

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2010

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

In Attendance: Councillors:
R M Stokes (Chairman)
J L Clarke
C Miles (part)
C G Hancock

The Clerk, Ms Cathy Hardy, and one member of the public attended the meeting. County Cllr Elaine Waymouth also attended the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllrs Bradley, Barrie, Taylor, Flood and Harris.

2 ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nick Townsend, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, advised that the pre-School was moving to the KSM Village School and that work was being undertaken during the summer holidays in preparation for the move in September.

A discussion took place regarding additional grit boxes in the Village. Cllr Waymouth said there may be some funding for this and agreed to look into it. Concerns were raised, however, about the management of these grit boxes.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th January 2010. Under item 5.11 the date of Dan Martin's visit should have been 19th January.

Resolved:

With the amendment as outlined, the minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

5 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Speed signs by School, Greenways – A group of Councillors had discussed 20mph signs with Highways when Dan Martin visited. He advised that the road would not quality for such signs. Discussions took place regarding other villages having signs.

Resolved:

The Clerk to contact Dan Martin to raise that Milverton had 20mph signs and the Parish Council still felt this should be considered.

Clerk

5.2 Litterbin – The Clerk confirmed that she had ordered the new litterbin by Bayhill steps.

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

5.4 Flood risk assessment – Nothing further to report.

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

5.6 Pavements in KSM – A group of Councillors met with Dan Martin from Highways to discuss extending the footpaths. Whilst a footpath could be considered behind the wall opposite the Village Green, it could not continue due to the barn. Also the cost would be prohibitive.

5.7 Fly Tipping - The rubbish had been cleared and the area covered with top soil. The Chairman thanked County Cllr Waymouth for her assistance and for organising this so speedily.

5.8 Notice boards – The Clerk reported that the three new notice boards had been erected in Nailsbourne, Fulford and Mill Cross. The Chairman thanked Nick Townsend.

6 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – The Clerk reported that KSM Village School Hall was not available for the meeting in March.

Resolved:

Members agreed to move this year's meeting to April and for the Clerk to book the School Hall for the 12th April.

Clerk

Cllr Miles arrived at 8pm

7 TDBC PLANNING POLICY FOR ADDITIONAL HOUSING – Consultation meetings are currently being undertaken across the County. Discussions took place on the impact for the Parish.

Resolved:

The Clerk to write to TDBC stating the Parish Council wishes to object to housing development of this scale north of Corkscrew Lane on the grounds of environmental/visual impact and the additional traffic it would generate on an already inadequate road system. The following to be included:

Clerk

- It would result in conflicting traffic movement around town for both employment, recreational and social purposes
- There would be a visual impact on the approach to KSM and the Quantock Hills area of outstanding natural beauty.
- The present road system is unsuitable to take the traffic that will inevitably be generated.
- It could potentially exacerbate the regular flooding on Kingston Road/Corkscrew Lane

8 TDBC PAPERS – Cllr Harris was not available to report on this item.

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20/09/0019 Retention of Stables at Manor House, Lodes Lane, KSM

Resolved:

The Parish Council has no comment to make.

20/09/0021 Erection of two storey extension at Camplins Orchard, Church Lane, KSM

Resolved:

The Parish Council has no comment to make.

20/10/0001 Erection of Extension over Garage at Copper Hill, Lodes Lane, KSM (resubmission 20/09/0017)

Resolved:

The Parish Council has no comment to make.

20/10/0002 Erection of Extension at Orchard House, Yarford Road, KSM

Resolved:

The Parish Council has no comment to make.

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1 Payments

Resolved:

That payments be made to: KSM Village Hall, room hire for Oct/Nov/Dec - £48.00
Oakleaf Builders repair to damaged post - £141.00
(including £12.00 VAT)

The Clerk was asked to chase the outstanding payment from the member of the public who damaged the post and inform her that if payment is not received within 14 days the Parish Council may have to take legal action.

Clerk

11 STAFFING MATTERS – Cathy Hardy's resignation as Clerk was accepted.

Resolved:

To advertise the vacancy on the notice boards and in Link Up. The panel to comprise Cllrs Stokes, Hancock and Bradley. Date of interviews to be 24th March. The Clerk to book the Committee room. Neighbouring Parish Council Clerks to be contacted at Staplegrove, West Monkton and Bishops Lydeard. Members to approach anyone they feel may be interested.

All Parish Councillors

12 CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 A letter from the Mayors Parlour, TDBC regarding Taunton Deane Citizenship Awards 2010 was discussed in view of the closing date being 19th February.

Resolved:

The Council discussed possible nominations and it was agreed the Chairman would reply to the letter.

Cllr Stokes

12.2 The letter from TDBC regarding Applications for Dispensations was noted.

12.3 The letter from TDBC with strategies for consultation on Allotments, Green Space, Affordable Housing, Sports Facilities and Village Halls is to be carried forward to the next meeting.

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12.4 The letter from Taunton Transition Town raising awareness of the potential impact of climate change offering events was noted.

12.5 The letter from Running Forever Running Club regarding the third Hestercombe Humdinger road race on 21st February with road closures was noted.

ITEMS FOR LINK UP

- Details of the road closures
- That the Parish Council is lodging an objection to any additional housing north of Corkscrew Lane for reasons outlined above.
- The new notice boards
- Date for Annual Parish Meeting to be 12th April
- Information about the various TDBC strategies out for consultation
- Reference to advert for Parish Clerk

14 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

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

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed:

Date: