

KINGSTON ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 17 JULY 2017

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 J Marsh Cllr K Taylor Cllr N Townsend (PC and TDBC Councillor) Cllr A Wilcox Miss C Roche (Parish Clerk) Six Members of the Public attended the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies received from: Cllr S Farnham 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>Cllrs Anderson and Wilcox - Planning Application 20/17/0015.</p>	
3.0	<p>Items from Members of the Public</p> <p>A Member of the Public raised the issue of dogs being banned from the Playing Field. Parish Councillors explained that in 2000, a young child was attacked (bitten across the cheek and mouth) by a dog on the Playing Field. Since then dogs have been banned from being on the Playing Field due to the safety risk they pose to young children. Also, it was explained that not all dog owners are responsible and clear up after their dog(s) which could lead to disease being transmitted.</p> <p>The Parish Council also advised that it is the Playing Field's Custodian Trustee and in 1947, the Honourable Mrs Mary Herbert of Tetton House left the Playing Field as a recreation ground mainly for the use of children and young people of Kingston St Mary.</p>	
4.0	<p>Police Update</p> <p>The Clerk advised that she had received a report from the Police, prior to the meeting which she read out.</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 that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Brewhouse would be undergoing a £20 million upgrade. However, the funding required still needed to be sourced ❖ Both Taunton Deane and West Somerset councils employ a dog warden who can issue fixed penalty notices and a Magistrate's Court could impose a £1,000 fine for dog fouling. However, the dog owner would need to be identified 	

6.0 cont.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ North Taunton Planning Application - no change. The issue between the promoter and TDBC seems to be the viability of the development given the number of affordable units that were required by TDBC and the cost of undergrounding the power lines ❖ Somerset Waste Partnership - there are issues with the new collection service which was due to commence in Autumn 2017 ❖ Incidents of fly tipping within Taunton Deane had decreased in the last 12 months ❖ A Housing Needs Survey would cost the Parish Council approximately £2,000 depending on the number of houses in the parish. The Clerk was asked to confirm the number of houses. A source of funding for the Housing Needs Survey may be the Neighbourhood Plan 	Clerk
7.0	<p>KSM Playing Field</p> <p>The Playing Field Committee Chairman advised the Parish Council of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The wedding went well and no complaints were received from residents. It was hoped that similar events could be held in the future ❖ There was sufficient money in the Bank Account for the 2017 day-to-day expenditure. Future fund raising events are planned ❖ The Playing Field Committee and the Primary School were making a joint grant application to EDF (Hinckley Point) for an all-weather track and new play equipment. The Clerk advised that if a Planning Application was required, then the Parish Council can make the Application free of charge ❖ For health reasons, dogs were still banned from being on the Playing Field <p>Cllr Townsend offered to attend the next Playing Field Committee meeting. Date to be advised.</p>	PFC Chairman
8.0	<p>Kingston St Mary Village Signs - Flower Planters</p> <p>This item was not discussed by the Parish Council.</p>	
9.0	<p>Natural Environment: Hedgerows and Area of Land Opposite The Swan Pub</p> <p>The Parish Clerk was asked to contact the DLO to ask it to maintain hedgerows and grassed areas in the village. The Clerk advised that she had already arranged to meet with the DLO, on the 3 August 2017.</p>	Clerk
10.0	<p>Community Plan</p> <p>The Community Plan Steering Group Chairman advised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Community Plan Summary Report has been distributed to 450 houses within the parish ❖ The Awards For All Final Account and underspend of £65.43 has been submitted to A4A England ❖ Group activities were now progressing with regards to a new cycle route, pilot Youth Club, natural environment improvements including dogs on the Playing Field and community assistance ❖ A Neighbourhood Plan may be beneficial for the parish, as it would be considered when Planning Applications are made. However, a Neighbourhood Plan is time consuming to produce and there is a strict process that needs to be followed. Further inquiries to be made 	CPSG Chairman & Clerk
11.0	<p>Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting dated 12 June 2017</p> <p>Resolved: The Minutes were amended, approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
12.0	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
12.1	<p>Repainting Direction and Fingerpost Signs</p> <p>The Parish Clerk advised that AGS Services confirmed it will be undertaking the work, by September 2017. Ongoing.</p>	C/F

12.2	<p>Kingston Watercourses: Maintenance Cllr Bradshaw advised that no further progress had been made with regards to the survey for a Silt Management Plan. The Chairman advised that SCC Flood Management Team appeared to be making no progress with the riparian owner. It was agreed to close this item until such time there was further information to report. Item closed.</p>	
12.3	<p>Kestercombe Lane Top Surface Dressing Cllr Townsend advised that SCC Highway signs had appeared advising that top surface dressing would be laid w/c 17 July 2017. However, the broken ditch still needed to be repaired as the highway is falling into the ditch. Clerk to contact SCC Highways.</p>	Clerk
13.0	Planning	
13.1	Applications	
13.1.1	<p>20/17/0012 Change of Use from Licensed Social Club to Split Use of a Youth Club (Upstairs) and an Art/Photography Studio (downstairs) at Kingston Men's Club, Kingston Road, Kingston St Mary Resolved: The Parish Council had no objection to this Planning Application.</p>	Clerk
13.1.2	<p>20/17/0015 Notification to Fell One Cherry Tree and One Willow Tree within Kingston St Mary Conservation Area at the Village Hall, Church Lane, Kingston St Mary Resolved: The Parish Council had no objection to this Planning Application.</p>	Clerk
13.1.3	<p>20/17/0016 Change of Use of Part of Single Storey Garage Block to Form Two Bed Ancillary Annexe including Alterations to Pitched Roof Outside Area at Westland House, Kingston Road, Kingston St Mary Resolved: The Parish Council had no objection to this Planning Application. However, it requested the following conditions: ❖ The two-bed ancillary annexe is not to be used for long term lets ❖ The two-bed ancillary annexe is not to be sold separately to the house</p>	Clerk
13.3	<p>Granted None.</p>	
14.0	Financial Matters	
14.1	<p>Payments ❖ Somerset Association of Local Councils £239.87 (Annual Membership 2017/2018) Resolved: The Parish Council agreed to pay the above.</p>	Clerk
14.2	<p>Receipts None received.</p>	
15.0	<p>Correspondence ❖ SCC: Chairman's Awards Nomination The Parish Council noted the above.</p>	
16.0	<p>Matters for Next Meeting Review of Speed Limits.</p>	

17.0	<p>Items for LinkUp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ North Taunton development ❖ Dog Barking ❖ Planning Applications ❖ Finger Posts ❖ Crime ❖ Date of next Parish Council meeting 	
18.0	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 11 September 2017 at 7.30PM.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.20PM.</p>	

Signed:

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