KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER 2019

Item Nr	Item	Action By
1.0	**Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance: Cllr S Farnham (Chairman) Cllr N Townsend Cllr P Townsend Mrs K Gibbins (Parish Clerk) Cllr D Darch (SWT Councillor) Seven members of the public attended the meeting. Apologies: Cllr A Wilcox Cllr R Williams (SCC Councillor)	
2.0	**Councillors' Declarations of Interest** None	
3.0	**Approval of Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 22nd July 2019** **Resolved:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.	
4.0	**Planning** **a) Applications** **Case Ref: 20/19/0016** – Erection of 1 No. detached dwelling with double garage and formation of vehicular access on land adjacent to Cala, Kingston Road, Kingston St Mary **Resolved:** The Council agreed to object to the application on the grounds of its design and in particular, the architectural composition and use of materials which are unrelated to the local character of Kingston St Mary.	
5.0	**Playing Field** The Chairman of the Playing Field Committee gave a brief report. He said that bookings were up and that the bank balance was healthy. He updated the Council on a function held at the Playing Field Pavilion on Saturday evening, 7th September which regrettably caused disturbance to local residents. He said that the Playing Field Committee would need to put procedures in place regarding hire of the facility to ensure disturbance was kept to a minimum. Due to a change in personal circumstances, he advised the Council he would be standing down as Chairman in the near future.	C/F
6.0	**Actions from the Previous Meeting** **a) Natural environment** – The Clerk and Cllr Darch said they would continue to chase SWAT Council about regular maintenance of the footpaths from the pub to the playing field and from Sawyer's Leigh to the playing field. It was also suggested that members of the public get together as a group to clear the path. The Clerk agreed to ask Jean Alger-Green whether she would be prepared to organise this. b) **Highways** – Cllr Farnham advised the Council she had met with Cllr Williams and a representative from SCC Highways regarding improving the drainage in Kingston St Mary. SCC Highways has agreed to do additional exploratory work and put together a proposed plan of works which would be carried out in the next financial year providing funding was available. As the cost of the work was deemed to be prohibitive, SCC said they would only be in a position to proceed if they are successful in their application for grant money from Somerset Rivers Authority. It was reported that there was a blocked drain on Greenway between the school and Leach's Field. The Clerk agreed to make SCC aware of this. c) **The Swan at Kingston** – Cllr P Townsend agreed to send his comments to the Clerk for amalgamation with existing application for submission. d) **IT Strategy** – The Council agreed to accept the revised quote for editorial and technical maintenance of the Council's web pages at kstm.uk for the period June 2019 to March 2020.	Clerk/Cllr Darch Cllr Farnham/ Cllr Williams Clerk Cllr P Townsend/ Clerk

	e) **Councillor Training** – SALC said they were not able to deliver bespoke training at the present time due to lack of resources. They said they would reconsider their position in the next calendar year. The Clerk agreed to continue to check the SALC website for additional training dates. f) **Council Reserves** – The Chair of the Village Hall Committee requested funding from the Council to upgrade the sound system in the Village Hall. The quote for £1645.00+VAT included an audio system, speakers and an amplifier. The Council supports the expenditure in principle, but a competitive quote would be required.	Clerk
7.0	**Route 60+** The Council discussed Route 60+, Somerset County Council Road Safety team's presentation for older drivers and agreed to pass the information on to the Kingston Community Partnership for consideration.	Clerk
8.0	**Financial Matters** **Payments** ❖ ElanCity £1867.02 + VAT = £2240.42 – Speed Indicator Device ❖ Van der Steenhoven Research - £243.98 – Set up webmail and backup storage and purchase of domain name and webhosting account ❖ Youth Club £500.00 – Youth Club grant **Receipts** ❖ Precept 19/20 P2 - £6140.00 **Resolved:** The Parish Council agreed to make the above payments and noted the receipt of Precept 19/20 P2 and the August bank reconciliation.	
9.0	**Correspondence** Correspondence received since the last PC meeting was considered and noted. Of particular interest was the Electric Vehicle Community Charge Point Fund. As an initial step, SWAT Council has set aside a one-off budget of £20k to support the installation of electric vehicle charging points in communities throughout the district. After discussion, the Parish Council agreed it would not submit an application at the present time as there was no public car park or suitable location for this facility in KSM.	
10.0	**Items for Next Agenda** Speed Indicator Device Any other items for the agenda should be passed to the Clerk prior to the next meeting.	
11.0	**Items for Link Up and KSM Website** ❖ Planning applications decisions ❖ Road Closures ❖ Ideas for projects of community benefit ❖ Chairman for the Playing Field Committee The Chair agreed to submit a brief report to include the above items. **Date of Next Meeting – 14th October 2019** The meeting closed at 21.10	

Signed:		**Date:**	