

**KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

Item Nr	Item	Action By
1.0	<p><b>Attendance and Apologies</b></p> <p>In attendance:            Cllr R Stokes (Chairman)            Cllr I Barrie            Cllr C Miles            Cllr S Phillips            Cllr N Townsend            Cllr A Wilcox            Miss Caroline Roche (Parish Clerk)            Cllr D Wedderkopp (SCC Councillor)            Cllr B Nottrodt (TDBC Councillor)            Cllr E Waymouth (TDBC Councillor)            One member of the public attended the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies received from:            Cllr M Anderson            Cllr J Clarke            Cllr K Taylor            PCSO Windsor (Avon and Somerset Police)            PC Beake (Avon and Somerset Police)</p>	
2.0	<p><b>Declarations of Interest in Any Agenda Item</b></p> <p>None received.</p>	
3.0	<p><b>Police Update</b></p> <p>No report had been received.</p>	
4.0	<p><b>Items From Members Of The Public</b></p>	
4.1	<p><b>Flooding on Kingston Road</b></p> <p>Mr Barnes advised the Parish Council that he was meeting with SCC Highways, in the near future. Also there had been an accident in January 2014, when a car had spun off Kingston Road (south of Marsh House corner). The driver of the vehicle was unhurt but the car was damaged.</p>	
5.0	<p><b>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 13 January 2014</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b>            The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
6.0	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	
6.1	<p><b>Yarford Flooding</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised she had contacted SCC Highways with regards to ascertaining what remedial work had taken place when Yarford Road was recently closed. SCC Highways had confirmed that it had cleared out the culvert including the tree roots. Cllr Townsend advised that SCC Highways had recently been out to Yarford Road following the recent exceptionally heavy rainfall, as there had been more flooding on the highway. SCC Highways had advised Cllr Townsend that further engineering works would be taking place in the near future to remedy the flooding issue.</p> <p>Cllr Townsend asked that SCC Highways be reminded that the top surface dressing in Kestercombe Lane still required replacing, as it had in places been washed away due to the wet weather when it was laid last summer. SCC Highways had previously confirmed that remedial work would take place, as part of the 2014/2015 annual maintenance programme.</p> <p>The Parish Council requested the Clerk to write to SCC Highways, thanking Mr Quick and his staff for all their efforts to remedy highway issues during the last year.</p>	<p>C/F</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

6.2	<p><b>Kestercombe Lane - Road Signs/Nameplate</b> Cllr Townsend confirmed that the road signs had been erected. Item closed.</p>	
6.3	<p><b>Kingston Playing Field: Land Registration</b> The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted the solicitor to request an update with regards to the land registration. At the time of the meeting, she was waiting for a response. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
6.4	<p><b>Permitted Development Boundary</b> The Clerk confirmed she had contacted TDBC (Mr Bryn Kitchen and Mr Nick Bryant), to ascertain if any additional sites had been requested that would change the Kingston St Mary permitted development boundary. At the time of the meeting, she was waiting for a response. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
7.0	<p><b>SCC Update</b>  Cllr Wedderkopp advised that the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Situation on the Somerset Levels was the main focus of SCC</li> <li>❖ Health and Well Being grants were being distributed. The Village Hall had been successful with its application for funding to purchase keep fit equipment. Cllr Townsend thanked Cllr Wedderkopp for the grant. However, Cllr Wedderkopp advised that the applications for a bench on the Playing Field and a defibrillator to be located at the Benefice Office had been rejected.</li> </ul>	
8.0	<p><b>TDBC Update</b>  Cllr Nottrodt advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ TDBC would be contributing £50,000 for flood works, such as dredging on the Somerset Levels</li> <li>❖ Budget setting was taking place with more certainty now that Central Government grants had been confirmed</li> <li>❖ Nominations for TDBC Citizenship Awards were being sought</li> <li>❖ The Strategic Plan for Taunton Town Centre and Somerset Growth Strategy were being reviewed</li> <li>❖ The grant for Quantocks AONB was being reduced for 2014/2015. Whilst Quantocks AONB would honour its present commitments, the office will lose its ability to maintain the Quantocks unless more volunteers come forward</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Waymouth advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ She had met with TDBC Strategic Planning Officer and a home owner who would be significantly affected, if the present proposed housing layout of the Staplegrove Urban Extension could not be amended. The TDBC Strategic Planning Officer had offered to look into the possibility of a green wedge being created to provide a natural barrier for the home owner and the proposed housing. Also, the Whitmore Residents Group had met with TDBC Strategic Policy Officer and their local TDBC Councillors to discuss the Group's concerns with them</li> <li>❖ A meeting had taken place with the Forward Thinking Planning Officer for Highways who had confirmed that there was no plan to construct the Inner Relief Road</li> </ul>	
9.0	<p><b>TDBC Papers</b>  Cllr Phillips advised that there was nothing to report.</p>	
10.0	<p><b>Planning</b></p>	
10.1	<p><b>Applications</b> 20/13/0047 Erection of 4 No. Inverter and Transformer Cabinets, 2 No. Substation Buildings and 1 No. Operation and Maintenance and Communication Cabin for Purpose of Previously Approved Solar Park (Application 20/11/0026) at Lower Marsh Farm, Kingston St Mary</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The Parish Council had no comment to make with regards to the Planning Application.</p>	Clerk

10.2	<p>Granted 20/13/0046 Notification to Fell One Lawson Cypress Tree and To Carry Out Management Works to One Maple Tree and Two Beech Trees within Kingston St Mary Conservation Area at Windown, Winpenny Lane, Kingston St Mary</p> <p>20/14/0001/T Notification to Fell Two Larch Trees and a Group of Cypress Trees (Forming a Hedge) within Kingston St Mary Conservation Area at Badgershay, Kingston St Mary</p> <p>The Parish Council noted the above.</p>	
11.0	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p>	
11.1	<p><b>Payments</b> None.</p>	
11.2	<p><b>Section 137 Payments</b> <b>Resolved:</b> It was agreed to make a payment of £125.00 to Citizens Advice Bureau and £125.00 to St Margaret's Hospice, the cheques to be raised in April 2014.</p>	Clerk
12.0	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ TDBC - Confirmation of Kingston St Mary Precept 2014/2015 £5815</li> <li>❖ Somerset Waste Partnership - Wellington Centre upgrade from 17 - 21 February 2014 inclusive</li> </ul> <p>The Parish Council noted the above.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the Parish Council's External Auditor had resigned. Cllr Townsend offered to contact the Auditor who performed the annual audit of the Village Hall accounts.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that Mr Peter Crea of Nailsbourne had agreed to be the Parish Footpath Liaison Officer.</p>	Cllr Townsend
13.0	<p><b>Items for LinkUp</b></p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 10 March 2014 Planning Application 20/13/0047</p>	
14.0	<p><b>Matters for Next Meeting</b></p> <p>None were received.</p>	
15.0	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Monday 10 March 2014 at 7.30PM.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.50PM.</p>	

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_