

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2009

ACTION

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

The Clerk, Ms Cathy Hardy, County Cllr Elaine Waymouth, District Cllr Gerry Guerrier, Tony Jones from the Parish Plan Steering Group and five members of the public attended the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr Harris.

2 ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – The owners of Beacons Close Farm outlined a proposal by Wessex Water to build a reservoir on their land in 2012/2013 to hold 5 million litres of water. This will provide additional storage and enable a large reservoir nearby to be cleaned. The owners had proposed an alternative site nearby on Fidlers Ball Field as well as offering to move the sheepfold. This proposal had been rejected by Wessex Water. The Chairman thanked them for the information. The Parish Council will be able to comment on the proposals when Wessex Water submit an application for Planning, which is anticipated early next year.

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST – None

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th October 2009. Cllr Hancock had been incorrectly listed as attended.

Resolved:

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record subject to the amendment that Cllr Hancock had sent his apologies.

5 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Litterbin – Nothing further to report

C/F

5.2 White lines on Kingston Road – An email had been received from Highways advising that the work would be undertaken shortly.

C/F

5.3 Flood risk assessment – Nothing further to report.

C/F

5.4 Repainting White Lines on the Green – Nothing further to report.

C/F

5.5 Planning Applications

Granted Permission:

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.

Permission Refused:

20/09/0014 Change of use of Land to site temporary mobile home for an agricultural worker. Erection of bullpen and calf rearing pen within cattleyard on land adjacent to Fitzroy Lane, Pickney.

5.6 Parish Plan – Tony Jones updated the Parish Council on the first meeting of the Steering Group, which had produced an implementation plan initially prioritising the Environment, Communications and Footpaths. The implementation plan to be circulated to Members.

Cllr Miles arrived at 8.35pm

6 COMMUNITY GRANT – Cllr Stokes declared an interest in this item and left the chair. Cllr Hancock, vice chairman, took the chair. Cllrs Flood and Miles also declared an interest in this matter. Remaining Cllrs fully discussed each case and took account of the requirement for grants to have matched funding by the applicants.

Resolved:

It was agreed to sponsor all three as follows:

£300 – Playing Field Committee towards the purchase of benches

£700 – Kingston Church towards a small kitchen

£1,000 – Village Hall towards new seating and insulation

The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Waymouth to progress obtaining the Grant from the Somerset County Council Community Fund.

Clerk

Cllr Barrie arrived at 8.45pm

7 Cleaning the Village Green – Cllr Miles reminded the meeting that this had always included clearing up the Green as well as cleaning the seat. Discussion took place regarding its future upkeep, which had previously been undertaken by volunteers but had lapsed this year with some people no longer wishing to do it. However, there appears to be around 7 willing volunteers.

Resolved:

The rota to be monthly rather than fortnightly. The Clerk to circulate the rota based on those kindly volunteering.

Clerk

8 DATES FOR MEETINGS NEXT YEAR

Resolved:

To continue as at present with the 2nd Monday each month, with the exception of 3rd Monday in July and no August meeting.

9 TDBC PAPERS – Cllr Hancock updated the meeting on the Planning Policy for additional housing in the Taunton area by 2011. Cllr Waymouth advised that TDBC were going out to public consultation.

Resolved

It was agreed to keep an eye on this and to have an item on the agenda each month.

C/F

10 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20/09/0017 Erection of Extension over Garage at Copper Hill, Lodes Lane

Resolved

All agreed no comment. Clerk to advise TDBC.

Clerk

20/09/0018 Erection of Concrete Block Bull Pen on land adjacent to Fitzroy

Lane, Pickney

Resolved:

All agreed no comment. Clerk to advise TDBC.

Clerk

11 FINANCIAL MATTERS

11.1 Receipts – Receipt of the maintenance grant from TDBC for £1,250 (£500 for Burial Grounds, £500 for Playing Fields, £250 for Footpaths). It was noted that the Playing Fields had already received their £500 Grant.

Resolved

It was agreed for the Clerk to pay the £500 grant for the burial ground to the Parochial Church Council.

Clerk

11.2 Payments: None this month.

12 CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 LARC meeting Thursday 12th November in Dunster – Cllr Bradley agreed to attend.

**Cllr
Bradley**

12.2 Email from SCC information on results of Speed Indicator Device – discussion took place regarding the distance recorded from the speed indicator coming into the village as it may not be in the 30mph zone.

Resolved

The Clerk to respond to SCC Traffic Engineer to ascertain the distance from the machine and point out that it may not be valid.

Clerk

12.3 Letter from TDBC dated 14th October with information on the Allotments Strategy – this was acknowledged.

12.4 Invite to a Waste Management Strategy Workshop being held by Somerset Waste on 20th and 27th November – Cllr Bradley agreed to attend.

**Cllr
Bradley**

13 ITEMS FOR LINK UP

Resolved

That the following items are to be included:

- Community Grant
- Village Green Rota to be reinstated and to thank the volunteers. Also to seek more volunteers
- That the Parish Plan Group has now met and agreed to concentrate initially on Footpaths, Environment and Communications.

14 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Mon 14th December 2009

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed:

Date: