

## KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, KINGSTON ST MARY, ON MONDAY 8 JANUARY 2007 AT 7.30 PM

#### 1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

##### Councillors

J W Fitton (Chairman)	J M Aldrich
K J Taylor	D S Bradley
C Miles	S B Harris

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

Apologies were received from Cllr D Leach, W R I Barrie, and J L Clarke

#### 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11 December 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 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY – Felix Marsh, Community Council for Somerset gave a presentation on how the Housing Needs Survey for Kingston St Mary would be carried out. Mr Marsh advised that they had an available slot in February to carry out the survey.

The aim of the survey is to look at current and future housing need in the Parish, and the information gathered will provide the foundation for housing development in the Parish.

A survey form is delivered to all residents in the Parish (usually by the PC via the parish newsletter).

Residents are then given a month to complete and return the form to the Community Council.

The Community Council then analyses the results, which usually takes a month, and then presents the results to the PC.

##### Resolved

That Cllr Miles speak to the Link Up committee members to see if they are willing and able to deliver the survey forms with the February edition of Link Up.

To place in Link Up that all residents will be receiving a form to complete.

## **6 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS**

6.1 Footpath opposite the Swan to the Post Office  
Nothing to report.

6.2 Pinch Point at Mill Cross

The results of the traffic survey, carried out by Somerset County Council (SCC) in November 2006, had been received and were discussed.

It was found that average speeds had fallen by 2-3 mph since the last survey. The Chairman had spoken to Neil Pincombe at SCC and because the average speed was not over 40 mph they will not be referring the results to the Police. SCC has no recommendations following the survey.

However, the PC is still very concerned about excessive traffic speed through the village and note that some drivers have been driving at speeds over 50 & 60 mph.

### **Resolved**

Cllr Tully to speak to SCC Highways regarding a possible 25 mph limit. Put in Link Up that results have been received and that average speeds have come down by 2-3mph since the last survey.

The Clerk is to contact PC Andy Davies and request that the Police carry out a speed check. The Clerk will also forward him the survey results, highlighting the problem times.

The Clerk will contact Neil Pincombe, SCC, to invite him to come and talk at a future PC meeting.

6.3 Highway Problems

The Clerk advised that the various highway problems highlighted at the last meeting had been reported to SCC Highways. Technicians will be carrying out inspections in the near future.

- 7 PARISH PLAN** – Harry Masterton-Smith was unable to attend the meeting. The next Parish Plan Committee meeting will be taking place in February. The Committee will also be attending the Annual Parish Meeting in March to give a presentation.

## **8 CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1 TDBC weekly bulletin - Cllr Leach

8.2 Quantock Hills – Update Autumn /winter 2006

Matters arising from correspondence:

8.1 To defer to next meeting as Cllr Leach not present

## **9 PLANNING MATTERS**

9.1 Applications

20/2006/036 – Erection of single storey extension to rear of “Ivesta”, Kingston St Mary.

## **Resolved**

That having considered the above application the PC has no objections and supports the application

### **9.2 Waiting Decisions -**

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

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

### **9.3 Granted permission**

20/2006/033 - Erection of single storey wing, detached garage, lightwells 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, lightwells 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

### **9.4 Refused Permission - Nil**

### **9.5 Withdrawn - Nil**

### **9.6 Other - Nil**

## **10 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AGENDA**

The annual parish meeting is due to take place on the 12 March 2007 with a start time of 7 pm.

It was decided that most of the meeting's time should be allocated to Harry Masterton-Smith to discuss the Parish Plan.

Also on the agenda will be the minutes of the last annual meeting; and the Chairman's report.

The problem of an appropriate venue was discussed. It was noted that, potentially, a larger number of people will attend than is usual. The whole village hall is unavailable due to Badminton Club.

## **Resolved**

The Clerk will speak to Harry Masterton-Smith to confirm what he wants to focus on at the meeting.

The Clerk is to prepare a skeletal version of the Chairman's report.

Instead of asking the Badminton Club to move, will look for an alternative venue. Cllr Miles to ask Rev. Richard Edwards about the possibility of using the Church.

## **11 RIGHTS OF WAY NETWORK MANAGEMENT**

Eric Lovell reported back. He confirmed that he has now forwarded all requested information to Somerset County Council (SCC). He brought the tight deadline to the PC's attention.

Mr Lovell has identified all footpaths within the Parish; has marked those

that cause problems; and has graded most footpaths as well used. All this information has been sent back to SCC with a covering letter thanking the County Council for clearing the footpaths.

Mr Lovell will pass a map detailing the rights of way to the Parish Clerk as a record.

The Chairman thanked Mr Lovell for assisting the PC with this matter.

## **12 SUBMISSION TO LINK-UP**

### **Resolved**

That the following should be included:

- Housing Needs Survey
- Results of traffic survey
- Annual Parish Meeting.

## **13 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

13.1 Requests for funds: Relate; Citizens Advice Bureau; Age Concern

### **Resolved**

That the following funds should be allocated:

Citizen's Advice Bureau	£100
Relate	£25
Age Concern	£25

It was also resolved that the remaining £50 of funds in the budget should be allocated to the Air Ambulance.

Payment of the funds will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

13.2 Confirmation of Budget and Parish Precept 2007-2008

The Clerk advised that she had received confirmation from the County Council that the PC will not be required to make a financial contribution to the footpath.

### **Resolved**

In view of this information the PC should apply for a precept of £6000, as resolved at the last PC meeting.

That the PC allocates £3,200 for traffic calming in the budget for 2007/08

13.3 Payments

### **Resolved**

That the following payments should be made

Clerk's Salary	S/O
Clerk's Expenses	£23.60

It was resolved that the payment to SCC of £1036.75, for the refurbishment of the finger post, should be deferred until the next meeting. There is some confusion as to the works carried out and the amount charged. It was noted that the cost is substantially greater than the estimate received. The Clerk will query and confirm the situation with SCC.

## **14 URGENT MATTERS RAISED WITH THE CHAIRMAN'S PERMISSION AND ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA - Nil**

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

- CClr Tully brought the County Council's proposal for Unitary Status to the PC's attention. The County Council will be deciding at its Full Council meeting on 22 January whether or not to pursue the proposal.  
CClir Tully encouraged the PC to put any reservations regarding the proposal in writing to the County Council.

**Resolved**

As agreed at the last PC meeting, a letter is to be sent to the County Council expressing concerns over the Unitary Authority bid. The letter is to be sent prior to the meeting on 22 January and is to be copied to CClr Tully.

- CClr Tully advised that there is £1000 available to the PC from the County Council. Councillors thanked CClr Tully.

**Resolved**

How to allocate the money in the PC's budget is to be placed on the next meeting's agenda

- A member of public brought the hedge between the playing field and Leaches Field to the PC's attention, saying that it presents a potential danger to the bungalows due to falling branches etc.

**Resolved**

Cllr Bradley is to contact the TDBC Parks Department

- The Clerk had received a letter from the Mayor of Taunton Deane requesting nominations for the Taunton Deane Citizenship Awards for 2007.

**Resolved**

No action.

**16 DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

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 9.45 pm.

Signed .....

Date: .....