

# **KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009

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## **ACTION**

### **1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**In Attendance:** Councillors:

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

Somerset County Councillor Elaine Waymouth, the community beat officer PC Andy Davies and one member of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr Miles.

Clerk Mrs Cathy Hardy was unable to attend, having had a minor operation earlier in the day. In her absence the minutes were taken by the Chairman.

### **2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST – None**

### **3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

Item 6. Footpaths- Iverton should read Ivyton.

**Resolved:**

The minutes were approved, with this amendment, and signed as a true record.

### **4 MATTERS ARISING**

**4.1 Litterbin** – The Clerk had contacted the Cleansing Dept at the DLO to ask whether they could supply an animal proof litterbin to replace the open top bin.

**C/F**

**4.2 White lines on Kingston Road** - Despite promises by Somerset Highways that this work would be carried out, it had still not been done. County Councillor Waymouth offered to take up the matter on the council's behalf.

**Resolved:**

It was agreed to accept Cllr Waymouth's offer and ask the Clerk to contact her with the background to this long running issue.

**Clerk**

**4.3 Nailsbourne sign** – This sign had now been fitted. No invoice had been received yet.

**4.4 Flood risk assessment** – Nothing further to report.

**4.5 Speedwatch** –

(1) The Parish Clerk at Norton Fitzwarren had indicated they would be willing to make a contribution of “a one off sum of £250” on condition they could have the gun for three months each year. Members felt that, bearing in mind the yearly calibration costs and depreciation, there should be an annual payment. Cllr Flood confirmed the gun had now been calibrated.

**Resolved:**

The Clerk to contact Norton Fitzwarren Parish Council to clarify the position.

**Clerk**

(2) Cllr Flood reported that he had washed the plastic Speedwatch sign and replaced it. He also reported that Mr Nigel Bacon had now taken over as the Speedwatch co-ordinator for the village. Members were told that insurers Allianz had advised the rader gun was not insured. Cover had now been arranged. It would be free for the reminder of the year but there would be an additional cost when the insurance was renewed in 2010.

(3) Area Highways had taken another look at placing warning signs in Parsonage Lane , following complaints of speeding, but had come to the conclusion that extra signs would not solve the problem.

**4.6 2 Tainfield Cottages, Nailsbourne** – The senior planning enforcement officer at TDBC reported that he had looked into the conversion of a garage into a dwelling and the change of use of agricultural land. Permission was given in 1992 for the erection of a double garage and the change of use of land to domestic purposes. In January 2009 an application was made for conversion of the garage to living accommodation. However he said both files, setting out conditions for permissions, were “missing”. He said he would update the council when the files were located.

**C/F**

**4.7 Footpaths** – Costs of upgrading the two gates at T15/31 on the Yarford to Ivyton footpath had not yet been received. The Clerk had contacted TDBC regarding the clearing of nettles at Bay Hill

**4.8 Traffic calming** – Cllr Waymouth said providing a footpath from The Grange into the village would now be very difficult to achieve. The cost when she looked into the matter some five years ago was well over £50,000.

**4.9 Planning** – It was reported that KSM School had been given conditional planning permission for a classroom extension on the northern elevation of the existing school building. All three planning applications relating to trees at Camplins had also been approved.

**4.10 The Green** – It was reported that Highways had agreed to repaint the white lines on the road to try to reduce the number of drivers ignoring the No Entry sign.

**C/F**

**5. COMMUNITY ISSUES**

**5.1 Police Report** – PC Davies said a number of people were now turning up at the weekly police “surgery” in the village to discuss their concerns with officers. There had been a number of complaints about parking outside the garage. PC Davies said there was no offence being committed because it did not amount to obstruction and on the positive side it did slow traffic. He had advised that there should be lights on the vehicle during the hours of darkness. PC Davies said fewer calls had been received reporting crime in the area. There had been some criminal damage and thefts from outbuildings.

## **6. PARISH PLAN**

**6.1 Action Plan** – Members had previously agreed the need for a small group to monitor progress on the targets set out in the Acton Plan, which was circulated to all villagers last winter. The Chairman said Tony Jones, a member of the original parish plan committee, had agreed to chair the group. Cllr Flood said he and Nigel Bacon were also prepared to serve on it. The first task would be to prioritise the actions to be taken, and report back to the Parish Council.

### **Resolved:**

It was agreed to put an item in Link Up asking if others wanted to serve on this group.

## **7. NOTICE BOARDS**

**7.1 Quotes for new boards** – Members looked at quotes from two people for upgrading the village’s notice boards. There was a discussion on whether the boards need opening windows to protect notices.

### **Resolved:**

It was agreed a third quotation should be obtained from Ashley Gold of Bishops Lydeard who had made notice boards from a number of other parishes in the area.

**Clerk**

## **8 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**8.1 Redcot KSM** – This was a resubmission of plan approved in 2007 because of minor changes to windows.

### **Resolved:**

It was agreed to make no comment on this application (Cllr Taylor declared an interest in item 8.1 since his property backs on to the applicant’s home.)

**Clerk**

**8.2 Erection of mobile home and two pens on land adjacent to Fitzroy Lane, Pickney** – This application was accompanied by letters of support from the NFU Group Secretary, a local farmer and two neighbours. Letters had been circulated from two residents of Pickney objecting to the proposal. One of the objectors Mrs Ball attended the meeting and outlined her objections in particular she questioned the use of the word “farm” to describe this land, it was a relatively small site and neighbours had never seen more than two cows there. The fear was that this application was the prelude to building a residential home on the site.

**Resolved:**

It was agreed to object to this application on the grounds that it was unsuitable for this greenfield location, and the scale and scope of the agricultural activities did not warrant it. Members also expressed fears that the piping of a ditch close to the entrance to the site could lead to flooding.

**9. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**9.1 Community Fund** – Cllr Waymouth told members that £2,000 was available from Somerset County Council for “community projects”. The money had to be spent in the current financial year, and she hoped that the Parish Council might “match fund” any contributions.

**Resolved:**

It was agreed to put an item in Link UP asking for ideas and members of the council were also invited to put forward possible projects.

C/F

**9.2 Village Hall Grant Request** – Members received a submission from the Village Hall committee for a grant of £2,000 towards the cost of new chairs and wall insulation. Members raised a number of questions about the proposed works.

**Resolved:**

It was agreed to invite a member of the Village Hall committee to attend the next Parish Council meeting to explain what is planned.

Clerk

**9.3 Payments:**

**Resolved:**

That payment be made to:

- Kingston St Mary Playing Field £500 (annual grant for maintenance)
- Moore Stephens Accountant £149.50 (for external audit)

**10 CORRESPONDENCE**

10.1 Letter from Avon and Somerset police informing the council that Insp Sam Williams had taken over as Neighbourhood Policing Inspector at Taunton.

10.2 Email from LARC advising the next meeting is on November 12<sup>th</sup> 2009

10.3 Annual meeting of SALC will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> 2009.

**11 ITEMS FOR LINK UP**

That the following items are to be included:

- Community Fund – to invited ideas for schemes that could benefit.
- To advise that an Action Plan Group had been set up – if anyone else wished to join.

**12 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

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 9.00 pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....