

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2015

Item Nr	Item	Action By
1.0	<p>Attendance and Apologies</p> <p>In attendance: Cllr R Stokes (Chairman) Cllr M Anderson Cllr N Bradshaw Cllr J Clarke Cllr J Marsh Cllr K Taylor Cllr N Townsend (PC and TDBC Councillor) Miss C Roche (Parish Clerk)</p> <p>No Member of the Public attended the meeting</p> <p>Apologies received from: Cllr A Wilcox Cllr S Farnham Cllr D Wedderkopp (SCC Councillor) Cllr C Tucker (TDBC Councillor)</p>	
2.0	<p>Councillors Declarations of Interest in Any Agenda Item</p> <p>None received.</p>	
3.0	<p>Items from Members of the Public</p> <p>None received.</p>	
4.0	<p>Police Update</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she had not received a report from the Police.</p> <p>The Parish Council noted that recently parcels had been going missing from villager's doorsteps and that when the missing parcels had been reported to the Police, there had been no response. Also, there had been no Police presence at Parish Council meetings for some time.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to write to the Avon and Somerset Police Commissioner regarding the lack of response from the Police to reported crimes, no Police presence at the Parish Council meetings and no Police Beat Surgeries being held in the village.</p>	Clerk
5.0	<p>SCC Councillor Update</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she had not received a report from Cllr Wedderkopp. However, she was aware that SCC will be facing another large cut of approximately £30 million in its central government funding in 2016/2017.</p>	
6.0	<p>TDBC Councillor Update</p> <p>Cllr Townsend advised the Parish Council that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The SADMP Inquiry had been held for the proposed Staplegrove Development on the 1 and 2 December 2015. The Inquiry concentrated on how TDBC had arrived at its decision with regards to the proposed development, natural habitat and buildings of historic interest that will be affected by the development 	

<p>6.0 cont.</p>	<p>TDBC Councillor Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Full Council would be making its decision regarding the proposed development, at its meeting on 15 December 2015. A report written by the Planning Department suggested it should be approved, subject to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location of the proposed Primary School • The Distributor Road junction with Kingston Road <p>The report said construction traffic would not be able to access the proposed site via Corkscrew Lane and Manor Road and therefore, the Distribution Road would have to be constructed at the outset.</p> <p>In addition, the electricity power lines at the western end of the proposed Development needed to be placed underground.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ If the Full Council was to oppose the proposed development, then the developer would appeal this decision and it was more than likely that the developer would win the appeal which would mean that TDBC would lose control of the proposed development ❖ Proposed increases in TDBC car parking charges were to be agreed at the Full Council meeting ❖ The Council Tax Support Scheme was presently being reviewed 	
<p>7.0</p>	<p>TDBC Papers</p> <p>Cllr Taylor advised that the Outline Planning Application for Firepool Redevelopment had been submitted to TDBC.</p>	
<p>8.0</p>	<p>Sawyers Leigh - Condition of Highway</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Cllr Farnham wished to advise the Parish Council that weeds were coming up through the brick paving in the highway especially near the grassed area. The Clerk advised that TDBC no longer treated weeds along the public highway due to the expense of doing so and it no longer had sufficient funds, to provide this service due to the financial cutbacks from central government.</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed that it would not pay for weeds to be treated in Sawyers Leigh due to the cost of doing so. Item closed.</p>	
<p>9.0</p>	<p>SCC Speed Results: Review</p> <p>The figures collated over the last five years by the Clerk were reviewed. Cllr Stokes advised the Parish Council that 85% of the vehicles being driven through Kingston St Mary were exceeding the speed limit, with 65% of these vehicles being driven in excess of 50mph.</p> <p>Cllr Stokes advised the Parish Council that he had written an article for January 2016 LinkUp and that the most effective way of controlling speeding would be a Speedwatch Group being re-established.</p>	
<p>10.0</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 9 November 2015</p> <p>Resolved: The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
<p>11.0</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
<p>11.1</p>	<p>Queen Elizabeth II - 90th Birthday Celebrations on the 11 June 2016</p> <p>Cllr Anderson advised that he had held a meeting on the 1 December 2015 with those who were organising the event with himself. Various ideas were discussed at the meeting including a fete including a raffle, ice cream stall, Barn Dance with a band, hog roast and bar, and the marquee for the dance had been donated for free. The next meeting would be held on the 4 January 2016 and an article on the event would be in February 2016 edition of LinkUp.</p> <p>Cllr Anderson also requested that the event except for the bar, should be free of charge for the villagers.</p>	<p>Cllr Anderson</p>

11.1 cont.	<p>Resolution The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support the event with funding up to £1500.</p> <p>The Clerk also suggested that all invoices for the event should be sent to her, for payment to be made.</p>	
11.2	<p>Broadband in Kingston St Mary Parish: SCC Response The Clerk advised that she had sent a copy of the letter to the KSM Webmaster and to update the villagers of SCC's response via LinkUp. Item closed.</p>	
11.3	<p>Mill Cross Chamber - Damage to Railings and Chamber Walls The Clerk advised that SCC Highways had yet to remove the railings and the grid which could be opened would be installed and the chamber walls rebuilt. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
11.4	<p>Kingston St Mary Playing Field: Section 106 Money Cllr Anderson confirmed that the Playing Field Committee of the 19 November 2015 had been cancelled and that the meeting had been rescheduled for the 30 January 2016. Ongoing.</p>	Cllr Anderson
11.5	<p>Neighbourhood Plan/Community Led Plan Cllrs Marsh advised that along with Cllr Farnham, she had attended the Cotford St Luke Parish Council meeting held on the 10 December 2015, in order to glean information from TDBC CIL Policy Officer who was also attending the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Marsh advised the Parish Council that a Community Led Plan would be the best Plan for the parish. The Plan would help shape the social and economic wishes of the parish, it could be produced in less than 12 months and at a cost of between £2,500 and £10,000 but these costs could be significantly reduced by a Steering Group undertaking much of the work itself. With a Community Led Plan, CIL would be 15% and Section 106 money would still be forthcoming for children's play provision and outdoor recreation facilities. If at a later date, it was thought beneficial to have a neighbourhood Plan, then the Community Led Plan could be used as the basis for this.</p> <p>Cllrs Stokes and Marsh advised that they had three volunteers for the first Steering Group meeting which would be held in January 2016. Cllr Marsh agreed to update the Parish Council at its next meeting.</p>	Cllr Marsh
11.6	<p>Repainting Direction and Fingerpost Signs Cllr Stokes confirmed that he had contacted the tradesman, who was making arrangements to repaint some of the direction and finger post signs in the parish. Ongoing.</p>	
11.7	<p>Kingston Watercourses: Maintenance The Clerk advised that she had received an update from SCC Highways regarding the one riparian owner who could not undertake maintenance until the weather had improved in Spring 2015 and for another, there were difficulties due to the construction of the drainage system which SCC had offered to assist with. SCC Highways had advised that it had made no further progress with the riparian owners.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had written to Mrs Michelle Cusack (SCC Highways Director) and Cllr Wedderkopp regarding the watercourses maintenance but had not yet received a response. Ongoing.</p> <p>The Clerk showed the Parish Council the SCC watercourses map that she had been given in 2014. The watercourses throughout the parish were noted. The Parish Council requested that three copies of the map be made, so that the map could be marked up with additional information such as drain gullies and drain grates.</p>	Clerk

11.8	<p>Purchase of New Parish Notice Board on the Grass Verge near the Primary School</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the notice board was ready for installation and that Cllr Wilcox had made contact with the Primary School Head Teacher, to agree the Notice Board's position near the School's entrance. Date for Notice Board installation to be agreed with Ashley Gold. Ongoing.</p>	Cllr Wilcox
11.9	<p>Kestercombe Lane Top Surface Dressing</p> <p>The Clerk advised that SCC Highways was in dispute with its contractor regarding the quality of surface dressing that was laid in summer 2013. The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted SCC Highways to advise that the road surface was significantly degrading and potholes were appearing. Cllr Townsend advised that some of the potholes had been backfilled. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
11.10	<p>Parsonage Lane - Collapsed Culvert</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had received a response from SCC Bridges, who advised that it could not confirm when the collapsed culvert would be repaired. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
12.0	Planning	
12.1	Applications	
12.1.1	<p>20/15/0029 Demolition of a Two Storey Four Bedroomed House, Garage and Agricultural Barns, Erection of a Two Storey Five Bedroomed House, Garage, Workshop Store with Annex Flat and Play Room Above + Excavation of Land for a Lake and Laying Out of a Tennis Court at Lower Portman Farm, Fitzroy Road, Norton Fitzwarren</p> <p>Resolved: The Parish Council no objection to the Planning Application.</p>	Clerk
12.1.2	<p>20/15/0030 Demolition of Agricultural Barns and Erection of Two Agricultural Barns at Lower Portman Farm, Fitzroy Road, Norton Fitzwarren</p> <p>Resolved: The Parish Council no objection to the Planning Application.</p>	Clerk
12.1.3	<p>20/13/0031 Erection of Agricultural Workers Dwelling at Sweeters Pocket, Fitzroy lane, Kingston St Mary</p> <p>Resolved: The Parish Council objected to the Planning Application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ On the grounds that the farming enterprise is not of sufficient size to justify a building of this scale in open countryside ❖ The propose development is outside the Kingston St Mary development boundary ❖ As it had already objected to the previous Planning Applications 20/13/0018 and 20/13/0030 for the same reason 	Clerk
12.1.4	<p>20/15/0034 Conversion of Outbuilding to Form New Dwelling at Myrtle House, Church Lane, Kingston St Mary</p> <p>Resolved: The Parish Council no objection to the Planning Application.</p>	Clerk
12.2	<p>Granted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 20/15/0021 Erection of Detached Metal Garage to the Rear of 3 Greenway Terrace, Kingston St Mary ❖ 20/15/0022 Formation of Access and Parking Area at Milcot, Kingston St Mary (Amended Scheme to 20/14/0022) (Retention of Works Already Undertaken) ❖ 20/15/0023 Application to Fell One Maple Tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Kingston St Mary No. 2) Tree Preservation Order 1997 at Lodeshill, Lodes Lane, Kingston St Mary (TD720) ❖ 20/15/0024 Notification to Fell One Maple Tree within Kingston St Mary Conservation Area at Lodeshill, Lodes Lane, Kingston St Mary ❖ 20/15/0026 Notification to Fell Two Prunus Trees and One Malus within Kingston St Mary Conservation Area at Bobbetts, Kingston St Mary <p>The Parish Council noted the above.</p>	

13.0	Financial	
13.1	Payments ❖ HMRC Income Tax £150.14 (Parish Clerk's Salary October - December 2015) ❖ Community Council for Somerset £40.00 (Parish Council Membership 2015/2016) ❖ TDBC Parish Council Election Expenses £100.00 Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to make the above payments.	Clerk
13.2	Receipts None received.	
13.3	Precept 2016/2017: Approve Proposed Income against Budget The Chairman and Clerk signed the Precept Form which would be submitted to TDBC.	Clerk
14.0	Correspondence ❖ Somerset Waste Partnership: Collection days and Bank Holidays Christmas/New Year ❖ SCC: Diversion of Footpaths T15/49 and T15/50 ❖ TDBC: Street Naming and Numbering Charges ❖ TDBC: Community Asset Transfer Policy Consultation ❖ KSM Village Hall: Thank You for section 137 Grant The Parish Council noted the above.	
15.0	Matters for Next Meeting None received.	
16.0	Items for LinkUp None received.	
17.0	Date of Next Meeting Monday 11 January 2016 at 7.30PM. The meeting closed at 9.40PM.	

Signed:

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