

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 11 DECEMBER 2017

Item Nr	Item	Action By
1.0	<p>Attendance and Apologies</p> <p>In attendance: Cllr R Stokes (Chairman) Cllr J Clarke Cllr S Farnham Cllr J Marsh Cllr N Townsend (PC and TDBC Councillor) Cllr A Wilcox Miss C Roche (Parish Clerk) Two Members of the Public attended the meeting</p> <p>Apologies received from: Cllr M Anderson Cllr N Bradshaw Cllr K Taylor Cllr R Williams (SCC 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> <p>Cllr Stokes advised that PCSO Wearmouth would be contacted regarding re-establishing a Speedwatch group, once volunteers had come forward.</p>	
5.0	<p>SCC Councillor Update</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had not received a report from Cllr Williams, prior to the meeting.</p>	
6.0	<p>TDBC Councillor Update</p> <p>Cllr Townsend advised the Parish Council of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The proposed household waste collection arrangements (every three weeks) were being postponed until 2020, when the existing waste collection contract was due for renewal ❖ The proposed merger of Taunton Deane Borough Council and West Somerset Council had been approved by the Secretary of State 	
7.0	<p>North Taunton Urban Development</p> <p>Cllr Stokes updated the Parish Council as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A brief meeting with the Minister of State for Housing and Development and Mrs Rebecca Pow MP had taken place recently. The purpose of the meeting was for Cllr Clarke (Staplegrove PC Chairman) and Cllr Stokes (Kingston St Mary PC Chairman) to explain that forward funding of the spine road was required before housing development commences ❖ A motion was being proposed at this month's full council meeting that TDBC should abide by its Policy of 25% affordable housing on all new developments 	

<p>8.0</p>	<p>Community Plan</p> <p>The Community Plan Steering Group Chairman advised the Councillors of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Community Plan Steering Group had been renamed the Community Partnership ❖ Reducing speed limits within the village was a high priority. Evidence was being gathered of speeding vehicles. It was hoped that a meeting would be arranged with SCC Highways soon ❖ Broadband - the required equipment needed to be seed funded to get projects going ❖ Cycle routes - meetings had been held with TDBC Planners to ensure Reserved Matters Applications included cycle routes ❖ Community assistance - a funding application had been made to RBS. Four volunteers had agreed to monitor public rights of way within the parish <p>Cllr Stokes advised that a Housing Needs Assessment would cost between £2,000 - £3,000. Also, new housing development was constrained within Kingston St Mary village because of the AONB and Conservation Area. The Staplegrove Urban Development would provide approximately social/affordable 100 houses.</p>	
<p>9.0</p>	<p>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 13 November 2017</p> <p>Resolved: The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
<p>10.0</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
<p>10.1</p>	<p>Playing Field Vandalised Signs and Installation of CCTV</p> <p>At the October 2017 meeting, the Parish Council as the Playing Field Custodian Trustee was asked to consider installing CCTV. The Parish Council agreed that Kingston St Mary village was not a suitable place for CCTV.</p> <p>However, it was Agreed in Principle to pay for three signs including posts and concrete to be erected at the Playing Field. The Clerk confirmed she had contacted the Chairman of the Playing Field Committee accordingly. Ongoing.</p>	<p>C/F</p>
<p>10.2</p>	<p>Hedgerow and Highway Maintenance</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted SCC Highways regarding the hedgerow along Greenway which requires significant cutback, as 1 metre of highway had been lost over the years. Ongoing.</p>	<p>C/F</p>
<p>10.3</p>	<p>Bay Hill - Footpath</p> <p>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 this ongoing issue. Ongoing.</p> <p>Also, the Clerk was asked to contact the DLO regarding clearing the fallen leaves on the footpath from Leaches Field to the Primary School. This footpath had become treacherous underfoot due to the recent severe winter weather.</p>	<p>C/F</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>10.4</p>	<p>Employ a Lengths Man</p> <p>At the October 2017 meeting, Cllr Bradshaw requested that the Parish Council consider employing a lengths man to maintain identified areas of the parish's natural environment.</p> <p>At the November 2017 meeting, the Clerk confirmed she had heard from Bishops Hull Parish Council who advised that it had never employed a Lengths Man. Instead it contracted out any natural environment work, as required. Cllr Bradshaw suggested that the Clerk and herself make further inquiries with their contacts within SCC Highways regarding funding a Lengths Man. Ongoing.</p>	<p>Cllr Bradshaw/ Clerk</p>

11.0	Planning	
11.1	<p>Applications</p> <p>20/17/0037 Application to Carry Out Management Works to One Oak Tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Kingston St Mary No. 1) Tree Preservation Order 1997 at The Old Parsonage, Kingston St Mary (TD719)</p> <p>Resolved: The Parish Council had no objection to this Application.</p>	Clerk
11.2	<p>Granted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ 20/17/0023 Erection of Boundary Wall at Grove farm, Pinkney, Kingston St Mary ❖ 20/17/0028 Notification to Fell One Holly Tree within Kingston St Mary Conservation Area at Camplins, Church Lan, Kingston St Mary ❖ 20/17/0030 Notification to Fell One Elder Tree within Kingston St Mary Conservation Area at Camplins Orchard, Kingston St Mary <p>The Parish Council noted the above.</p>	
12.0	Financial Matters	
12.1	<p>Payments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ HM Revenue and Customs £153.27 (Parish Clerk Income Tax October to December 2017) ❖ Love Musgrove £100.00 (Section 137 Grant towards new MRI Scanner) <p>Resolved: It was agreed to make this payment.</p>	Clerk
12.2	<p>Receipts</p> <p>None received.</p>	
12.3	<p>Village Hall Notice Board Repair</p> <p>The Clerk advised that one of the wooden posts seemed to be rotten.</p> <p>Resolved: The Clerk was asked to contact Notice-It Ltd to arrange for the post to be replaced.</p>	Clerk
12.4	<p>Kingston St Mary Village Sign Repair</p> <p>The Chairman advised that the wooden posts seemed to be rotten and that the sign had been stored in a safe place. The Clerk advised that SCC Highways had quoted £197.48 to repair sign and an indemnity agreement would need to be signed before SCC Highways would proceed with the repair.</p> <p>Resolved: It was resolved to pay SCC Highways £197.48 for the repair and for the Clerk to sign the indemnity agreement.</p>	Clerk
12.5	<p>Footpath Liaison Officer Brush Cutter Training £156.00 (provided by Blake Training Ltd £130.00 + VAT)</p> <p>Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to pay for this training. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.</p>	Clerk
12.6	<p>2018/2019 Precept Approval</p> <p>The Parish Councillors and Clerk reviewed the draft budget. The Clerk advised that the Council Tax Base 2018/2019 had been confirmed by TDBC.</p> <p>Resolved: It was agreed that the 2018/2019 Precept would be raised to £10274.00, an increase of 22.03%. The Chairman and Clerk duly signed the Precept Request Form.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that the annual Playing Field ROSPA Report indicated that some repairs were required. The Clerk was asked to contact TDBC's Section 106 Manager accordingly and to forward a copy of the ROSPA report to Cllrs Townsend and Wilcox for their review.</p>	Clerk Clerk

<p>13.0</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Clerk advised that following had been received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ SCC Highways: Termination of current speed indicator device programme ❖ SCC Rights of Way: Temporary closure of footpaths T15/19 and part of T24/12 <p>The Parish Council noted the above.</p>	
<p>14.0</p>	<p>Matters for Next Meeting</p> <p>None received.</p>	
<p>15.0</p>	<p>Items for LinkUp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Planning Applications ❖ North Taunton Development ❖ Precept 2018/2019 ❖ Litter ❖ Date of next Parish Council meeting 	<p>Cllr Stokes</p>
<p>16.0</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 8 January 2018 at 7.30PM.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.40PM.</p>	

Signed:

Date:
