

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 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 S Farnham Cllr J Marsh Cllr K Taylor Cllr N Townsend (PC and TDBC Councillor) Cllr A Wilcox Miss C Roche (Parish Clerk)</p> <p>No Member of the Public attended the meeting</p> <p>Apologies received from: Cllr D Wedderkopp (SCC 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>Queen Elizabeth II - 90th Birthday Celebrations in 2016</p> <p>Cllr Anderson advised that he had received positive responses from local groups and would be holding a meeting with those interested, at his house on the 30 November 2015 at 7.30PM to discuss ideas for a village event to mark the Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday. Cllr Anderson requested that the Parish Council Agenda be amended to indicate that the celebrations were being held on the 11 and 12 June 2016 and that the village may be holding its celebration on either of these dates. Cllr Anderson advised that he would report back at the next meeting.</p>	Cllr Anderson
5.0	<p>Broadband in Kingston St Mary Parish: SCC Response</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had received a response from SCC Cllr David Hall (Cabinet Member Business Inward Investment and Policy) regarding the lack of Superfast Broadband coverage within Kingston St Mary village centre. The letter was reviewed and it was noted that Connecting Devon and Somerset's target was 95% superfast broadband coverage, by the end of 2017. It was suggested that villagers may wish to consider grouping together to pay for Superfast Broadband, to be installed in their properties.</p> <p>It was agreed to send a copy of the letter to the KSM Webmaster and to update the villagers of SCC's response via LinkUp.</p>	Cllr Stokes/ Clerk
6.0	<p>Police Update</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she had not received a report from the Police.</p>	
7.0	<p>SCC Councillor Update</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she had not received a report from Cllr Wedderkopp.</p>	

8.0	<p>TDBC Councillor Update</p> <p>Cllr Townsend advised the Parish Council that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The continuation of the Annual Council Tax Support Scheme would be decided at the December 2015 Full Council meeting ❖ The Comeytrove/Trull Development Planning Decision had been deferred due to the lack of interaction between the Consortium, local groups and TDBC ❖ North Taunton Development - ROSAG/WARG had attended the TDBC Community Scrutiny Committee meeting ❖ SADMP Inspector Hearing was being heard on the 5 December 2015. Cllr Stokes advised he was able to attend some of the hearing ❖ The DLO site had been sold and a new location for the DLO would be discussed at the Full Council meeting on the 1 November 2015 	
9.0	<p>TDBC Papers</p> <p>Cllr Wilcox advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Police were now using risk based predictive crime modelling to ascertain where resources should be deployed ❖ Staplegrove Development Public Inquiry was being held ❖ Home Energy Team: provision of free wall cavity and roof insulation ❖ Somerset Choices: online help for those requiring assistance from local authorities and charities 	
10.0	<p>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 12 October 2015</p> <p>Resolved: The Minutes were then approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
11.0	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
11.1	<p>Mill Cross Chamber - Damage to Railings and Chamber Walls</p> <p>Cllr Stokes advised that although SCC Highways could not ascertain who owned Mill Cross Chamber, it was willing to undertake the repair and had sought the Parish Council's support for this to take place. Cllr Stokes confirmed that support had been given without consulting the Parish Council, in order to speed up the repair taking place. The Parish Council confirmed it supported Cllr Stokes' decision.</p> <p>Cllr Wilcox advised that SCC Highways had subsequently spoken to him and had confirmed that the railings would be removed, a grid which could be opened would be installed and the chamber walls rebuilt. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
11.2	<p>Kingston St Mary Playing Field: Section 106 Money</p> <p>The Clerk advised that TDBC had confirmed that Section 106 money must be spent on children's play equipment and sports equipment.</p> <p>Cllr Anderson confirmed that the Playing Field Committee meets quarterly and he would be attending its next meeting on the 19 November 2015. Ongoing.</p>	Cllr Anderson
11.3	<p>Neighbourhood Plan/Community Led Plan</p> <p>Cllrs Bradshaw, Farnham and Marsh advised that they had written the article regarding the Plans, for the next edition of LinkUp and that two pages had been reserved for them.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she was in contact with TDBC's Planning and Environment Policy Officer who was being invited to attend a neighbouring Parish Council meeting, in December 2014. If the invitation was accepted, then Cllrs Bradshaw, Farnham and Marsh would be able to attend the neighbouring Parish Council meeting, as Members of the Public.</p> <p>The Clerk also advised that Community Council for Somerset could provide advice on Neighbourhood Planning/Community Led Plan and other issues that affect a Parish Council. The cost of membership was £40.00 per annum. It was agreed to become a member.</p>	Cllrs, Bradshaw, Farnham & Marsh Clerk Clerk

<p>11.4</p>	<p>Speedwatch The Clerk advised that there was new guidance in place with regards to the setting up of a Speedwatch scheme. A site risk assessment by the local Police Beat Team would need to be undertaken and submitted to the Speed Enforcement Unit, who would undertake the final agreed assessment. The new Speedwatch group would then be trained. Also, long sleeved high-visibility jackets would have to be worn during all Speedwatch sessions.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact the Police, to ascertain if Speedwatch information will be used if Kingston St Mary was to set up a group once more.</p> <p>The issue of speeding vehicles was discussed and Cllr Stokes explained that the speed of cars through the village was monitored twice per year by SCC. The Clerk advised that she maintained a table of the figures provided by SCC which could be reviewed, at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>11.5</p>	<p>Repainting Direction and Fingerpost Signs and Replacing Missing Posts on Village Green The Clerk advised that she had instructed the tradesman to repaint the direction and fingerpost signs, capped at £550.00. Cllr Stokes confirmed that he had tried to contact the tradesman, to inquire how the repainting was proceeding but had not been able to make contact. Cllr Stokes advised that he would keep trying to make contact. Ongoing.</p>	<p>Cllr Stokes</p>
<p>11.6</p>	<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. Ongoing.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that since the last Parish Council meeting, she had received a response from SCC Highways regarding the silt building up in the watercourse in the vicinity of The Old Bakery and the associated gravity flow. SCC Highways advised that there was a small amount of soil which forms a narrow grass verge at the base of the wall about 300mm wide which was protecting the base of the wall from water damage and if removed, the pointing at road level will be attacked from surface water and salt during the winter period. SCC Highways confirmed that this soil was not causing an issue and that normally it would not be removed.</p> <p>The Parish Councillors inquired if there was a watercourses map. The Clerk confirmed that she had a copy and was requested to bring it to the next meeting. Also the Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with SCC Highways, to ascertain the progress made with contacting the riparian owners and their maintenance of the watercourses since the flash flood in June 2014.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>11.7</p>	<p>Purchase of New Parish Notice Board on the Grass Verge near the Primary School The Clerk advised that she had instructed Ashley Gold to make and install the new noticeboard, at a cost of £1210.00. Ongoing.</p>	<p>C/F</p>
<p>11.8</p>	<p>Kestercombe Lane Top Surface Dressing 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>	<p>C/F</p>
<p>11.9</p>	<p>Parsonage Lane - Collapsed Culvert 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>	<p>C/F</p>
<p>11.10</p>	<p>Planning Enforcement - 2 Tainfield Cottage, Nailsbourne Refer to item 12.1 of these Minutes. Item closed.</p>	

11.11	<p>Electronic Distribution Trialling of Parish Councillors Meeting Information It was agreed to continue electronically distributing meeting information and those Councillors living near the Parish Noticeboards would display the Meeting Agenda. Item closed.</p>	
11.12	<p>Community Maintenance The Clerk advised that she had heard from the tradesman who was offering community maintenance services. The tradesman's hourly rate was £10.00 and he could a copy of his insurance. Ongoing.</p>	
12.0	<p>Planning</p>	
12.1	<p>Applications 20/15/0028 Erection of Porch on the South (Front) Elevation at 2 Tainfield Cottages, Nailsbourne Road, Nailsbourne, Kingston St Mary Resolved: The Parish Council objected to the Planning Application: As the proposed porch by virtue of its scale, position and design is considered to have an overbearing impact upon the character and appearance of the dwelling house. As a result of the additional massing, the proposed porch will result in a loss of balance between the pair of semi-detached dwelling houses to the detriment of visual amenity within the street scene. The previous Planning Application (20/12/0001) for the same property was rejected for the same reason as above.</p>	Clerk
12.2	<p>Granted None received.</p>	
13.0	<p>Financial</p>	
13.1	<p>Payments None required.</p>	
13.2	<p>Receipts None received.</p>	
13.3	<p>Health and Well Being Grant 2015/2016: Ideas The Clerk confirmed that no villager had contacted her with regards to ideas for the Health and Well Being Grant 2015/2016. The Parish Council agreed not to make a grant application this year. Item closed.</p>	
13.4	<p>Financial Review (1 April - 30 September 2015) Cllr Anderson advised that he had reviewed the Accounts (1 April - 30 September 2015) which were found to be in good order. Item closed.</p>	
13.5	<p>Review Budget Against Actual Spend (1 April - 30 September 2015) The budget versus spend was reviewed. The Clerk explained the figures to date and the Parish Council agreed that expenditure was well within budget at this stage in the financial year. Item closed.</p>	
13.6	<p>Precept 2016/2017: Review Proposed Income against Budget The Clerk explained that TDBC had advised that the annual Council Tax Support Scheme was under review and may be phased out within the next two years. The Clerk advised that she had not included the Council Tax Support Scheme figure in the 2016/2017 income and that if it was received, then this would be additional income for the parish. The Parish Council reviewed the proposed income against budget and agreed not to increase the Precept in 2016/2017. It was agreed to sign the Precept Demand Form, at the next Parish Council meeting.</p>	Clerk
14.0	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ SALC: Quantock Hills Joint Advisory Committee Parish Representatives ❖ SCC: Temporary Closure of Parsonage Lane ❖ KSM PCC: Thank You Note ❖ SCC: Subsidised Local Bus Services and Discretionary Concessionary Fares Policy Consultations <p>The Parish Council noted the above.</p>	

<p>15.0</p> <p>16.0</p> <p>17.0</p>	<p>Matters for Next Meeting</p> <p>Sawyers Leigh - state of road surface.</p> <p>Items for LinkUp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Superfast Broadband ❖ Planning Applications ❖ Bus Consultation ❖ Natural Vegetation - keeping drains free from fallen leaves ❖ Happy Christmas message ❖ Date of next Parish Council meeting <p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 14 December 2015 at 7.30PM.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.30PM.</p>	
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