

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2018

Item Nr	Item	Action By
1.0	<p>Attendance and Apologies</p> <p>In attendance: Cllr R Stokes (Chairman) Cllr M Anderson Cllr J Clarke Cllr S Farnham Cllr J Marsh Cllr K Taylor Cllr N Townsend (PC and TDBC Councillor) Miss C Roche (Parish Clerk)</p> <p>Mr Taylor of the Community Partnership attended the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies received from: Cllr N Bradshaw Cllr A Wilcox Cllr C Tucker (TDBC Councillor) Cllr R Williams (SCC Councillor) PCSO T Wearmouth (Avon and Somerset Police)</p>	
2.0	<p>Councillors Declarations of Interest in Any Agenda Item</p> <p>None.</p>	
3.0	<p>Items from Members of the Public</p> <p>None.</p>	
4.0	<p>Police Update</p> <p>The Clerk read out the report that she had received from the Police, prior to the meeting.</p>	
5.0	<p>SCC Councillor Update</p> <p>Cllr Stokes advised the Parish Council of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Funding of £7.2 million has been pledged by central government for the North Taunton Urban Development spine road ❖ If this road is built in advance of houses it should greatly ease pressure on Kingston Road, particularly during the construction phase ❖ It should also avoid the need for a drop-down road into Corkscrew Lane and enable developers to increase the number of affordable homes from 15% to 25% ❖ SCC Highways Infrastructure Plan appears to be little more than a “cut and paste” of road schemes already planned by developers ❖ Campaigners have argued that the eastern end of the spine road should be continued to link up with Nerrols Drive to form an outer relief road but SCC Highways claim this is not needed ❖ Both North Taunton Urban Development Section 106 Agreements were awaiting signature 	

6.0	<p>TDBC Councillor Update</p> <p>Cllr Townsend advised the Parish Council of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The first consultation of the A358 to Southfields Duelling Scheme was rejected by TDBC ❖ The second consultation to determine the preferred route of the A358 to Southfields Duelling Scheme is now open for comments, until the 27 February 2018. However, TDBC would prefer the scheme to be linked to the M5 J25 Employment Site instead of the proposed new free flow links for traffic between M5 south (to/from Exeter direction) and A358 to avoid J25, and all other traffic being routed through J25 ❖ The Comeytrove/Trull Development Planning Application had been resubmitted to Taunton Deane Planning Department 	
7.0	<p>Parking in Leaches Field and Access to/Egress from Playing Field</p> <p>At the January 2018 meeting, the Chairman confirmed that the Lease expires in 2030. Also, vehicular access/egress was for contractors maintaining the field. Because of recent wet weather, mud was being left on the public highway and footpaths by vehicles accessing/egressing the field.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that according to the Lease, TDBC was responsible for maintaining the access/egress to the field. However, the Lease states that TDBC could seek reimbursement for any repairs from the Parish Council.</p> <p>It was agreed to review mud on the public highway and maintaining the access/egress to the Playing Field, in April 2018. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
8.0	<p>Village Hall Notice Board Repair</p>	
8.1	<p>Dismantling Notice Board</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had received an invoice for £320.00 from Notice-It Ltd, for dismantling the notice board for safety reasons</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>It was agreed to pay the invoice of £320.00.</p>	Clerk
8.2	<p>Reconstructing Notice Board</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had received an invoice for £1637.00 for re-installing the notice board. The Parish Council decided to consider other options. To be discussed at the March 2018 Parish Council meeting.</p>	Clerk
9.0	<p>Village Sign</p> <p>The Chairman advised the Parish Council that the sign was being re-instated. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
10.0	<p>Fulford Telephone Box Stability</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the telephone box appeared to be leaning further backwards into the hedge. Upon making inquiries with those who look after the telephone box and library within it, it seems that the telephone box appears not to have moved in recent months. They would continue to monitor the situation. Item closed.</p>	
11.0	<p>Highway</p>	
11.1	<p>Speed Limits</p> <p>Mr Taylor advised the Parish Council that a meeting had been held on the 11 January 2018 between SCC Highways and Community Partnership, to review speed limits within the village and the national speed limit along Kingston Road which was thought to be inappropriate for the road conditions.</p>	

11.1 cont.	<p>SCC Highways had agreed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Undertake a drive through the village to better understand various highway issues ❖ Arrange for the deployment of mobile speed survey equipment. The speed survey should provide evidence for a SIS bid in October 2018 ❖ Scrub out the centre line at certain places in the village and install edge of carriageway lines to draw driver's attention to the narrowness of the carriageway, thereby causing traffic to slow down ❖ Consider design options such as pinch points/street lighting within the village <p>Also, Speedwatch was being reformed and it would support the case for reducing speed limits. The Police had offered to supply a new speed gun, free of charge. However, more volunteers were required and a Community Partnership information update meeting was being held on the 23 February 2018.</p>	
11.2	<p>Speed Indicator Device (SID) As previously reported, SCC was withdrawing its SIDs from villages. It had offered to sell a SID to any parish. The total cost would be around £4,000 which included training volunteers to set up the equipment in agreed locations. Bishops Lydeard Parish Council had asked if any parish would consider sharing a SID to cut the cost. The Clerk was asked to make further inquiries with the Bishops Lydeard Parish Clerk regarding sharing a SID.</p>	Clerk
11.3	<p>Highway Flooding The Clerk advised that SCC Highways would from April 2018 onwards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Clear the ditch on the south side of the road between Fulford Bungalow and Fulford House, of fallen trees from private land that the adjacent landowner had failed to remove from the ditch ❖ The blocked pipe on the corner of Park Lane and Pickney Lane would be jetted to clear it of the hedge trimmings from hedge flailing operations 	
12.0	<p>Community Plan Cllr Farnham advised that a meeting was planned for March 2018, to provide an update on progress to date and future plans.</p>	
13.0	<p>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 8 January 2018 Resolved: The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
14.0	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
14.1	<p>North Taunton Urban Development Refer to Section 5.0 of these Minutes.</p>	
14.2	<p>Playing Field Vandalised Signs and Installation of CCTV At the October 2017 meeting, the Parish Council as the Playing Field Custodian Trustee was asked to consider installing CCTV. The Parish Council agreed that Kingston St Mary village was not a suitable place for CCTV.</p> <p>However, it had been Agreed in Principle to pay for three signs including posts and concrete to be erected at the Playing Field. The Clerk confirmed she had contacted the Playing Field Committee Chairman accordingly. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
14.3	<p>Hedgerow and Highway Maintenance The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted SCC Highways and Cllr Williams regarding the hedgerow along Greenway which requires significant cutback, as 1 metre of highway had been lost over the years. Ongoing.</p>	C/F

14.4	<p>Bay Hill - Footpath At the November 2017 meeting, the Clerk confirmed that the Bay Hill footpath had been cleared of the debris (earth, twigs and leaves) that had fallen onto it, from the Sawyers Leigh embankment. However, a permanent solution was required from TDBC to alleviate this ongoing issue. Ongoing.</p> <p>Also, the Clerk confirmed she had contacted the DLO regarding clearing the fallen leaves on the footpath from Leaches Field to the Primary School. This footpath had become treacherous underfoot due to the recent severe winter weather. Cllr Farnham advised that two villagers had swept the footpath, recently. Item closed.</p>	C/F
14.5	<p>Employ a Lengths Man At the October 2017 meeting, Cllr Bradshaw requested that the Parish Council consider employing a lengths man to maintain identified areas of the parish's natural environment.</p> <p>At the November 2017 meeting, the Clerk confirmed she had heard from Bishops Hull Parish Council who advised that it had never employed a Lengths Man. Instead it contracted out any natural environment work, as required. Cllr Bradshaw suggested that the Clerk and herself make further inquiries with their contacts within SCC Highways regarding funding a Lengths Man. However, no further progress had been made by the February 2018 meeting and it was therefore agreed to close this item.</p>	
14.6	<p>Playing Feld ROSPA Report At the January 2018 meeting, the Clerk advised that the annual Playing Field ROSPA Report indicated that some repairs were required. Cllr Wilcox had reviewed the report and concurred with its findings.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had contacted Parsons Landscape Ltd to arrange for one item to be isolated and for a quote to repair all items listed in the report. Neither item had been dealt with as Parsons Landscape Ltd was uncertain as to whom it was dealing with - the Parish Council or the Playing Field Committee.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the Playing Field Committee Chairman had received a quote for £1875.00 from Brendon Andrews Property Services. However, the Clerk could not match this quote to the items requiring repair that had been identified in the ROSPA report.</p> <p>Also, the Clerk advised that she had contacted TDBC with regards to the Parish Play Areas Grant Scheme. TDBC had confirmed that grant applications could still be made.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Parsons Landscape Ltd to obtain an itemised quote ❖ The Playing Field Committee Chairman to obtain an itemised quote from Brendon Andrews Property Services ❖ TDBC regarding the Parish Play Areas Grant Scheme 	Clerk
15.0	<p>Planning</p>	
15.1	<p>Applications</p>	
15.1.1	<p>20/18/0003 Felling of An Ash Tree Within the Conservation Area at Greenbanks, Lodes Lane, Kingston St Mary Resolved: The Parish Council had no objection to this Application.</p>	Clerk
15.1.2	<p>20/17/0034 Conversion of Garage to Habitable Accommodation with First Floor Extension Above, Erection of Single Storey Extension to Rear and Erection of Garage to Side of 16 Sawyers Leigh, Kingston St Mary (Amended) Resolved: The Parish Council had no objection to this Application.</p>	Clerk

15.2	<p>Granted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 20/17/0037 Application to Carry Out Management Works to One Oak Tree included in Taunton Dane Borough (Kingston St Mary No. 1) Tree Preservation Order 1997 at The Old Parsonage, Kingston St Mary (TD719) <p>The Parish Council noted the above.</p>	
16.0	<p>Financial Matters</p>	
16.1	<p>Payments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Parochial Church Council £500.00 (Annual Grant for Cemetery Maintenance) ❖ HMRC Parish Clerk's Income Tax £153.29 (January to March 2018) <p>Resolved: It was agreed to make the above payments.</p>	Clerk
16.2	<p>Receipts None received.</p>	
17.0	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Clerk advised that following had been received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ SALC: February 2018 newsletter ❖ TDBC: New payment arrangements for paying bills ❖ SCC: Somerset library service consultation ❖ Comeytrove/Trull Parish Council: Scrutiny Committee meeting <p>The Parish Council noted the above.</p>	
18.0	<p>Matters for Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Annual Parish Meeting ❖ Village Hall notice board quote ❖ Highway speed limits 	Clerk
19.0	<p>Annual Parish Meeting: Invitees</p> <p>The Parish Council agreed to invite:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Playing Field Committee Chairman ❖ Village Hall Committee Chairman 	Clerk
20.0	<p>Items for LinkUp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Planning Applications ❖ North Taunton Urban Development ❖ Horses on Playing Field ❖ Date of next Parish Council meeting 	Cllr Stokes
21.0	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 12 March 2018 at 7.30PM.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.10PM.</p>	

Signed:

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