

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, KINGSTON ST MARY, ON MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2006 AT 7.30 PM

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors

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

The Clerk - Mrs T J Canavan and 2 members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Miles, S B Harris and J W Fitton

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9 October 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 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS

5.1 Footpath opposite the Swan to the Post Office

The Clerk advised that she had spoken to Dan Martin at Somerset County Council (SCC). Work is planned to start in February 2007 finishing by the end of the financial year. Mr Martin is due to meet the contractors, Atkins, this week and will be able to provide a more detailed project plan after this.

Resolved

The Chairman, J W Fitton, to chase Dan Martin for up to date details.

5.2 Pinch Point at Mill Cross

The Clerk confirmed that the traffic survey is to be carried out before the end of November.

A member of the public brought in a bag of vehicle parts collected near the pinch point. He also asked how the PC was going to respond to the email received on 11 September 2006 from Neil Pincombe, SCC.

Resolved

That the PC will look at SCC's email after receiving the results of the traffic survey. The Clerk is to contact Neil Pincombe to ask when the results and

recommendations of the survey will be received. The Clerk is also to ask for clarification of the type of survey to be carried out; and to request that the survey is sited at approximately the same place as the last survey.

6 OAK TREE - Tarr Lane

Cllr Clarke reported that three different Tree Surgeons had now looked at the tree and that quotations were due shortly .

7 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 deferred to the next meeting's agenda.

8 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The Clerk advised that Justin Roxburgh, Falcon Rural HA, had now contacted the Community Council for Somerset to carry out a Housing Needs Survey.

J M Aldrich arrived at the meeting at 7.55 pm after having advised the Clerk she would be late.

9 THREAT TO VILLAGE POST OFFICES

The correspondence from the Countryside Alliance and Mr T Heayns were discussed.

The Clerk advised that a letter of support had been received from Jeremy Browne MP in response to the PC's letter to him.

Resolved

That the PC has already dealt with the issues raised in the correspondence from the Countryside Alliance and that no further action is required.

That a letter be sent to Mr T Heayns thanking him for his letter and with the following information:

- That a survey was carried out in 2004 into the preferences villagers had for the location of the PO. The results showed that the majority preferred a central location to one on the periphery of the village.
- That the PC appreciates his continued interest in and concern for the future of village amenities and that it will continue to work as appropriate to the wishes and welfare of the village.

10 PARISH PLAN

Harry Masterton Smith gave an update. He reported that:

- Little has happened to date, however a meeting is planned for 27 November where the structure of the plan will be put together.
- The challenges facing KSM and the main aims of the Plan are to be identified.
- They are going to make best use of the skills available in the village.
- There are 8 people on the group with 6 on the Committee.
- They will update residents via Link-Up.
- The PC will be updated on a regular basis.

Mr Masterton Smith requested that the Parish Plan be placed on the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting. He also asked what provisions have been made in the PC budget for the Parish Plan.

Resolved

The Clerk is to check the budget.

The PC will consider the proposal to place the Parish Plan on the Annual Meeting agenda at a later date when other proposals had been received.

11 APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES FOR KSM RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

Resolved

That as Cllr Bradley was not present this item should be deferred to the next meeting.

12 CONSULTATIONS

12.1 TDBC – “Talking Tomorrow’s Taunton Deane – proposals for change in Taunton town centre” – comments by 7 December 2006. Cllr Barrie fed back on the recent consultation session that he had attended. He reported that he was one of the very few people in attendance.

Resolved

That the Clerk submits the following PC comments to TDBC on their website: “Although the proposal looks very good, without adequate provision of infrastructure it will kill the town”.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 TDBC - bulletin

13.2 SCC – Somerset County Council Meetings with Town and Parish Councils

13.3 SCC – Cropping and Ploughing Public Rights of Way – A guide for landowners and farmers

13.4 Somerset Highways – Winter Services 2006/07

13.5 SALC – Items of interest to Councillors and Clerks – Cllr Taylor

13.6 Somerset Rural Youth Project - Questionnaire

13.7 Somerset Gateway – A Community Information Partnership

Matters arising from correspondence:

13.2 The Clerk is to send contact details to SCC

13.3 & 13.4 Details are to be placed in Link Up.

13.6 Questionnaire is to be completed and returned

13.7 No further action is required.

14 PLANNING MATTERS

14.1 Applications

20/2006/028T – Application to carry out management work to one beech

tree, one copper beech and one sycamore within KSM Conservation Area at Badgers Hay, KSM

Resolved

That having considered the above application the PC supports it.

14.2 Waiting Decisions - Nil

14.3 Granted permission

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

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

14.4 Refused Permission - Nil

14.5 Withdrawn - Nil

14.6 Other

20/2006/027 – Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order, 1995. Removal of small yew tree and leylandi hedge, erection of small panel fence inside boundary wall (1.5m high), removal of magnolia at Camplins, Church Lane, KSM

15 SUBMISSION TO LINK-UP

Resolved

That the following should be included:

- Cropping and ploughing Public Rights of Way.
- Somerset Highways – winter services 2006-07
- TDBC “Talking Tomorrow’s Taunton Deane – Proposals for Change in Taunton Town Centre”
- Correspondence received from Jeremy Browne MP re village post offices

16 FINANCIAL MATTERS

16.1 Internal Audit Opinion – 6 Monthly

Cllr Miles had carried out the 6 monthly internal audit. He submitted a report detailing that all receipts, payments, transfers, expenses, bank statements had been checked and that all these transactions were mentioned in the appropriate minutes. He advised that the balance brought forward figure for 1 April 2006 is £205.62 less than that shown on the bank statements. This

is because that figure was included in the accounts for the last financial year but the cheque was not presented for payment until the current financial year. He concluded the accounts all balance.

16.2 Review Budget Against Spend - up until 30 September 2006.
The Clerk updated the PC on the current budget position. The Clerk advised that £500 had been received from SCC in April 2006 but that there was no record of what this money was for.

Resolved

The Clerk is to contact CClr Tully for confirmation
Cllr Bradley arrived at the meeting and Cllr Aldrich left the meeting at 9.00 pm.

16.3 Consider Items for Expenditure 2007 -2008 – No items for expenditure were proposed.

16.4 Parish Precept 2007 – 2008 – The Clerk updated the PC with information from TDBC on arrangements for 2007/08. It was proposed that the PC applies for £6,000 precept. This will be resolved at a future meeting.

16.5 Election Costs – Information from TDBC. - The Clerk advised that the forthcoming elections in May could incur approximately £700 costs for the PC.

16.6 Relate – Request for Grant.

Resolved

To defer this item until January 2007 by which time other requests for funds will have been received.

16.7 Fidelity Guarantee – Completion of proposal form

Resolved

That the Clerk is to fill in the form for £25,000.

16.8 Payments

Resolved

That the following payments should be made

Clerk's salary S/O
Village Hall - £27

The Chairman resolved that the following item now be discussed:

11. APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES FOR KSM RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

Resolved

That this item be deferred to the next meeting. Cllr Bradley will present a

report and accounts at this time.

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

- It was brought to the PC's attention that the lay by at Marsh House had been filled in.

Resolved

Cllr Bradley to check whose responsibility the lay by is and will feed back at next meeting.

- A number of problems have been reported with the new recycling/waste collection arrangement.

Resolved

Cllr Bradley to place an article in Link Up.

- It was noted that Page 2 of the updated Standing Orders was missing from the copies circulated to Councillors.
The Clerk apologised and will circulate corrected copies.
- The Chairman advised that a letter had been received from the residents of the Old Parsonage detailing concerns over road safety in the village.

Resolved

That as this had been received after the agenda deadline it would be placed on next meeting's agenda.

18 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC –When time allows the Chairman will allow questions from members of the public - Nil

19 DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Mon 11 December 2006	Mon 8 January 2007	Mon 12 February 2007
Mon 12 March 2007	Mon 16 April 2007	Mon 14 May 2007
Mon 11 June 2007	Mon 9 July 2007	Mon 10 September 2007
Mon 8 October 2007	Mon 12 November 2007	Mon 10 December 2007

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed

Date: