

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 21ST JULY 2014

Item Nr	Item	Action By
1.0	<p>Attendance and Apologies</p> <p>In attendance: Cllr R Stokes (Chairman) Cllr M Anderson Cllr I Barrie Cllr J Clarke Cllr S Phillips Cllr K Taylor Cllr N Townsend Cllr A Wilcox Miss C Roche (Parish Clerk) Cllr B Nottrodt (TDBC Councillor) Cllr E Waymouth (TDBC Councillor) Two Members of the Public attended the meeting</p> <p>Apologies received from: Cllr C Miles Cllr D Wedderkopp (SCC Councillor)</p>	
2.0	<p>Declarations of Interest in Any Agenda Item</p> <p>None</p>	
3.0	<p>Items from Members of the Public</p>	
3.1	<p>Kingston Road - Highway Flooding Mr Barnes advised the Parish Council that he disagreed with the last sentence in the June 2014 minutes. He was advised by the Chairman that the Parish Council's first priority was the prevention of the flooding of homes. The Chairman thanked Mr Barnes for his comments. Item closed.</p>	
4.0	<p>Police The Clerk advised that no update had been received from the Police. However, Cllr Nottrodt advised that overall the crime figures were down but the Chairman indicated that he was aware of two burglaries in Staplegrove which had not been recorded in the figures.</p> <p>As there had been no Police attendance at recent Parish Council meetings or reports received for some time, the Clerk was requested to write to Acting Inspector Limm accordingly.</p>	Clerk
5.0	<p>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings dated 9 June 2014</p> <p>Resolved: The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
6.0	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
6.1	<p>SID Installation The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted SCC Highways to advise that the Parish Council wished for the present arrangement with the SID installation to continue. Item closed.</p>	
6.2	<p>Quantocks Hills AONB Partnership The Clerk confirmed that she had written to SCC regarding the significant reduction in funding for the AONB. Item closed.</p>	
6.3	<p>Pynes Corner - Overgrown Visibility Splay The Clerk confirmed she had contacted SCC Highways - Sedgemoor Area Office and the overgrown vegetation had been cut back. Item closed.</p>	

6.4	<p>Hedgerow Cuttings Cllr Stokes advised that he had included an article in the next edition of LinkUp requesting that hedgerow cuttings be cleared away in order not to block drainage systems after periods of heavy rainfall. Item closed.</p>	
6.5	<p>Staplegrave Master Plan The Clerk advised that a meeting had been arranged for the 22 July 2014 with Mr Tim Burton (TDBC Director of Planning), representatives of the Whitmore Area Residents' Group (WARG), Staplegrave Parish Council, Cheddon Fitzpaine Parish Council, SCC and TDBC Councillors to discuss the proposed development. The Chairman advised he would be chairing the meeting. He would argue for an outer distributor road to be constructed, in its entirety, before any development takes place. Failure to do this would result in years of traffic chaos across the north of Taunton. Any development should start at the western end of the site, close to an existing main road network. He would also point out the lack of primary and senior school places in local schools, no plan to upgrade the sewer system and the contradictory information provided by G L Hearn Ltd.</p>	C/F
6.6	<p>Yarford Flooding The Clerk advised that SCC Highways had written to her, to explain that the trash screen that had been ordered did not fit correctly and a new one was being manufactured. It would be installed in the future. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
6.7	<p>Kestercombe Lane Top Surface Dressing The Clerk advised that SCC Highways had arranged for a survey of the road surface to be undertaken and would be arranging for any remedial work, as part of the 2014/2015 annual maintenance programme. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
6.8	<p>Footpath behind Leachs Field The Clerk confirmed that TDBC Legal Department had written to her, to advise that it owned the footpath, grass verge and hedgerow behind Leach's Field. She also confirmed the Mr Chedzoy had, as requested, cut back the overgrown hedgerow in order to make the footpath passable and would be submitting his invoice in September 2014. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
7.0	<p>SCC Update Cllr Nottrodt advised that there would be a £30 million reduction in SCC's 2015/2016 budget.</p>	
8.0	<p>TDBC Update Cllr Waymouth advised that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ There was an underspend of approximately £800,000 which it was proposed to spend on grass cutting, weed killing and new litter bins in Taunton town centre, extra grass cuts in some of the villages and extra Superfast Broadband coverage. ❖ There was a proposal to close the Deane House and move into either Block A or C at County Hall on a lease or purchase arrangement. The Deane House would then be redeveloped. TDBC would vote on the proposal the following evening. </p>	
9.0	<p>TDBC Papers Cllr Clarke advised that he had nothing to report.</p>	
10.0	<p>The Spinney (Woodland Trust) Cllr Barrie apologised but he could not recall why he asked for this item to be included on the Agenda. Item closed.</p>	
11.0	<p>Kingston St Mary Playing Field The Clerk advised that invoices received from Wolverstans (Parish Council's solicitor) and Porter Dodson LLP (Playing Field Trustees solicitor) had now been received. Wolverstans had advised that the Transfer Deed had been submitted to Land Registry. Ongoing.</p>	C/F

12.0	<p>Kingston Watercourses</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that SCC Highways were going to clear the drains and repair the gullies along Lodes Lane. Ongoing.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had investigated the Environment Ombudsman complaint process. If a villager wished to bring a complaint against SCC Highways, the person must in the first instance follow the SCC complaints process and if still not satisfied, then lodge a complaint with the Local Government Ombudsman. Item closed.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that SCC Highways had now received the outcome of the Land Search which identified 50 landowners. SCC Highways would be contacting these accordingly. It was also proposing to jet the culverts under the public highway in due course. Ongoing.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that SCC Highways would be willing to meet with it in due course, to discuss the drainage system with the Parish Council. Ongoing.</p>	C/F C/F C/F
13.0	<p>Kingston St Mary Primary School: Car Park Access/Egress Arrangements</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the meeting with the Head Teacher and three Governors had taken place. At the meeting the School raised several issues, many of which had been resolved. However, a gate would be required for security to the School premises and the Parish Council would be required to insure the car park. The Councillors restated that when Sawyers Field was built, the car park was provided for community/school use with SCC Education being the Managing Trustees and the School caretaker opening/closing the entrance gate to the car park.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to acknowledge the letter she had received from the Head Teacher following the meeting and to inquire what the terms of the Sawyers Leigh Section 106 Agreement were.</p>	Clerk
14.0	<p>Planning</p>	
14.1	<p>Applications Already Commented Upon by Parish Council</p>	
14.1.1	<p>20/14/0026 Change of Use of a Building from Milking Parlour to Stables, Change of Use of Land to Equestrian for Running of a Riding Stables Business and Widening of Driveway at Pickney Farm, Kingston St Mary</p> <p>Resolved: The Parish Council had no comment to make with regards to this Planning Application.</p>	
14.1.2	<p>20/14/0028 Erection of First Floor Extensions and Dormer to Yarford Lodge, Kingston St Mary (Amended Scheme to 20/14/0021)</p> <p>Resolved: The Parish Council had no comment to make with regards to this Planning Application.</p>	
14.2	<p>Applications</p> <p>20/14/0029 Erection of Two Storey Extension to the Side, Replace Detached Garage with Attached Car Port, Replace Conservatory to the Front with Glazed Porch and Replace All Windows to Badgers Hay, Kingston St Mary</p> <p>Resolved: The Parish Council had no objection to the Planning Application.</p>	Clerk
14.3	<p>Granted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 20/14/0013 External and Internal Works to Convert Two Dwellings to One Dwelling at Quantock Cottage and Hollydene, Kingston Road, Kingston St Mary ❖ 20/14/0015 and 20/14/0016 Demolition of Garage Building, Erection of Detached Dwelling with Integral Garage and Erection of Detached Double Garage to Serve Existing Dwelling in the Garden of Rossiters at Kingston Garage, Kingston St Mary ❖ 20/14/0020 Two Storey and Single Storey Extensions to Dwelling and Erection of Ancillary Building at Ridgeway, Parsonage Lane, Kingston St Mary ❖ 20/14/0021 Erection of First Floor Extensions and Dormer at First Floor Extensions and Dormer at Yarford Lodge, Kingston St Mary <p>The Parish Council noted the above.</p>	

15.0	Financial Matters	
15.1	Payments ❖ HMRC £147.03 (Parish Clerk's Income Tax April - June 2014) ❖ Parish Clerk's Expenses £79.52 (April - July 2014) ❖ Porter Dodson LLP £603.00 (Legal Fees KSM Playing Field Trustees £503.00 + VAT) ❖ Payroll Specialists £54.00 (PAYE Real Time April - June 2014 £45.00 + VAT) Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to pay the above.	Clerk
15.2	Resolution to Pay Wolferstans Invoice upon Receipt £1140.00 (Legal Fees KSM Playing Field Parish Council £950.00 + VAT) Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to pay the above.	Clerk
15.3	Grant Thornton External Audit 2013/2014 Report + Resolution to Pay Invoice Upon Receipt £120.00 (£100.00 + VAT) The Clerk advised the Parish Council that the Accounts had been signed off. Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to pay the above.	Clerk
15.4	Dodhill Finger Point Sign: Quote Received for SCC to Paint Sign £230.00 The Parish Council decided not to have the sign painted due to the cost. The Clerk was asked to advise SCC Highways accordingly.	Clerk
16.0	Correspondence ❖ SCC: Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders Notifications by E-mail ❖ TDBC: Planning Training Sessions ❖ SALC: Local Audit and Accountability Act The Parish Council noted the above. The Clerk was asked to contact SCC Highways to ascertain if it would be possible to receive advance notice of when and where the road sweeper and gully truck would be operating in Kingston St Mary, so that parked cars could be moved to allow roads and drains to be properly cleaned. The Clerk was asked to contact SCC Highways with regards to the ongoing roadwork in Nailsbourne and what was holding up completion of the work.	Clerk Clerk
17.0	Items for LinkUp None noted.	
18.0	Matters for Next Meeting None received.	
19.0	Date of Next Meeting Monday 8 September 2014 at 7.30PM. The meeting closed at 9.30PM.	

Signed: Date: