

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT KINGSTON ST MARY PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2009 FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

In Attendance: Councillors:

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

The Clerk, Ms C Hardy, the Footpath Co-ordinator, Eric Lovell and 3 members of the public attended the meeting.

Apology for absence was received from Cllr Harris.

- 2 ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** – A member of the public raised issues regarding the salt-box in Leaches Field being used for other purposes than for the hill. Discussions took place that the village is not on the route for gritting roads by Highways.
- 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Cllr Miles declared an interest in No. 8 Section 137 Grants relating to the Pat Holcombe KSM Fun Run and similarly Cllr Bradley declared an interest in the same item relating to Relate Somerset.
- 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th February 2009. Item 7 Community Issues - it was clarified that the issue on speeding was separate from the item on damage to cars at Mill Cross. Also that the Parish Council had asked PC Davies whether it was legitimate to rent out the laser gun to any Parish Council and not just Norton Fitzwarren.

Resolved:

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record with the addition of the above to Item 7 but not to amend the resolution relating to it.

5 MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 Relocation of Telephone Box** – Nothing further to report relating to either a response from BT or work to the footway/rubbish bin. **C/F**
- 5.2 White Lines on Road** – Nothing further to report **C/F**
- 5.3 Nailsbourne sign** – No action to report from Highways. **C/F**
- 5.4 Flood Risk Assessment** – Nothing further to report. **C/F**
- 5.5 Parish Plan** – Cllr Stokes outlined that the Parish Plan Committee had kept costs down but due to the decision last month to use better class paper for the 500 copies there is an overspend on the original budget of £118.14.

Resolved:

To issue a grant of £118.14 to the Parish Plan Committee to cover the additional cost for printing. Cllr Stokes to liaise with the Parish Plan Committee to finalise the accounts and present them to the Parish Council.

Cllr
Stokes

5.6 Social Housing – To consider a suitable site for social/affordable housing to be carried forward to the next meeting.

C/F

5.7 Community Issues – Discussions took place relating to renting the speed gun to Norton Fitzwarren Parish Council. Speedwatch volunteers did not wish to attend in the event of the PC agreeing to rent it out.

Resolved:

It was agreed to progress discussions with Norton Fitzwarren Parish Council to ascertain what they required as well as for the Clerk to check the legitimacy of hiring the laser gun to them. The Clerk to speak to Chris Fry, Avon & Somerset Police, about this and the PC making an informal approach on the matter.

Clerk

6 PLANNING MATTERS

6.1 Applications:

20/09/002/T Application to either fell or crown-reduce a sawara cypress tree within a conservation area at Cala, KSM

Resolved:

The Parish Council has no objection to this application and supported the felling rather than crown reducing the tree in order to maintain superior condition of the conservation area.

6.2 Awaiting Approval:

20/09/001 Erection of two-storey side extension with conservatory to provide ancillary accommodation at Park Lane Nurseries, Park Lane, KSM.

6.3 Refused:

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

7 FOOTPATHS – Discussions took place regarding the footpath from Parsonage Farm to the village, which had been ploughed over. The Footpath Co-ordinator, Eric Lovell, outlined that the field had been sublet and following the contractor ploughing it, the owner had flattened the footpath.

8 SECTION 137 GRANTS – Very careful consideration was given to all the requests for grants as well as considering the budget available of £300 with £50 previously awarded to Neighbourhood Watch.

Resolved:

It was agreed to give grants to the following Charities:

Somerset Arts Week - £50.00 Citizens Advice Bureau - £100.00

Pat Holcombe KSM Fun Run - £50.00 Relate Somerset - £50.00

The Clerk to also write to those Charities that were unsuccessful this year.

Clerk

Cllr Clarke arrived at 8.55pm

9 FINANCIAL MATTERS

9.1 Payments:

Resolved:

That payment be made to:

KSM Primary School - £20.00 to cover hall hire

Cathy Hardy – internet & telephone contribution Oct 08-Mar 09 - £39.56

mileage April 08 to Mar 09 33 miles x 58.7p permile - £19.38

photocopying and postage stamps - £7.83 (Total = £66.76)

Parish Plan Committee item 5.5 above - £118.14.

Cllr Miles left the meeting at 9.00pm

10 CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 Speed Indicator Device Programme – the email from the Traffic Engineer, Somerset County Council was discussed and noted.

10.2 Visit by Standards Committee – David Greig had emailed the PC to inform them of the visit by the Standards Committee at the next meeting.

11 ITEMS FOR LINK UP

That the following items are included:

- Footpaths – to remind landowners to ensure that when subcontracting their fields, the footpaths are not ploughed. In the event of this occurring then to reinstate the footpath.
- Dog Owners – to provide information given by Eric Lovell to remind dog owners to keep dogs under close control as well as on a lead during April and July when ground birds are nesting. Also to clean up after their dog fouls.
- Pot Holes – work has been undertaken by Highways in Greenways and Lodes Lane. Members of the public are encouraged to report pot holes direct to Highways.
- Speed Indicator Device Programme – TDBC Traffic Department will be installing temporary Speed Indicators in KSM
- Parish Plan – copies are being printed for each household in the Parish and will be available at the Annual Parish Meeting for collection.

14 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Mon 6th April 2009 Mon 11th May 2009 Mon 8th June 2009

Mon 20th July 2009 Mon 14th Sept 2009 Mon 12th Oct 2009

Mon 9th Nov 2009 Mon 14th Dec 2009

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed:

Date: