

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GRANGE, KINGSTON ST MARY, ON MONDAY 9 OCTOBER 2006 AT 7.30 PM

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors

J W Fitton (Chairman)	W R I Barrie
J M Aldrich	J L Clarke
D A Leach	S B Harris
K J Taylor	D S Bradley

The Clerk - Mrs T J Canavan; Emily Ruthven, Age Concern; David Greig, Parish Liaison Officer; and 13 members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr C Miles

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11 September 2006.

Resolved

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in any Agenda item – Nil

4 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC -The Chairman will allow questions from members of the public – nil.

5 PARTNERSHIPS FOR OLDER PEOPLE PROJECT –Presentation by Emily Ruthven of Age Concern – Ms Ruthven gave a short presentation on the Project and the creation of Somerset Active Living Centres. It is a two year project and is being driven by volunteers and a multi-disciplinary approach with Age Concern acting as a central contact.

Funds are available to set up groups and Norton Fitzwarren was given as an example of where an Active Living Centre has already been established.

Councillors thanked Ms Ruthven for a very informative presentation.

Cllr Bradley arrived at 7.45 pm.

6 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS

6.1 Footpath opposite the Swan to the Post Office

The Clerk updated the PC and advised that Somerset County Council (SCC) was still pursuing the listing of the phone box and no date had been set to start work on the footpath. The Clerk is to contact Dan Martin at SCC again to establish the current situation.

6.2 Pinch Point at Mill Cross

A number of emails expressing concern were read out and discussed.

The Clerk advised that a speed/volume traffic survey is going to be carried out by SCC after the 6 November, but that no definite date had been set.

Resolved

That the PC should push for the survey to be carried out in November and that the Clerk is to ring SCC to confirm the date.

6.3 Highway Problems

Adoption of Sawyers Leigh – The Clerk updated the PC on the current situation. A number of hedges had been removed by the Highways Authority and a decision will now be made as to whether or not the road will be adopted. The Clerk, at the request of residents, distributed before and after photographs.

Resolved

No action to be taken by PC

7 **OAK TREE** - Tarr Lane

The Clerk reported that further quotations from Tree Surgeons are being sought.

8 **NOTICE BOARDS IN THE PARISH** – Cllr Miles had asked for this to be placed on the Agenda.

Resolved

That as Cllr Miles was not in attendance; this item should be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

9 **HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**

The Clerk advised that she had been contacted by Justin Roxburgh, Falcon Rural Housing, following the last meeting, asking if the PC would like him to initiate a Housing Needs Survey

Resolved

That the Clerk contact Justin Roxburgh and ask for a Housing Needs Survey to be carried out.

10 **CONSULTATIONS**

10.1 TDBC – “Submission of Statement of Community Involvement” – Cllr Bradley and David Greig gave background information.

Resolved

That there would be no response to the above consultation paper.

11 CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1 TDBC-bulletin
- 11.2 TDBC – “What’s On”
- 11.3 TDBC – “Talking Tomorrow’s Taunton Deane” – Summary response
- 11.4 TDBC – Parish Council responses to planning applications
- 11.5 SCC – Somerset Workspace. New uses for old buildings in rural areas
- 11.6 SCC – Marketing for Stallholders – A free workshop
- 11.7 Community Council for Somerset – Village Post Offices under Renewed Threat
- 11.8 Barnardos – Promoting Risky Play Conference – 29 November 2006

Items of interest were noted and documents circulated as requested.

Matters arising from correspondence

- “What’s On” – details should be provided in Link-Up.
- “Talking Tomorrow’s Taunton Deane” – the Chairman to read and report back.
- Village Post Offices Under Renewed Threat – the Clerk to compile a letter expressing the PC’s concern and send to local MP.
- Promoting Risky Play Conference – Clerk to pass information on to Kingston St Mary Playing Field Committee and to the village’s pre-school.

Cllr Bradley left the room at 8.40 and returned at 8.45

12 PLANNING MATTERS

12.1 Applications

20/2006/026 – Conversion of building into two units for holiday lets, Swallows Barn, Parsonage Lane, KSM

Resolved

That having considered the above application, the PC objects

12.2 Waiting Decisions

20/2006/024AGN – Erection of extension to 2 No farm buildings for general storage at Lower Marsh Farm, KSM

20/2006/022 – Sub-division of bungalow to form additional dwelling and formation of access at Highfield, Nailsbourne, Taunton

12.3 Granted permission

20/2006/015LB – Installation of window, 4 The Conies, KSM

20/2006/019CA – Removal of front wall of utility room and study and erection of new stone faced wall to form new breakfast room at The Old Parsonage, KSM

20/2006/018 – Alterations to outbuildings to form new breakfast room at The Old Parsonage, KSM

20/2006/016 – Erection of 2 storey and single storey extension at The Bothy, Mill Cross, KSM
20/2006/021 – Erection of conservatory to side of Pickney Lane Farm, KSM
Renewal of Planning Permission reference 4/20/02/013 dated 12 June 2002 to retain temporary classroom E548 at Kingston St Mary Primary School, KSM

12.4 Refused Permission - Nil

12.5 Withdrawn - Nil

12.6 Other

Correspondence from Mr Chris Heayns

Resolved

That as the letter contains matters of complaint against individual members of the PC which may have legal implications; this item would be discussed at the end when the meeting would be closed to members of the public and press.

13 SUBMISSION TO LINK-UP

Resolved

That the following should be included:

- Somerset Active Living Centres.
- “What’s On”.
- New Uses for Old Buildings in Rural Areas.
- Village Post Offices under Renewed Threat.
- Risky Play Conference
- KSM website – www.Kingston-St-Mary.org.uk

14 SETTING OF FUTURE DATES FOR MEETINGS

The Clerk had circulated suggested dates for future meetings

Resolved

That these dates were agreed and that the Clerk should write to Mrs. Berry to book the Village Hall.

15 FINANCIAL MATTERS

15.1 Financial Regulations and Standing Orders – Review following Audit Report’s recommendations - The Clerk had circulated suggested amendments and additions to the Financial Regulations and Standing

Orders.

Resolved

That proposed amendments and additions are made and revised copies are circulated to Councillors.

15.2 Six monthly internal Audit; and Budget against spend up until 30 September 2006 – The Clerk advised that these were now due and that once up to date bank statements had been received they will be carried out and reported at a future meeting.

15.3 TDBC Maintenance Grants Payments 2006 – 2007 – The Clerk advised that the following Grants had now been received from TDBC:

Playing Field - £500
Burial Ground - £500
Footpaths - £250

15.4 Payments

Resolved

That the following payments should be made

Clerk's salary S/O
KSM Playing Field Committee - £500
KSM Parochial Church Council - £500

16 URGENT MATTERS RAISED WITH THE CHAIRMAN'S PERMISSION AND ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Cllr Bradley advised that the appointment of New Trustees for the KSM Relief in Need Charity was due in December and should be placed on the November Meeting's agenda.

Cllr Harris requested that the Equal Opportunities statement at the foot of the agenda should be updated to include "age".

17 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC –When time allows the Chairman will allow questions from members of the public.

Mr Masterton-Smith requested to give an update on the Parish Plan at the next meeting.

18 DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 13 November 2006

The meeting was closed to members of the public and press and then the following item was discussed.

12.6 Other

Correspondence from Mr Chris Heayns

Resolved

That a letter be sent to Mr Heayns in response.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed

Date: