

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 9 APRIL 2018 - DRAFT

Item Nr	Item	Action By
1.0	<p>Attendance and Apologies</p> <p>In attendance: Cllr R Stokes (Chairman) Cllr M Anderson Cllr N Bradshaw Cllr J Clarke Cllr S Farnham Cllr J Marsh Cllr K Taylor Cllr A Wilcox Miss C Roche (Parish Clerk) Cllr R Williams (SCC Councillor)</p> <p>Two Members of the Public attended the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies received from: Cllr N Townsend (PC and TDBC Councillor) Cllr C Tucker (TDBC Councillor) PCSO T Wearmouth (Avon and Somerset Police)</p>	
2.0	<p>Councillors Declarations of Interest in Any Agenda Item</p> <p>None.</p>	
3.0	<p>Items from Members of the Public</p> <p>None.</p>	
4.0	<p>Police Update</p> <p>The Clerk read out the report that she had received from the Police, prior to the meeting.</p>	
5.0	<p>SCC Councillor Update</p> <p>Cllr Williams advised the Parish Council of the following: ❖ Information to be included in Parish Council's Annual Parish Meeting ❖ Activities ongoing within SCC</p>	
6.0	<p>TDBC Councillor Update</p> <p>The Clerk advised that no report had been received from Cllr Townsend, prior to the meeting.</p>	
7.0	<p>Community Plan</p> <p>Two representatives from the Community Plan Group advised the Parish Council of the following: ❖ A bespoke cycle route to the Quantocks is desired ❖ Taunton Garden Town status may open access to the countryside for cyclists ❖ A meeting had taken place with villagers, to provide a comprehensive overview of the Plan and deliverables, to date ❖ Community Plan Group had applied to TDBC Small Grant Scheme for £1,000 grant</p>	

7.1	<p>Highway Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Traffic speed through Kingston St Mary is a major concern for villagers ❖ A bid was being made through the Small Improvement Scheme to introduce a 40mph speed limit along Kingston Road, to extend the 30mph speed zone and to introduce a 20mph speed zone within the village. Cllr Williams is supporting the bid ❖ SCC Parking and SIDs Officer had confirmed that Parish Councils may purchase a SID ❖ Speed Indicator Device (SID) - fund raising to enable the Parish Council to purchase a device would commence. The Parish Council confirmed that the cost of buying a device was beyond its reach ❖ It was confirmed that Cheddon Fitzpaine PC would be willing to work with Kingston St Mary PC, to purchase a SID 	
8.0	<p>Playing Field Equipment Quotes</p> <p>At the January 2018 meeting, the Clerk advised that the annual Playing Field ROSPA Report indicated that some repairs were required. Cllr Wilcox had reviewed the report and concurred with its findings.</p> <p>The Playing Field Committee Chairman advised that the isolated item had been re-installed.</p> <p>The Playing Field Committee Chairman advised that he would be arranging for the equipment identified in the ROSPA Report to be repaired, at a cost of £875.00. Thereafter, the Playing Field Committee would have no funds available for any further repairs. Cllr Farnham advised she was applying to a TDBC Parish Play Areas Grant Scheme for additional funding.</p> <p>Also, the Playing Field Committee Chairman confirmed that volunteers had come forward to carry out paintwork and grass cutting. However, more volunteers would be welcomed.</p>	
9.0	<p>Playing Field Access/Egress and Mud on Public Highway Review</p> <p>The Parish Council discussed the Playing Field access/egress and mud on the public highway. It was agreed that there were deep ruts in the Playing Field grass during the winter months which were probably caused by the pavilion hirers driving their cars onto/off the field. Cllr Bradshaw offered to contact the Playing Field Bookings Secretary accordingly.</p> <p>The mud on the public highway had also arisen during the winter months and it was thought that this was caused by pavilion hirers whilst egressing the field and visitors to Leeches Field using the access/egress at the field, as a turning point for their vehicles. Item closed.</p>	C/F
10.0	<p>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 12 March 2018</p> <p>Resolved: The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
11.0	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
11.1	<p>Playing Field Vandalised Signs</p> <p>At the October 2017 meeting, it was Agreed in Principle to pay for three signs including posts and concrete to be erected at the Playing Field. The Member of the Public showed the Parish Council two artworks that the children had produced for the Playing Field and for outside the Primary School's main entrance. The Member of the Public agreed to arrange for the three signs to be made + the two extra signs would be made free of charge. It was agreed that the Member of the Public would either pay for the signs and reclaim from the Parish Council or send the Clerk the invoice, for payment to be made.</p>	C/F

11.2	<p>North Taunton Urban Development At the February 2018 meeting, Cllr Stokes advised the Parish Council of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Funding of £7.2 million has been pledged by central government for the North Taunton Urban Development spine road ❖ If this road is built in advance of houses it should greatly ease pressure on Kingston Road, particularly during the construction phase ❖ It should also avoid the need for a drop-down road into Corkscrew Lane and enable developers to increase the number of affordable homes from 15% to 25% ❖ SCC Highways Infrastructure Plan appears to be little more than a “cut and paste” of road schemes already planned by developers ❖ Campaigners have argued that the eastern end of the spine road should be continued to link up with Nerrols Drive to form an outer relief road but SCC Highways claim this is not needed ❖ Both North Taunton Urban Development Section 106 Agreements were awaiting signature 	C/F
11.3	<p>Hedgerow and Highway Maintenance The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted SCC Highways and Cllr Williams regarding the hedgerow along Greenway which requires significant cutback, as 1 metre of highway had been lost over the years. Ongoing.</p>	C/F
11.4	<p>Bay Hill - Footpath At the November 2017 meeting, the Clerk confirmed that the Bay Hill footpath had been cleared of the debris (earth, twigs and leaves) that had fallen onto it, from the Sawyers Leigh embankment. However, a permanent solution was required from TDBC to alleviate had yet to be found. Item closed.</p>	
11.5	<p>Village Hall Notice Board Repair At the March 2018 meeting, the Parish Council decided that the installation of 2 oak posts would be a much cheaper option. The Clerk confirmed that a volunteer was willing to install the posts and to be reimbursed accordingly. Cllr Stokes requested that Cllr Wilcox observed the repair. Ongoing.</p>	Cllr Wilcox
11.6	<p>Highway Flooding The Clerk advised that SCC Highways had earlier today:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cleared the ditch from Mill Cross down towards Tainfield of silt and hedgerow clippings. Water was now flowing freely through this ditch. Item closed ❖ The blocked ditch near Cutley House had been cleared of silt. Also, a blocked ditch opposite Fulford House had been discovered. This ditch had also been cleared and the embankment protecting it had been reinstated. Water was now flowing freely through this ditch. Item closed ❖ Confirmed that the blocked pipe on the corner of Park Lane and Pickney Lane still required clearing. The cause of this blocked pipe was a collapsed pipe on land, belonging to Smokey Farm. SCC Highways were in discussion with the Landowner. Ongoing 	
12.0	<p>Planning</p>	
12.1	<p>Applications None received.</p>	
12.2	<p>Granted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 20/18/0004 Various Internal and External Alterations at Cutley House, Yarford Road, Kingston St Mary <p>The Parish Council noted the above.</p>	

13.0	Financial Matters	
13.1	Payments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Community Council for Somerset £40.00 (Annual Membership 2018/2019) ❖ Information Commissioner £35.00 (Data Protection Licence 2018/2019) ❖ Jack Council £178.00 (Village Green grass cutting 2018 season) ❖ SALC £25.00 (Cllr Farnham Councillor Essentials course) ❖ KSM Village Hall £275.00 (Committee Room hire for Parish Council meetings 2018/2019) Resolved: It was agreed to make the above payments.	Clerk
13.2	Receipts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ £10274.00 (Precept 2018/2019) The Parish Council noted the above.	
13.3	End of Year Financial Review 2017/2018 The Parish Councillors and Clerk reviewed the year end budget and bank reconciliation which were found to be in good order. Next review due in September 2018.	
13.4	Review 2018/2019 Budget The Parish Councillors and Clerk reviewed the 2018/2019 budget. It was agreed to order a new noticeboard for the Farmers Arms, to increase the Playing Field annual grant to £750.00 and to include £1000.00 for Playing Field H&S contingency. Cllr Farnham would ask a member of the Community Plan Group to identify natural environment improvements and report thereafter to the Parish Council.	
14.0	Correspondence The Clerk advised that following had been received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ South Quantocks Benefice: thank you letter ❖ NALC: Review of Local Government Ethical Standards ❖ Bank: Re-structuring of commercial and retail banking ❖ SCC Highways: Temporary closure of Fitzroy Road The Parish Council noted the above.	
15.0	Matters for Next Meeting None.	Clerk
16.0	Items for LinkUp <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Playing Field ❖ Date of next Parish Council meeting 	Cllr Stokes
17.0	Date of Next Meeting Monday 14 May 2018 at 7.30PM. The meeting closed at 9.05PM.	

Signed:

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