KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 9th MARCH 2020

Item No	Item	Action By
1.0	**Attendance and apologies for absence** In attendance: Cllr N Townsend (Acting Chairman) Cllr S Farnham Cllr S Hancock Cllr A Wilcox Mrs K Gibbins (Parish Clerk) Cllr R Williams (SC Councillor) Cllr D Darch (SWT Councillor) Three members of the public attended the meeting. Apologies: Cllr P Townsend Cllr E Firmin (SWT Councillor)	
2.0	**Councillors' Declarations of Interest** None.	
3.0	**Approval of Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on 10th February 2020** **Resolved:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.	
4.0	**Planning** **a) Applications** **Case Ref: 20/20/0006** – Erection of two storey side extension at 10 Parsonage Cottages, Parsonage Lane, Kingston St Mary. The Council considered the above referenced application. Since the meeting, a revised proposal was submitted which they were not aware of and therefore hadn't reviewed. Considering the new proposal, the Council has requested an extension on their comments and will review the application again at its April meeting. **b) Case Ref: 20/20/0002** – Erection of two storey extension on the south west elevation of Fulford Apiary, Greenway, Kingston St Mary. The Council decided to make no comment. **c) 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. The Council considered the above referenced planning application and was pleased to see the proposed design modifications to the rear elevation and the use of natural stone for the front elevation and a single shared driveway. There are, however, two points which remain of concern to the Parish Council. Firstly, the Council has concerns about the large areas of glass from floor to ceiling on the first floor front elevation posing a threat to bird strike due to its reflective quality and its location which is opposite The Spinney, a Woodland Trust wood, which is an important nesting site for wild birds. Birds see reflections of vegetation and sky and respond to them as if the reflections are reality. There is a possibility The Spinney is habitat for priority bird species, listed on Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, for which the local planning authority has a duty of conservation, in carrying out its role. The Council therefore recommends that the window above the entrance door is replaced with one to match the adjacent first floor window in order to protect the interests of wild birds and in accordance with Policy CP8 of	C/F

	the Taunton Deane Core Strategy. Secondly, it is the opinion of the Parish Council that the height and general dominance of the proposed building is out of character within the conservation area and is not sympathetic to the overall building style in the village. **d)** **Case ref: 20/20/0004** – Erection of a single storey side extension and formation of two parking bays at 7 Parsonage Cottages, Parsonage Lane, Kingston St Mary. The Council decided to make no comment. **e)** **Case ref: 20/20/0007** - Formation of ménage for private use at Grove Farm, Pickney Lane, Kingston St Mary. The Council decided to make no comment.	
5.0	**Co-option of Councillors** The Council considered the co-option of two new councillors: David Stripp and David Taylor. Cllr A Wilcox proposed David Stripp and Cllr N Townsend seconded the proposal. Cllr N Townsend proposed David Taylor and Cllr A Wilcox seconded the proposal. The Council voted on the Co-options. The votes were counted after the close of the meeting and the Council unanimously voted to Co-opt both individuals as Councillors.	
6.0	**Kingston Community Partnership** The Council considered the request for funding from the KCP. The Council confirmed £500.00 had been allocated in the 2020/21 budget for the Youth Club. The Council discussed the other individual projects and asked for additional information about the Wednesday Club and the Good Neighbours Scheme before agreeing to provide funding towards these initiatives. The Council decided against providing funding for the signage for the Speed Watch Initiative. The Council did feel it worthwhile to fund the cost of hosting the village website for another year. Cllr S Farnham proposed the Council provide the funding of £120.00 and Cllr S Hancock seconded the proposal. The Council voted unanimously in favour of paying this cost.	
7.0	**V E Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations** The Council was updated on the preparations for the full schedule of activities for the VE Day Celebration on 8th May and was asked to donate £250.00 towards the event. Cllr S Farnham proposed the Council agree the donation and Cllr S Hancock seconded the proposal. The Council voted unanimously to donate £250.00 to the event.	
8.0	**Parish Council Representative on the Quantock Hills Joint Advisory Committee** The Council discussed putting forward a candidate and agreed to put David Stripp forward if he was successfully co-opted on to the Council.	Clerk
9.0	Speed Indicator Device The Council agreed to Sign the Memorandum of Understanding with Somerset County Council regarding the operation of the Speed Indicator Device in Kingston St Mary. The document was duly signed by Cllr N Townsend, Acting Chairman.	
10.0	**Actions from the Previous Meeting** a) **Highways** – The Council discussed SCC's plan for the new advisory 20mph speed limits hoped to be in place by 2022 outside all schools in Somerset. **b)** **Playing Field** – The Clerk updated the Council on the ongoing efforts to get quotes for new equipment for the playing field which hopefully will be funded by available S106 funding. She advised she and Cllr P Townsend were completing the application and were hoping for assistance from the Chair of the Playing Field Committee.	Clerk, Cllr P Townsend

	c) **Natural environment –** The Clerk advised that a meeting had been scheduled for 23 March with SWT. d) **Council Reserves** - i. Clearing of roadside verge on Kingston Road by the Grange and the Spinney ii. Furniture for the Playing Field Pavilion e) **Housing Needs Survey** – The Council agreed the existing wording for the covering letter and survey were fine.	Clerk, Cllr A Wilcox Cllr R Williams C/F
11.0	**Financial Matters** **Payments** ❖ £30.00 – SALC, Responding to Planning Applications Training **Resolved:** The Parish Council agreed to make the above payment.	
12.0	**Items for Next Agenda** Items for the agenda should be passed to the Clerk prior to the next meeting	
13.0	**Items for Link Up and KSM Website** The Clerk agreed to submit a report for Link Up and KSM Website. **Date of Next Meeting – 6th April 2020** The meeting closed at 21.25	Clerk

Signed:		**Date:**	