

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, KINGSTON ST MARY, ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2006 AT 7.30 PM

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Councillors

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

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

Apologies were received from Cllr D Leach

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13 November 2006.

Resolved

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in any Agenda item

Cllr J W Fitton declared an interest in Item 15.1 Planning Application 20/2006/032 – reason given is that he lives opposite the property.

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). They are currently consulting with residents directly affected by the scheme. This is a legal requirement. With regard to the red phone box, they are still proceeding as if to place like with like. This is in the hands of English Heritage.

Resolved

To place in Link Up that work is due to start on the footpath in February 2007, finishing by the end of the financial year.

5.2 Pinch Point at Mill Cross

The Clerk advised that the traffic survey has now been carried out by SCC. She was expecting to receive the results in the week commencing the 4th December however these had not yet been received.

Resolved

That no further action will be taken by the PC until the survey results have been received. The Clerk will chase Neil Pincombe at SCC for the results

5.3 Lay-by adjacent to Marsh House

Cllr Bradley updated on the current position. The lay-by belongs to Marsh House. They will be sowing grass seed on the bank in the spring.

5.4 Temporary Road Closure – Parsonage Lane

The Clerk advised that she had received notification from Highways that part of Parsonage Lane will be closed for 5 days from 18th December 2006.

5.5 Correspondence from Mr and Mrs Flood; Ian Titcombe, Somerset Highways

The correspondence from Mr and Mrs Flood was discussed.

Resolved

That a letter be sent to Mr and Mrs Flood explaining that the traffic issue has been exercising the minds of the PC for 10 years and in view of this and the complex nature of the problem, the Chairman will arrange to visit them to discuss the points in their letter.

6 OAK TREE - Tarr Lane

The Clerk reported that three quotations had now been received. These were as follows:

Chris Groves Associates	£420+VAT
TDBC DLO	£150+VAT
Keith Yates Tree Services	£260+VAT

Resolved

To accept the TDBC DLO quote.

7 NOTICE BOARDS IN THE PARISH – Cllr Miles advised that some notices were too big (especially those from SCC and TDBC) and took up a large part of the notice boards.

Resolved

Cllr Bradley is to see if there are smaller notices available.

8 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

The Clerk updated the PC. She had received correspondence from Justin Roxburgh explaining that the Community Council for Somerset currently has a queue of surveys to be carried out and a member of staff is on sick leave. The survey won't realistically be carried out until March 2007. However the PC has the option of one being carried out by Falcon Rural Housing but it will involve more work from the PC.

Resolved

The Clerk is to advise Justin Roxburgh that PC is prepared to wait until March 2007 for the survey to be carried out.

9 THREAT TO VILLAGE POST OFFICES

The correspondence from Mr T Heayns was discussed.

Resolved

That a letter be sent to Mr T Heayns responding to the points raised in his correspondence.

10 PARISH PLAN - Update

Harry Masterton Smith was unable to attend. Cllr Fitton gave an update in his absence. The steering group has had its first meeting. An application for funding to the Community Council for Somerset has been submitted. An update is being included in the next issue of Link Up.

11 APPOINTMENT OF NEW TRUSTEES FOR KSM RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

Cllr Bradley gave the Report for the year to 5th April 2006.

The PC then discussed the appointment of new trustees.

Resolved

That Cllr D Leach is reappointed.

That Jan Holmes is appointed.

12 CONSULTATIONS

12.1 Sedgemoor District Council – “Sedgemoor Local Development Framework – Issues and Options Discussion Paper on the Sedgemoor Core Strategy.” Comments by 22 December 2006.

Resolved

That the PC will submit no comments.

13 CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 TDDBC weekly bulletin - Cllr Leach

13.2 TDDBC – “Working for the Community”

13.3 SCC – Rights of Way Network Management

13.4 SCC – Weight Limits on local roads

13.5 SCC – Partnership Fund

13.6 Conservative Group – Somerset County Council activities

Matters arising from correspondence:

13.1 To defer to next meeting as Cllr Leach not present

13.3 Details to be passed to Eric Lovell. The PC will be guided by him.

13.6 Cllr Bradley and the Clerk to compile a letter to SCC expressing concerns over SCC plans for Unitary Authority status. The letter is to be signed by the Clerk

14 SALC – AREA MEETING 7TH DECEMBER 2006

The Clerk feedback details from the meeting. The White Paper, SCC's proposed bid for Unitary Authority status and SCC's paper "Localisation and Frontline Councillors" had been discussed.

15 PLANNING MATTERS

15.1 Applications

20/2006/029 - Conversion of barn to dwelling and alteration of access onto Lodes Lane, the barn OS Field No 9138, Lodes Lane, KSM

Resolved

That having considered the above application the PC supports it, providing it follows the footprint of the existing building. Also the PC is conscious that the building is in an AONB, therefore the PC does not want there to be any additional poles etc for utility services

20/2006/033 - Erection of single storey wing, detached garage, light wells to cellar, new pitched roof over two storey extension, conservatory, the carrying out and alterations to roof materials at Marsh House, KSM

20/2006/034LB - Erection of single storey wing, detached garage, light wells to cellar, new pitched roof over two storey extension, conservatory, the carrying out of internal alterations and alterations to roof materials at Marsh House, KSM

20/2006/032 – Erection of entrance portico and additional first floor bedroom at Copperhill, KSM.

Resolved

That having considered the above applications the PC does not object to them.

15.2 Waiting Decisions - Nil

15.3 Granted permission

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

15.4 Refused Permission - Nil

15.5 Withdrawn

20/2006/030 – Erection of single storey extension at Parsonage Farm, Parsonage Lane, KSM

15.6 Other

Planning enforcement – complaints received Quarter 3 2006.

16 SUBMISSION TO LINK-UP

Resolved

That the following should be included:

- Footpath

- The PC is not supporting SCC's proposal for Unitary Authority status
- The PC is awaiting the results of the traffic survey
- Revised refuse collection dates during New Year Bank Holiday period.

17 FINANCIAL MATTERS

17.1 Funds received from SCC in April 2006

Following the last meeting the Clerk had contacted CCllr Tully regarding the £500 the PC had received in April. CCllr Tully had stated that the funds were allocated to spend on new play equipment in the village. However, the Clerk confirmed it had been minuted at the meeting of March 2006 that the PC had resolved to allocate the money to the Parish Plan.

Resolved

That the money be spent on the Parish Plan.

17.2 Budget and Parish Precept 2007-08

The Clerk presented the proposed budget for 2007-08. It was queried whether or not the PC will have to make a financial contribution towards the footpath from the Swan Pub to the Post Office. This will have an influence on the amount of precept applied for.

Resolved

The Clerk is to check with Dan Martin to see how the footpath is being funded. If there is no contribution to be made by the PC it was resolved to apply for £6000. If there is to be a contribution the PC will consider applying for an increased precept.

17.3 Fidelity Guarantee – completion of proposal form

Resolved

The Clerk will complete and the Chairman will sign the form.

17.4 Payments

Resolved

That the following payments should be made

Clerk's salary S/O
SLCC Membership £65
Chedzoy (grass cutting) £285

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

The Chairman asked the Clerk to leave the meeting due to the confidential nature of item to be discussed. The PC discussed the Clerk's forthcoming 6 month review.

The Clerk returned to the meeting.

Concern was expressed over the drainage in the Parish and it was noted that the drainage is not working at 4 points

- Lodes Lane (half way up)
- Opposite the Swan Pub

- The siphon under the road near Marsh House entrance
- The drain at Soap House corner has sunk.

Resolved

That a letter be sent to Dennis Quick at Somerset Highways informing him of the problems.

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

20 DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

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 9.25 pm.

Signed

Date: