

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

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

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

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

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

2 ITEMS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Concerns were raised about the use of Staddons Farm as a residential school, since there had been a number of incidents of damage in the locality in recent months, believed to have been caused by children from the centre.

Resolved:

The Clerk to see if PC Davies can attend the April meeting to discuss the incidents. Also for the Clerk to contact the organisation running the centre to ascertain details of its licence and regulatory requirements. This item to be on the agenda next month.

**Clerk
C/F**

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th February.

Resolved:

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

5 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 Grit Box – The Chairman reported that County Cllr Elaine Waymouth had £200 in her community fund which was available to the village to spend on a local amenity.

Resolved:

It was agreed to request that the money be used to purchase a grit box to be located near the Village Green or at the bottom end of Lodes Lane depending on where Highways were able to position it. The Clerk to liaise with County Cllr Waymouth and Highways.

Clerk

5.2 Speed signs by School, Greenways – The Clerk had emailed Highways about the 20mph sign and was awaiting a response.

5.2 Litterbin – Nothing to report

C/F

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

C/F

5.4 Flood risk assessment – Nothing further to report.

C/F

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

C/F

5.6 Flooding – Discussions took place over ongoing concerns with the flooding on Kingston Road. Surface water had frozen during the recent cold spell and there had been at least three accidents due to vehicles skidding.

C/F

Resolved:

The Clerk to write to Highways about this long standing concern informing them that there had been three accidents recently and seeking urgent action. Also to ascertain whether a permanent solution could be found.

Clerk

5.7 Annual Parish Meeting – The Clerk confirmed that the School Hall had been booked for the 12th April.

Resolved:

The Chairman to speak to local groups to ask them to give an update at the meeting on their activities.

**Cllr
Stokes**

5.8 Affordable Housing Consultation Meeting – Cllr Clarke reported on the meeting he attended.

5.9 Parish Clerk Vacancy – applications are currently being received. The Clerk confirmed that she had booked the Committee Room for interviews.

C/F

Planning Applications

Approved:

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

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

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

Awaiting Approval:

Erection of two storey extension at Camplins Orchard, Church Lane, KSM

6 PLANNING POLICY FOR ADDITIONAL HOUSING – nothing further to discuss.

7 TDBC STRATEGIES – The various strategies had been received.

Resolved:

Cllrs Hancock and Bradley to review them and respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

**Cllrs
Hancock
&
Bradley**

8 TDBC PAPERS – Not reviewed this month

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20/10/0003 Erection of a steel framed calf rearing shed on north side of farm courtyard at Sweeters Pocket, Pickey Lane, KSM.

Resolved:

The Parish Council to object to the granting of permission for the following reasons:

- Concerns about the impact on the stream which is within 20m and a large ditch that feeds into the stream
- There is no provision for the collection, storage and disposal of waste.
- The level of effluent could have an impact on the area

Clerk

10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1 Grants – Discussion took place over the various applications.

Resolved:

It was agreed to give a grant of £100 each to CAB and St Margaret's Hospice.

Clerk

10.2 Receipts – Payment had been received from Linda Smith for replacement of the post on the village green.

10.3 Payments:

Resolved:

That payments be made to:

Somerset Assoc of Local Councils affiliation fee £201.32

Cathy Hardy Internet Connection for April 2009 to March 2010 £79.12,

Postage £4.68 and mileage for April 2009 to March 2010 (10 months) £19.38

Nick Townsend re notice boards £1,584.00

Clerk

10.4 Standing Order for Cathy Hardy's salary

Resolved:

It was agreed to cancel the standing order for the current Parish Clerk's salary following the March payment.

Clerk

11 CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Invite from West Sedgemoor and West Somerset Local Authorities regarding Somerset West Community Energy Consultation on 10th April – No one available to attend.

11.2 Letter from Somerset Co-operative Services regarding Community Enterprises – This item was noted.

11.3 Email from the Traffic Engineer, SCC with details of Speed Indicator Device programme – Three Councillors had met with David Grafton and no alternative suitable site could be found for the speed device. The current position will therefore remain.

11.4 Email from County Cllr Elaine Waymouth with request from Monkton Heathfield to share radar equipment under the Community Speed Watch scheme. Discussions took place relating to neighbouring parishes' interests in becoming co-owners of the radar gun.

Resolved:

It was agreed to confirm interest in progressing with shared ownership subject to a formal Agreement to both Staplegrove and Monkton Heathfield Parish Councils. The Clerk to copy Nigel Bacon on correspondence.

Clerk

11.5 Email from Traffic Engineer, SCC with the results for December 2009 of the Speed Indicator Device – this was noted

11.6 Email from Staplegrove Parish Council confirming their wish to proceed with sharing the radar gun under the Community Speed Watch scheme – this item was discussed under 11.4.

12 ITEMS FOR LINK UP

- Water on Kingston Road and that the Parish Council is writing to Highways
- Details of the Annual Parish Meeting

14 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday 12th April

Monday 10th May

Monday 14th June

Monday 19th July

Monday 13th September

Monday 11th October

Monday 8th November

Monday 13th December

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed:

Date:

