Eakring Road as funding is available.

Village Playground – Following the receipt of an e-mail regarding the “state of repair” of the playground equipment it had been inspected by the Bill Hemsley Community Centre committee (the body responsible for the upkeep) and notices had been posted advising of the closure of it until safety maintenance had been carried out.

5. **Declaration of Interest:** None
6. **Public Participation:** **Mr B & Mrs B Wingfield** who commented on the lack of minutes and agenda on the website. The Clerk explained that there had been a problem and that the website administrator had been contacted regarding the matter. They also commented on continued lack of patronage of “The Angel”.

7. **Correspondence:**

The Dogs Trust - Poster for display re Training Classes for Dogs. Councillor Lissaman
Ollerton Library – Poster for Display. Councillor Lissaman

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Correspondence (cont.)

Ian Thorne – Church clock and redecoration (via the Chairman) who advised that funds were depleted and that when monies were available the interior of the Church would be redecorated and that attention would be given raising funds to repair the clock.

Councillor Gemmell will look into the possibility of there being grants available.

NALC – Circular regarding the recruitment of special constables also information regarding a Guide to Finance & Transparency which is available to purchase.

AAD Electrical – A Mr Denovellis had approached Eakring P C who had passed his request for information re the ownership of the derelict building on Eakring Road to our Council. **He has been advised that the information he is seeking does not appear to be available and that Kneesall, Kersall & Ompton councillors are not aware of the name of the owner.**

Headon-cum-Upton PC – Possible loss of rural policeman & PCOS a petition. **

NSDC – Amendment Core Strategy Development Plan Document. **

Neighbourhood Planning – Grants available ** (** circulated to councillors)

8. **Finance:**

Clerk £85.97

T Kirk/P Davies

9. **Planning:** No Applications or Approvals

10. **Kneesall Triangle:** - Covered under “Matters Arising from Previous Minutes”

11. **Chairman’s Comments:** Councillor Kirk requested that Councillor Gemmell look at the possibility of grant funds being available to assist with repairs to the Playground. It may necessitate completing a survey to gather information regarding the number of children who have access to this village amenity. **Councillors Lissaman, Davies and Taylor** were requested to collate information regarding the number of children within the 3 villages who may use the playground.

Councillor Kirk reported on “Safer Neighbourhood” meeting he had attended run by the Police.

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Chairman's Comments (Cont.) – Councillor Kirk further advised that the police had monitored “speeding” motorists on Ossington Road at 3 points – Laxton Lane, - at the School footpath & Baulk Lane – but had only given warnings to drivers. The 30 mph speed limit is being enforced at South Muskham and is being monitored by villagers. The police also advised that top of the range car thefts had been increasing with vehicles being stolen, dumped for a time and the thieves would go back after a time lapse if no efforts to retrieve the missing cars had been made. The assumption appears to be that if the vehicle is not retrieved by the owner or police within that timescale no tracking device is fitted to them. Residents should use the 999 service for immediate action rather than the 101 number.

12. **Other Business: - Councillor Davies** – Still concerned about the lack of road signs regarding the double bend on the approach to Ompton. He also advised that there had been a further 2 accidents on the approach to Ompton.

Intruders had been disturbed after breaking into a neighbour's property, at Ompton, armed with what appeared to be crowbars and appear to be looking for car keys. When the homeowners returned they ran across the road to another vehicle, with a driver, and made off.

Councillor Cutts – Asked if it is possible get funding for Village name signs. The clerk will contact District Councillor Michael to make enquiries.

Councillor Cutts also raised the question of illegal parking on the pavement outside the Bill Hemsley Centre/Church in front of the bench. It had been previously suggested that it was possible to obtain “warning stickers” to adhere to vehicles but they would require a contact name. It was suggested that the area may be nominated as a disabled parking point to allow easier access to the building. The clerk will contact M Keeling of Via East Midlands (formerly Notts CC Traffic section) to ascertain the current position regarding parking at this point.

Councillor Gemmell – Had been investigating the possibility of funding being available to use towards a possible co-operative option to purchase the village pub. However, such a venture would require considerable commitment from the village populous which, at present, does not appear to there. The current pub lease has a further 2 years to run and it is possible such a proposition could be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

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Date of the next meeting -	Tuesday	12 September 2017
	Tuesday	31 October 2017
	Tuesday	5 December 2017
The meeting closed at	8.45pm	

14 Other Business (cont.):- Councillor Cutts advised that there had been a series of thefts in the area including one at the property of Councillor Taylor.

Next Meeting - 25 July 2017

Meeting closed 9.00 pm