

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2018

Item Nr	Item	Action By
1.0	<p>Attendance and Apologies</p> <p>In attendance: Cllr R Stokes (Chairman) Cllr J Clarke Cllr K Taylor Cllr A Wilcox Miss C Roche (Parish Clerk) Cllr R Williams (SCC Councillor) No Members of the Public attended the meeting</p> <p>Apologies received from: Cllr M Anderson Cllr N Bradshaw Cllr S Farnham Cllr J Marsh Cllr N Townsend (PC and TDBC Councillor) Cllr C Tucker (TDBC 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 Williams advised the Parish Council of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A meeting had been arranged for the 11 January 2018, to discuss reducing speed limits within the village and agree a way forward. SCC Highways, Community Plan Steering Group and himself had been invited to attend ❖ SCC is mandated to provide school places for all school age children living in the county. SCC has agreed to provide 23 new schools throughout Somerset with an investment of £23 million, over the next three years ❖ 75% of expenditure is for adult social care. This expenditure equates to 43% of SCC's entire budget being spent, on 2% of the population ❖ SCC is presently reviewing its borrowing principal. Mendip District Council has borrowed £100 million at 1% interest rate and anticipates a 6% return ❖ North Taunton Urban Development - Mr Sajid Javid MP is now Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. Housing is now included in Mr Javid's ministerial portfolio. It is not known when the funding bid for the Spine Road or Garden Town Status will be confirmed by central government 	
6.0	<p>TDBC Councillor Update</p> <p>The Clerk read out the report she had received from Cllr Townsend, prior to the meeting.</p>	

7.0	<p>Parking in Leaches Field and Access to/Egress from Playing Field</p> <p>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. These vehicles could not park in Leaches Field due to lack of parking space. Mud on the public highway and footpaths had raised safety concerns and prevented some residents from leaving their Leaches Field properties.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk confirmed that she had written to the Playing Field Committee Chairman, to ask if hirers would not park their vehicles on the field during wet weather.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to ascertain who was responsible for maintaining the access/egress to the field.</p>	Clerk
8.0	<p>Community Plan</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had not received a report prior to the meeting.</p>	
9.0	<p>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 11 December 2017 Resolved: The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
10.0	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
10.1	<p>North Taunton Urban Development Cllr Stokes advised that he had no further update, to report.</p>	C/F
10.2	<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 Chairman of the Playing Field Committee accordingly. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
10.3	<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
10.4	<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. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
10.5	<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. Ongoing.</p>	Cllr Bradshaw

10.6	<p>Kingston St Mary Village Sign Repair The Chairman advised that the wooden posts seemed to be rotten and that the sign had been stored in a safe place. The Clerk advised at the December 2017 meeting that SCC Highways had quoted £197.48 to repair sign and an indemnity agreement would need to be signed before SCC Highways would proceed with the repair. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
10.7	<p>Playing Field ROSPA Report 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. The Clerk was asked to contact Parsons Landscape Ltd to arrange for one item to be isolated and for a quote to repair all items listed in the report.</p>	Clerk
11.0	<p>Planning</p>	
11.1	<p>Applications</p> <p>20/17/0038 Reinstatement of Field Access with Associated Groundworks on Land Opposite Bradford Mill, Kingston St Mary (Retention of Works Already Undertaken) Resolved: The Parish Council had no objection to this Application.</p>	Clerk
11.2	<p>Granted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 20/17/0019 Erection of Single Storey Extension with Mezzanine Level to Front of Orchard Hill, Kingston Road, Kingston St Mary ❖ 20/17/0027 Replacement of Dwelling and Outbuildings with Dwelling and Carport at Greenbanks, Lodes Lane, Kingston St Mary ❖ 20/17/0029 Application to Carry Out Management Works to One Oak Tree Included in Taunton Deane Borough (Kingston St Mary No. 2) Tree Preservation Order 2007 at The Barn, Kingston St Mary ❖ 20/17/0031 Erection of First Floor Extension to Rear of Copper Hill, Lodes Lane, Kingston St Mary ❖ 20/17/0032 Erection of Oak Frame Single Garage at Copper Hill, Lodes Lane, Kingston St Mary ❖ 20/17/0033 Notification to Fell One Hornbeam Tree within Kingston St Mary Conservation Area at St Mary's Church, Church Lane <p>The Parish Council noted the above.</p>	
12.0	<p>Financial Matters</p>	
12.1	<p>Payments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Blake Training Ltd £156.00 (Footpath Liaison Officer Brush Cutter Training £130.00 + VAT) ❖ Mrs Alger-Green £97.55 (Litter Pick Equipment) <p>Resolved: It was agreed to make the above payments.</p>	Clerk
12.2	<p>Receipts None received.</p>	
12.3	<p>Village Hall Notice Board Repair The Clerk advised that she had contacted Notice-It Ltd regarding repairing the notice board. For safety reason, the notice board would be dismantled and thereafter, a quote would be received. Ongoing.</p>	Clerk
13.0	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Clerk advised that following had been received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ SCC Rights of Way: Temporary closure of Langford Lane <p>The Parish Council noted the above.</p>	

14.0	<p>Matters for Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Parochial Church Council - annual grant £500.00 ❖ Annual Parish Meeting - invitees ❖ Village Hall notice board quote ❖ Fulford Arms telephone box - stability (leaning into hedgerow) ❖ Highway speed limits 	Clerk
15.0	<p>Items for LinkUp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Planning Applications ❖ Village Hall notice board ❖ Village sign ❖ Date of next Parish Council meeting 	Cllr Stokes
16.0	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 12 January 2018 at 7.30PM.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.40PM.</p>	

Signed:

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