

**KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016**

Item Nr	Item	Action By
1.0	<p><b>Attendance and Apologies</b></p> <p>In attendance:            Cllr R Stokes (Chairman)            Cllr N Bradshaw            Cllr J Clarke            Cllr N Townsend (PC and TDBC Councillor)            Cllr K Taylor            Miss C Roche (Parish Clerk)            One Member of the Public attended the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies received from:            Cllr M Anderson            Cllr S Farnham            Cllr J Marsh            Cllr A Wilcox            Cllr C Tucker (TDBC Councillor)            Cllr D Wedderkopp (SCC Councillor)            PCSO T Wearmouth (Avon and Somerset Police)</p>	
2.0	<p><b>Councillors Declarations of Interest in Any Agenda Item</b></p> <p>None received.</p>	
3.0	<p><b>Police Update</b></p> <p>The Clerk read out the report that she had received from the Police, prior to the meeting.</p>	
4.0	<p><b>SCC Councillor Update</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had not received a report from Cllr Wedderkopp, prior to the meeting.</p>	
5.0	<p><b>TDBC Councillor Update</b></p> <p>Cllr Townsend confirmed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ He had been invited by the promoter to attend a meeting regarding Staplegrove Urban Development but he would only attend this meeting if a TDBC Officer would also be present. Also, the promoter was anticipating that both Applications would be before the Planning Committee prior to Christmas 2016. However, there were many issues that still required resolving</li> <li>❖ Connecting Devon and Somerset Broadband Phase 2 tenders had been invited</li> </ul>	
6.0	<p><b>Community Plan Steering Group Update</b></p> <p>The Parish Council was advised of the following by Cllr Bradshaw:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The Steering Group would be presenting the results at the next public meeting that was being held on the 20 October 2016</li> <li>❖ Those attending the public meeting would be invited to join working groups</li> <li>❖ The Plan required writing but it was not certain who should be doing this</li> </ul>	C/F

7.0	<p><b>Playing Field Accounts 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 and Request to Hire Playing Field for Special Event</b></p> <p>The Chairman advised that the Accounts had been audited and signed off. However, the 2015/2016 available funds were low. Cllr Bradshaw advised that the Treasurer was looking into funding streams and that she had forwarded onto him, the TDBC Parish Play Grant Scheme 2017/2018 letter. The Chairman advised that approximately £3,000 remained from Hill Farm Section 106 money.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had filed the annual return with the Charity Commission. Item closed.</p> <p>The Chairman advised that a couple living in the village wished to hold their wedding reception in May 2017, on the Playing Field. A three-day hire was required (setting up the day before, the wedding reception itself and clearing up on the following day). The Playing Field Committee was proposing to charge the couple, £500 for the hire. Concern was expressed regarding the suitability of the Playing Field for such an event, car parking arrangements and noise from music provided by a local folk band affecting those living in Leachs Field.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> It was agreed to advise the couple that the Playing Field is not suitable for this type of event. Cllr Townsend to contact the Playing Field Chairman accordingly.</p>	Cllr Townsend
8.0	<p><b>Use of Parish Noticeboards</b></p> <p>The Chairman advised that Cllr Wilcox had raised the issue of commercial advertisements were being displayed, on the Parish Noticeboards. It was agreed that village events and community based activities could only be displayed on the noticeboards. Item closed.</p>	
9.0	<p><b>Telephone Box Opposite The Swan</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that a BT notice had been attached to the telephone box, advising that due to little use, the box would be removed. It was agreed that emergency 999 or 112 calls could be made via mobile telephone which would be connected to the nearest satellite. Item closed.</p>	
10.0	<p><b>Connecting Devon and Somerset</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had received an update from Connecting Devon and Somerset which advised that Phase 2 tenders were being sought to provide Superfast Broadband to tens of thousands of homes and businesses across Devon and Somerset in predominantly rural areas. A £500 voucher scheme was available to those houses not already connected. Item closed.</p>	
11.0	<p><b>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 12 September 2016</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
12.0	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	
12.1	<p><b>Mill Cross Chamber - Damage to Railings and Chamber Walls</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that SCC Highways were obtaining statutory undertaker information and were anticipating repairing the chamber, in Autumn 2016.</p>	C/F
12.2	<p><b>Repainting Direction and Fingerpost Signs</b></p> <p>The Chairman thanked Cllr Townsend for providing the fingerpost signs map.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she was contacting two painter/decorators regarding providing quotes for painting the finger post signs identified on the map. Ongoing.</p>	C/F

12.3	<p><b>Kingston Watercourses: Maintenance</b> The Clerk advised that she had received an update from SCC Highways who confirmed that the culvert coming down Lodes Lane had been cleared of silt and also from the outfall of the culvert, the stream had been de-silted for 10 metres. Also, SCC Flood Water Management Team were still in dialog with a riparian owner regarding the management of the watercourse on his land. It was acknowledged that this issue had been ongoing since June 2014. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
12.4	<p><b>Kestercombe Lane Top Surface Dressing</b> The Clerk advised SCC Highways had confirmed that Kestercombe Lane would not be resurfaced this year. Ongoing.</p> <p>Cllr Townsend requested that the Clerk contact SCC Highways, as there were still ongoing issues with the gully as the drain is blocked due to being silt deposited within it and therefore preventing surface water from flowing away.</p>	C/F  Clerk
12.5	<p><b>Stiles</b> The Clerk advised that SCC Rights of Way and the Parish Council had agreed to pay for two stiles each, to be replaced. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
12.6	<p><b>North Taunton Urban Development - Outline Planning Application 34/16/0014</b> The Chairman advised that the issues noted below were still to be resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The proposed development was out of scale with the surrounding area. It was four times the number of houses presently within KSM parish</li> <li>❖ Present road network in north Taunton was already inadequate and would not be able to cope with additional traffic from the proposed development. This had been discussed at length with SCC who had not yet provided information from the traffic modelling that it had undertaken</li> <li>❖ SCC argues that the Northern Outer Distributor Road was not required as it believed those living in the development would be cycling into the town centre</li> <li>❖ PM Asset Management was rethinking the need for a new roundabout on Kingston Road and was now considering a signalised junction instead</li> <li>❖ The controversial 'drop down' roads into Corkscrew Lane were required, to access the early stages of the development which would help fund the spine road. The impression given was that without the 'drop down' roads, it might not be possible to deliver the spine road at an early stage</li> <li>❖ Without the 'drop down' roads, it would be possible to build 400+ homes on the east side using the proposed Kingston Road roundabout</li> <li>❖ SCC Highways had written a detailed response to the promoters recommending that the Outline Planning Applications be refused as there were issues relating to the highway design</li> <li>❖ The promoter was expecting most people living on the proposed development, to cycle into Taunton and that those living in KSM would be using the development's shops</li> <li>❖ There were 17 access roads plus cycle and pedestrian paths along the spine road and it was proposed that some house frontages would be facing onto the spine road. This was considered unsafe and could disrupt the flow of traffic along the spine road</li> <li>❖ Cllr Bradshaw asked if the Community Plan results could be sent to SCC, TDBC, ROSAG, Mrs Pow (MP) and Sustrans regarding the desire to have a cycle path from KSM to Taunton, linking with the proposed development. The Chairman suggested that she write to those identified accordingly</li> <li>❖ TDBC's Landscape Officer and Biodiversity Officer had criticised the proposed development. Their comments are available on TDBC Planning Portal and ROSAG's website</li> <li>❖ It was not known when both Outline Planning Applications would be jointly before TDBC Planning Committee but Tim Burton had confirmed that many issues were still to be resolved and it was not expected the Applications would be considered before December 2016</li> <li>❖ For the Planning Committee Meeting to consider both Planning Applications at the same time, the meeting would not be held in Deane House due to the anticipated number of people who would be attending the meeting. A suitable venue was being sought</li> </ul>	C/F

12.7	<p><b>Nailsbourne Parish Notice Board</b> The Clerk confirmed that she had instructed Notice-It Ltd to replace this board, at a cost of £1270.00. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
13.0	<p><b>Planning</b></p>	
13.1	<p><b>Applications</b> None received.</p>	
13.2	<p><b>Granted</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 20/16/0011 Erection of no. 1 Dwelling (Replacement of Previous Dwelling) at The Willows, Lodes Lane, Kingston St Mary</li> <li>❖ 20/16/0026 Change of Use of Part of Agricultural Field to Domestic Garden with Construction of a Tennis Court and Associated Fencing at Barton House, Kingston St Mary</li> <li>❖ 20/16/0030 Erection of Single Storey Extension to Form Store at Highfield, Nailsbourne</li> </ul> <p>The Parish Council noted the above.</p>	
14.0	<p><b>Financial Matters</b></p>	
14.1	<p><b>Payments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Kingston St Mary Village Hall £20.00 (29 September 2016 Hire of Committee Room)</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The Parish Council agreed to make the above payments.</p>	Clerk
14.2	<p><b>Receipts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ TDBC Community Grant £1250.00.</li> </ul> <p>The Parish Council noted receipt of the above.</p>	
14.3	<p><b>External Audit Report 2015/2016</b> The Clerk advised that the Accounts 2015/2016 had been audited and signed off by Grant Thornton UK LLP. Item closed.</p>	
14.4	<p><b>Capping Consultation - Precept 2017/2018</b> The Clerk advised that she had received correspondence from SALC which explained that Central Government was considering capping Precept to an increase of less than 2% or £5.00 per house, per annum from 1 April 2017. A 2% increase on the 2016/2017 Precept (£5508) would equate to an increase of £109.61 or £5.00 per house would equate to an increase of £2169.80 based on Council Tax Base of 433.96 houses, in the parish.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to write to SALC, to explain that a less than 2% increase per annum would be financial ruin for smaller parishes, especially if these were expected in the future to take on services previously provided by county and district councils.</p> <p>The Chairman requested that all Councillors be present at the November 2016 meeting, to discuss the 2017/2018 Precept.</p>	Clerk  All Councillors
14.5	<p><b>Precept 2017/2018</b> The Clerk requested ideas for the Precept 2017/2018 be forwarded to her prior to the November 2016 meeting, so that these may be included in the Budget.</p>	All Councillors
15.0	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>The Clerk advised that the following correspondence had been received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ TDBC: Planning Training (Heritage Issues) being held on 29 November 2016</li> <li>❖ SCC: Report a Problem on the Highway Online Interactive Map</li> <li>❖ Department for Communities and Local Government: Neighbourhood Planning Bill</li> <li>❖ TDBC; Parish Play area Grant 2016/2017</li> </ul>	

16.0	<p><b>Matters for Next Meeting</b></p> <p>None</p>	
17.0	<p><b>Items for LinkUp</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Precept Increase</li> <li>❖ Date of next Parish Council meeting</li> </ul>	
18.0	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Monday 14 November 2016 at 7.30PM.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.00PM.</p>	

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