

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 9TH JUNE 2008 AT 7.30PM

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

In Attendance: Councillors R M Stokes (Chairman) D S Bradley
J L Clarke S B Harris
R J L Flood W R I Barrie
K Taylor (part) C Miles

The Clerk – Ms C Hardy and 4 members of the public attended the meeting

Apologies were received from Cllr Hancock.

The new Chairman, Cllr Stokes, on behalf of the Parish Council, thanked the outgoing Chairman, Cllr Barrie for his time in the Chair.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in any Agenda item

There were no declarations of interest.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 10th March 2008.

Resolved

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

Cllr Taylor arrived at 7.55pm.

4 PLAYING FIELDS – The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her report on options for consideration by the Parish Council. A member of the Village Hall Committee informed the Parish Council that their Association were willing to consider supporting the Playing Fields but were awaiting the meeting to be held on 10th June 2008 that had been called by the Playing Fields Association. Concern was raised by a representative of the Playing Fields Association that, whilst there were sufficient people willing to join the committee they did not believe there would be sufficient willing or suitable to be Trustees. He confirmed that all the five current Trustees are intending to resign. Various discussions took place by Members as to whether or not the Parish Council should take over the ownership and running of the Playing Fields Association.

Resolved

Members were mindful of the time being taken to make a decision and resolved to do so at the next meeting. The Clerk to invite Peter Lacey, SALC to the next meeting to fully explain the issues (risks, due diligence etc.) involved in the event of the Parish Council taking over the playing fields. Also to request that he forwards a paper in advance of the meeting.

5 POST OFFICE – The KSM Post Office had received a notice of closure to be effected within the next 5 weeks.

6 KSM SCHOOL LOGO - The Clerk had received an email from KSM Primary School informing the Parish Council that it had been agreed to keep the Dragon logo with 'Kingston St Mary C of E Primary School' written around it.

7 HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS

7.1 Relocation of telephone box – the Clerk advised that despite further requests, BT had not responded to the Parish Council's letter dated 21st April 2008. However, copy emails had been forwarded between County Council and BT, which confirmed that BT intended removing the current telephone box in June 2008. In addition that BT stated that they now needed to apply for planning permission before erection of the telephone box in its new site.

7.2 White Lines on Road from The Swan Pub to the Post Office – nothing to report since the last meeting.

7.3 Street lighting at pinch point at Mill Cross – nothing to report since the last meeting.

7.4 Finger post opposite Swan Pub – nothing to report since the last meeting.

7.5 Speed Watch – Cllrs Barrie & Flood reported that training of volunteers had commenced although more volunteers would still be welcomed. Following approval at the previous meeting to purchase a laser gun, a suitable one had now been sourced from Unipar Services.

Resolved

To purchase the laser gun at a cost of £887.13 to include VAT and delivery.

7.6 Road Flooding in the Parish – nothing to report since the last meeting.

7.7 Rubbish in Lay-by past Westhay – nothing to report since the last meeting.

8 PARISH PLAN – nothing further to report since the last meeting and Cllr Stokes had not yet met Harry Masterton-Smith.

9 PARISH FLOOD – nothing to report since the last meeting.

10 CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 TDBC weekly bulletin – nothing relevant to report.

10.2 SALC – Cllr Stokes had attended a SALC meeting on 5th June 2008 regarding 'Power of Well Being' and updated the meeting on proposed future legislation.

Resolved

To retain information on file.

10.3 Taunton Dean Area Working Panel – no members were available to attend the meeting on 11th June.

10.4 TDBC letter dated 23rd May offering disused notice boards – the plastic notice boards were not felt suitable for the Parish.

10.5 TDBC letter dated 19th May – it was noted that BT is proposing to remove the telephone box at Fulford.

Resolved

Cllr Bradley to deliver a flyer informing local parishioners and for them to write to BT if they object. The Clerk to write this and run off copies.

10.6 Letter from Neighbourhood Watch Scheme re: annual grant

Resolved

It was agreed to award a grant of £50.00 to Neighbourhood Watch.

11 PLANNING MATTERS

11.1 4/34/04/055 (dated 7/3/2005) from Environment Directorate SCC under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990: Continuation of on-farm composting operations without compliance with planning conditions nos. 1 (to permit the development until 30/0/2018); 9 (to allow 3 number deliveries per week prior to 10.00 hrs) and 13 (to retain existing surface treatment) at Smokey Farm, Staplegrove.

Resolved

That having considered the application, the Parish Council does not object.

11.2 Waiting Decisions - Nil

11.3 Granted permission

20/2008/003 – Application for siting 2 additional mobile Homes and 2 Additional Touring Caravans for Gypsy Family at Park Gate, Dodhill Corner, Nailsbourne. Cllr Stokes represented the Parish Council at the Planning Meeting and raised concerns and the issue of screening in the event of permission being granted.

20/2008/010 – Retrospective application for the retention of Summer House and Pergola at Fulford Apiary, Fulford, KSM

20/2008/011 – Construction of 2 no. dormer windows to northwest and southwest elevations and erection of replacement porch to northwest at Lyddons, KSM

11.4 Refused Permission - Nil

11.5 Withdrawn - Nil

11.6 Other – Nil

12 ADDITIONAL ITEM FROM MATTERS ARISING: The Shop – Cllrs Clarke and Stokes had met with Mr. Lloyd Dormer and reported that he had agreed that in the event of planning permission being granted he would build the shop prior to the current homes already approved. A further discussion took place regarding supporting Mr Dormer with TDBC Planners.

Resolved

To send a further letter to Mr. Dormer giving unanimous support for the plan to build a shop on the site and to support limited extension of the development at Hill Farm. Also to advise him that representatives of the Parish Council are prepared to attend any preliminary meetings with TDBC planning officials.

13 SUBMISSION TO LINK UP

Resolved

That the following items be included in Link Up:

- Speedwatch – more volunteers are needed. To report that the Parish Council has purchased a speed gun and that action is progressing in line with interest following the development of the Parish Plan.
- Cllr Clarke raised that the Quantock Warden has warned about ticks and Lime Disease and for members of the public to be aware.
- Proposed removal of telephone box at Fulford.

14 FINANCIAL MATTERS

14.1 Systems of Internal Audit. This matter to be deferred to next meeting in order for further research and advice from Peter Lacey, SALC.

14.2 Local Councils Annual Return and Accounts year April 2007/March 2008 – the Chairman thanked Cllr Harris for his assistance with auditing the accounts. Members went through each question on the Annual Return. Members had also read the annual accounts for the year.

Resolved

To complete and sign the Annual Return responding "Yes" to Section 1 through to Section 8 and "Not Applicable" to Section 9. The Accounts for the year 2007/2008 were approved. The Clerk to forward these to the Internal and External Auditors for approval.

14.3 Receipts: Nil

14.4 Payments: £50 to Neighbourhood Watch approved under Item 10.6.
£887.13 to Unipar Services approved under Item 7.5 (VAT = £132.13, Delivery £15.00)

15 ITEMS OF REPORT AND ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- To revisit Section 137 payments (item raised by Cllr Bradley)
- Cllr Stokes proposed altering the format and order of the agenda.

Resolved

The Clerk and Chairman to put a proposal forward.

16 DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Mon 14 July 2008	Mon 8 Sept 2008	Mon 13 Oct 2008
Mon 10 Nov 2008	Mon 8 Dec 2008	

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed:

Date: