

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2009**

ACTION

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

In Attendance: Councillors:

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

S Harris

The Clerk, Ms Cathy Hardy, Somerset County Councillor Elaine Waymouth and two members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Miles and Hancock.

2 ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST – None

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14th September 2009.

Resolved:

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

Cllr Taylor arrived at 7.45pm.

5 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Litterbin – Nothing further to report

C/F

5.2 White lines on Kingston Road – Nothing further to report.

C/F

5.3 Flood risk assessment – Nothing further to report.

C/F

5.4 Speedwatch – Norton Fitzwarren Parish Council had declined participating in loaning the radar gun due to costs.

Resolved

It was agreed to take no further action.

5.5 Tainfield Cottages, Nailsbourne – A letter dated 18th September had been received from the Planning Department, TDBC, confirming that the garage conversion was being used by the family and that the agricultural land was not being used for domestic use. They had, however, erected a dog kennel, which required planning permission. The owners had agreed to dismantle this.

5.6 The Green – No action had yet been taken to repaint the white lines.

C/F

5.7 Planning Applications:

20/09/0013 Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension to Redcot – Granted Permission

20/09/0014 Erection of 3-bed mobile home and erection of 2 pens within cattleyard on land adjacent to Fitzroy Lane, Pickney – Awaiting decision. A discussion took place regarding concerns about piping and the risk of flooding.

C/F

Resolved:

It was agreed to write to TDBC outlining that the pipes appear to be too small leading to regular flooding and that open ditches are required.

Clerk

5.8 Parish Plan – Cllr Stokes reported that the Committee to progress the action plan consisted Tony Jones, Harry Masterton-Smith, Nigel Bacon and Cllr Richard Flood. Tony Jones had agreed to Chair the meetings.

Resolved:

Members agreed that the Parish Council needed to be kept updated on progress.

C/F

6 GRANT FOR KSM VILLAGE HALL – Representatives of the Village Hall Committee clarified their submission for a Grant. Councillor Flood reported that the Church was also seeking support for a permanent refreshment area. The Clerk had also received a request from the Playing Fields Committee for a grant for equipment and benches. Cllr Waymouth clarified that in agreeing any Community Grant, she would wish funding to be matched.

Resolved:

Cllr Flood to obtain written details of the request from the Church and the Clerk to ask the Playing Fields Committee to put their request in writing. A decision to be made on all three applications at the next meeting.

Cllr
Flood/Clerk

7 UPGRADE OF PARISH NOTICE BOARDS – Three quotations had been received to replace three of the notice boards in the Parish.

Resolved:

All agreed to accept the second quotation submitted by Nick Townsend on the basis of economy and carpentry skills. The Clerk to notify all contractors and thank them for their applications.

Clerk

8 TDBC PAPERS – Cllr Flood advised that there was nothing of interest to report.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20/09/0016/T Application to fell one Corsican pine tree, 2 cherry trees and 1 oak, 1 willow, 1 pine and 1 eucalyptus tree at Copperhill, Lodes Lane.

Resolved:

All agreed no comment. Clerk to advise TDBC.

Clerk

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1 All agree to move this item to the end of the meeting due to it being a confidential staffing matter.

10.2 Payments:

Resolved:

That payments be made to:

KSM Village Hall – hire of hall for July & September - £32.00

HM Revenue & Customs – payment of Clerk's Income Tax - £142.70

Clerk

11 CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1 The Clerk had reported the damaged post in the village to Highways and they had confirmed it would be repaired.
- 11.2 Email from NALC re Learning Seminar on 30th October – No one to attend on this occasion.
- 11.3 Information from SCC results of speed indicator device readings for KSM – This item was noted.
- 11.4 Letter from Avon & Somerset Constabulary regarding the launch of the Community Policing Awards – This item was noted.
- 11.5 Letter from SCC Environment Directorate regarding a transport strategy to support proposed housing and employment growth in Bridgwater, Taunton and Wellington – This item was noted.
- 11.6 Letter from BT Payphones inviting the PC to purchase the red telephone box at Fulford for £1 once it is disconnected.

Resolved:

It was agreed no action would be taken to purchase the telephone box due to maintenance and cleaning costs.

11.7 Letter from Avon & Somerset Constabulary introducing Inspector Samuel Williams – This item was noted.

12 ITEMS FOR LINK UP

That the following items are to be included:

- Replacement notice boards
- 3 proposals for Community Grant
- Seeking proposals for cleaning the seat on village green

13 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Mon 9th November 2009

Mon 14th December 2009

10.1 ANNUAL PAY AWARD – Annual Review of Parish Clerk's salary.

Resolved:

All agreed to implement the pay award in line with the revalorisation of the pay scale plus a one step increase, which had been confirmed by David Greig, Parish Liaison Officer, TDBC as the normal increase for Local Government staff.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed:

Date: