

# KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009

### 1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

**In Attendance:** Councillors:

R M Stokes (Chairman)  
J L Clarke                      D S Bradley  
W R I Barrie                    K Taylor  
C Miles (part)

The Clerk, Ms C Hardy, PC Andy Davies, Mrs Lesley Webb from TDBC Housing Department and 2 members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hancock, Flood & Harris.

### 2 ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None

**3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Cllr Stokes declared an interest in item 11.3 Road Drainage at Mill Cross as he believed that part of the stream may cross his land. Cllr Bradley declared an interest in item 11.2 due to being a Trustee of Relate Somerset Charity.

**4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

**Resolved:**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

***Change to order of agenda – it was agreed to take item 7, Community Issues next on the agenda followed by Item 6, Social Housing***

**7 COMMUNITY ISSUES** – PC Davies reported that the investigation is continuing relating to the incident of damage to cars at Mill Cross. Further Speedwatch shifts have been undertaken in December and January. He advised that no one was speeding on these occasions. He informed the meeting that Norton Fitzwarren village would like to join with KSM in the speedwatch scheme. The Chairman thanked PC Davies for attending the meeting.

**Resolved**

It was agreed that the Parish Council may be prepared to rent out the laser speed gun, with a member of the speedwatch team attending, to Norton Fitzwarren Parish Council. PC Davies to ask the Parish Clerk at Norton Fitzwarren to contact KSM Parish Clerk.

***Cllr Miles arrived at 8pm***

### ACTION

**Clerk**

**6 SOCIAL HOUSING** – Mrs Lesley Webb, Housing Enabling Manager, TDBC joined the meeting to respond to the concerns raised by the PC about availability of single housing. Extensive discussions took place on the need for single housing in the Parish. She advised that TDBC was unable to convert existing dwellings into apartments, however, there was scope to support new build for affordable/social housing to include single housing. She also raised the importance of anyone in the Parish requiring accommodation at some time in the future to register on the Choice Based Lettings list (previously the housing list).

**Resolved**

To explore the possibility of identifying a suitable site for social/affordable housing for TDBC to consider. It was agreed that Cllr Bradley would make some enquiries.

**Cllr  
Bradley**

**5 MATTERS ARISING**

**5.1 Re-siting of Post Box** – The Royal Mail had responded to the complaints from the Parish Council regarding the lack of consultation in moving the post box and its new site.

**Resolved**

To take no further action on this occasion.

**5.2 Relocation of Telephone Box** – There had been no response yet from BT on the condition of the telephone box. An email had been received from Highways to advise that the outstanding work to the footway where the previous telephone box was located will be carried out shortly to include widening the pavement.

**C/F**

**5.3 White Lines on Road** – An email had been received from Highways advising that the work would be undertaken as soon as weather permitted.

**C/F**

**5.4 Pot Holes** – An email had been received from Highways advising that the two potholes near the Tetton Park entrance had been repaired. The potholes in Lodes Lane had been inspected but are below the intervention levels for safety patching/repairs. They advised that a technician will monitor the lane and Highways will further review this with a view to undertaking patching work in late spring/summer.

**C/F**

**5.5 Nailsbourne sign** – No action to report from Highways.

**C/F**

**5.6 Flood Risk Assessment** – Nothing further to report.

**C/F**

**5.7 Section 106 Agreement Hill Farm Development** – The Clerk reported that she had been advised by TDBC that they would be collecting the funds due from the Developer. They had confirmed that funds could be available for the Playing Fields but that a specific grant needed to be requested.

**Resolved**

To refer the matter to the Playing Fields Committee and ask them to pursue a grant from TDBC.

**Clerk**

**5.8 Parish Plan** – The final proof was circulated.

**Resolved**

Cllr Stokes to confirm to the Parish Plan Committee approval to print 500 copies and for these to be available at the Annual Parish Meeting in March. Any copies not collected at the meeting to be delivered to households.

Cllr  
Stokes

**8 PLANNING MATTERS**

**8.1 Applications**

20/08/0019 Amendment to Outline Application for the erection of a dwelling in the garden of Coppers Hill, Lodes Lane, KSM.

**Resolved**

That the Parish Council has not changed its view following this amended application and to refer TDBC to its previous objections and the concern to maintain the view up the scenic valley and that it is visually intrusive, is an over development of the site and close the conservation area. In the event of permission being granted the Parish Council believes that the entire development including any landscaping works must be contained within the settlement area and development limit.

20/09/0001 Erection of two-storey side extension with conservatory to provide ancillary accommodation at Park Lane Nurseries, Park Lane, KSM

**Resolved**

Following extensive discussions the Parish Council resolved that it has no objections to this application.

**8.2. Awaiting Approval:**

20/08/0019: Outline application for the erection of a dwelling in the garden of Coppers Hill, Lodes Lane, KSM.

C/F

**9 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** – Discussions took place to finalise the Annual Parish Meeting next month to take place at 7pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

**Resolved:**

It was agreed that the agenda should be:

Chairman's Report

Launch of the Parish Plan

In addition Cllr Stokes to approach members of the following local Committees to ascertain if they could provide an update:

Cllr  
Stokes

Neighbourhood Watch

Playing Fields

Village Hall

Parish Councillors agreed, where possible, to arrive at 6.30pm to assist with setting up chairs etc.

Cllrs

**10 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**10.1 Payments:**

**Resolved:**

That payment be made to:

HM Revenue & Customs (Payment of Clerk's Income Tax) for £143.70

John Fitton – paint for posts on village green (previously approved item 5.12 on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008 meeting) - £17.99

Clerk

**10.2 Interest Rates** – The Clerk circulated information from HSBC bank.

**Resolved:**

It was felt that the information was unclear and to consider this further at the next meeting.

C/F

**11 CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER MATTERS**

**11.1 Forward Planning Workshop** – Following circulation of information at the previous meeting, TDBC had enquired as to whether the Parish Council was planning to run the workshop.

**Resolved**

Following discussions it was agreed not to participate.

**11.2 Request for Section 137 grant from Relate Somerset**

**Resolved**

This request to be considered at the March meeting with other requests.

C/F

*Cllr Barrie was appointed to Chair item 11.3 due to the declared interest of Cllr Stokes in the following item.*

**11.3 Letter from Mr. Barnes re: Mill Cross Chamber** – A further letter had been received from Mr. Barnes and Councillors noted its contents to include the high level of water in the chamber.

**Resolved**

It was agreed to write to Mr. Barnes asking that the correspondence he receives from Highways and TDBC be copied to the Parish Council. Also to copy the letter to the District and County Councillors.

Clerk

**11.4 Flooding near KSM Primary School** – Cllr Taylor raised a serious problem of volume of water from Hill Farm Development onto the road by the School with the potential of causing an accident. It was felt that it may be due to the gullies being inadequate.

**Resolved**

It was agreed to write to Mr. Dormer with a copy to TDBC requesting an investigation to see if the problem can be resolved.

Clerk

**12 ITEMS FOR LINK UP**

That the following items are included:

- Affordable/Social Housing – to provide information on registering on the Choice Based Lettings list and to request information on any suitable sites for social/affordable housing
- Annual Parish Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March when copies of the Parish Plan were hoped to be available for households.

**13 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Footpaths – Cllr Bradley

**14 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2009	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2009	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2009
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2009	Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2009	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2009
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2009	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2009	Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2009

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....