

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING **HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2009**

ACTION

1 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

The Clerk, Ms Cathy Hardy, and two members of the public attended the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs Flood and Harris.

- 2 ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** – Traffic speed on Greenway. Members of the public raised concerns over potential accidents with the speed of traffic on Greenway, including tractors and other vehicles travelling very fast past the school. They asked if a 20mph limit could be imposed or warning signs erected on this stretch of road.

Resolved:

The Clerk to write to Somerset Highways to ascertain the criteria for signs and what action could be taken before reviewing whether to request more signs on the approach to the school. The Clerk to contact PC Davis to ask whether any checks could be made at school times.

Clerk

- 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST** – Cllr Stokes declared an interest in Item 12.4 Playing Fields request for Grant due to being Chairman of the Playing Field Trustees.

- 4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th November 2009.

Resolved:

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

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

C/F

5.5 Planning Applications

Approved – 20/09/0017 Erection of extension over garage at Copper Hill, Lodes Lane.

Awaiting decision – 20/09/0018 Erection of concrete block bullpen on land adjacent to Fitzroy Lane, Pickney.

C/F

5.6 Community Grant – The Clerk confirmed that a cheque had been received for £2,000 from Somerset County Council. Discussion took place on passing the funds on to the agreed beneficiaries.

Resolved:

To hold the funding pending further information from the three beneficiaries. The Clerk to write to them asking them to confirm the date when work will commence, the duration, anticipated completion date and for an assurance that the funding will be matched.

**C/F
Clerk**

5.7 Cleaning the Village Green – Cllr Miles informed the meeting that there are now 16 volunteers and they have agreed to continue with a fortnightly rota. He kindly agreed to draw up the rota and circulate it to the volunteers. The Chairman thanked Cllr Miles for co-ordinating the rota and taking over this duty.

Cllr Miles

5.8 LARC meeting – Cllr Bradley reported on the meeting she attended on 12th November.

5.9 Waste Management Strategy Workshop – Cllr Bradley reported on the meeting she attended in November and outlined details of the presentation given on recycling waste where 50% recycling is being achieved in the District.

5.10 Speed Indicator Device – The Clerk confirmed that she had written to SCC Traffic Engineer and was awaiting a response

C/F

6 COMMUNITY ISSUES – PC Andy Davies was unable to attend on this occasion.

Resolved:

The Clerk to invite PC Davies to the next meeting.

Clerk

7 TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN GREENWAY – This item was discussed under Items from Members of the Public.

8 KSM RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY – Cllr Bradley updated Members on the Annual Report and the work being undertaken by the Charity. It had helped 30-50 people in the community over the last year.

9 TDBC PLANNING POLICY FOR ADDITIONAL HOUSING – Cllr Stokes reported that TDBC were holding public consultation meetings on Core Strategy at Staplegrave on 15th February, Cheddon on 1st February and Bishops Lydeard on 10th February. There were no scheduled meetings for KSM.

10 TDBC PAPERS – Cllr Stokes reported on items of interest, which included introducing recycling collections for cardboard and plastic being rolled out in the District although KSM was not currently included on the list. Also to note that TDBC is closed from the 24th December and re-opens on 4th January.

11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – None received.

12 FINANCIAL MATTERS

12.1 6-Month Review of Finances

Resolved:

Members accepted the 6-month review of Finances, which had been audited by

Cllr Harris.

12.2 Budget for 2010/11 – Members discussed income and expenditure and considered use of funds for further developing pavements in the village.

Resolved:

Members agreed the proposed budget for next year but reviewed the Precept as detailed under 12.3 below. The Clerk to invite Dan Martin to the next meeting to discuss pavements through the centre of the village opposite the Village Green following the letter to Cllr Clarke dated 15th April 2009. Also to inform him that delegates of the Parish Council would be pleased to meet him on site.

Clerk

12.3 Precept for 2010/11 – Members reviewed expenditure and the proposed budget.

Resolved:

To maintain the current Precept at £6,000.

Cllr Hancock, Vice Chairman, was appointed to Chair the next item due to Cllr Stokes' declaration of interest.

12.4 Maintenance Grants for 2010/11 – The Playing Fields Committee had requested that their grant be increased to £750 due to the extra labour costs of maintaining the field.

Resolved:

The Clerk to respond to their letter and request three quotations for the cost of the work and for this to be considered at the next meeting.

Clerk

13 CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Letter from SCC re: impact of budget constraints – Members confirmed that they had read the information supplied by the SCC.

13.2 Letter from Mr. Barnes to the Environment Agency re: water at Mill Cross – Members noted that the sand bags had been removed and the water was not now flooding over the road. Also that the pothole had been repaired.

Resolved:

It was agreed to keep an eye on the situation at Mill Cross.

13.3 Email from Unlock Democracy re: Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill – Members confirmed that they had read the information.

13.4 Letter from SALC re Items of Interest – Members confirmed that they had read the information.

14 ITEMS FOR LINK UP – None this month due to the meeting being held after the closing date for submissions although there was an important piece of information about the TDBC Consultation dates for the Core Strategy. The Clerk reported that she had submitted an article to Link Up making it clear that the Community Grant had come from Somerset County Council, through local County Councillor Elaine Waymouth, and not from TDBC.

Resolved:

The Clerk to photocopy the information on the website about the TDBC Consultation meetings and post it on the notice boards.

Clerk

15 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 11 th January	Monday 8 th February	Monday 8 th March
Monday 12 th April	Monday 10 th May	Monday 14 th June
Monday 19 th July	Monday 13 th September	Monday 11 th October
Monday 8 th November	Monday 13 th December	

16 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Fly Tipping – Cllr Waymouth had raised the issue of fly tipping. The Clerk to invite Cllr Waymouth to the next meeting if she is available. Cllr Barrie to seek Paul Mancini's views.
- Cars parked on Kingston Road – to discuss this matter under Community Issues if PC Davies is available to attend.
- Repair to post on Village Green – the Clerk informed the meeting that the person who damaged the post has offered to pay for its repair. The Clerk confirmed that she had organised for Oakleaf Builders to provide a quotation.

**Clerk
Cllr Barrie**

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed: Date: