

Keinton Mandeville Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting of the above named Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 6 September 2011, at the village hall at 7.30pm.

Present

Brendan O'Hara, Michael Richardson, Chris Lane, John Whitehouse, Beverley Goodall, Tom Ireland, Helen Beal, Sarah Cooke

In attendance

Jimmy Zouche, County Councillor; Sue Graham, Clerk
2 members of the public

Public Session

- Queen Street . increasing concern that wide vehicles mount the pavement at the top of Queen Street . resident's garden wall has been damaged. Configuration of the junction means it is blind as the road narrows and consequently lorries regularly use the pavement. Noted that this has been referred to SCC in the past. Request from member of the public to bring this to attention of SCC again.
- Noted that the road resurfacing on Barton Road is an immense improvement.

1. **Apologies** – John Calvert

2. **Declarations** - None

3. **Minutes of last meeting: 2nd August 2011**

- The minutes were approved and signed as a true and correct record of the meeting held. 1st JW 2nd SC unanimous
- Matters arising from the minutes not covered by items on this agenda . there were no matters arising.

4 Planning.

The following applications were considered.

Application number 11/02847/FUL Demolition of existing extensions and erection of a replacement extension. The Barn, Barton Road, Keinton Mandeville.

MR noted that he had been to visit the applicant and the site. Observations were made as follows

- Existing property appears quite ramshackle - this represents an improvement.
- Impact on neighbours was considered. The new work will not be visible to the south of property and the house to north will just see a continuation of the wall, but this proposal represents an improvement as the wall will be natural stone as opposed to breeze block. Roof line is an improvement as well.
- All stonework will match as opposed to existing.
- A good extension.
- Large improvement.
- No objections

Recommend **approval** . 1st CL 2nd HB unanimous.

Application number 11/00802/FUL The erection of a two storey extension to dwelling house (retrospective), 4 Manor Place, Keinton Mandeville.

MR reported a brief outline of the circumstances surrounding this extension. Observations were made as follows

- View expressed that the applicant should have sought permission in the first place
Two concerns noted
- Ensuite window has two openers and this window overlooks the neighbouring property's garden. Suggest that this should be replaced with fixed windows and fan light openers.
- The roof line is not attractive - would be better, aesthetically more pleasing if it matched existing pitched roof.

Proposal . recommend **approval** with recommendation that applicant considers changing flat roof to pitched tiled roof, together with replacement of the ensuite window to window with fixed panes and a fan light.

1st JW 2nd AW, unanimous.

4a. Determination of Planning. The following determinations were received
11/02651/FUL Demolition of existing garage and erection of a two storey extension to dwelling house. Mandy Villa, Queen Street, Keinton Mandeville. Grant permission with conditions.

4b. Other planning matters

Planning consultant contact re Lakeview Quarry.

A planning consultant has contacted the Chairman again about the development of the Quarry. An informal meeting had been requested; the chairman declined and invited him to attend a Parish Council meeting instead. The consultant said he would come to the meeting next month.

5. Finance and Payments (RFO – Clerk)

- a) Payments. The following payments were agreed 1st BG 2nd HB unanimous
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| ▪ Clerk's salary S. Graham August 2011. | £230.18 |
| ▪ Clerk's stationery items | £21.34 |
| ▪ Maintenance | £185.00 |
| ▪ Grant junior rounders | £100.00 |
| ▪ GP Davis, water fountain cut off valve maintenance
(Ref water fountain bill . this had been queried by the clerk. It was noted that this was regarded as maintenance.) | £42.00 |
- b) Receipts . no receipts.
- c) Review of Accounts, presentation of bank reconciliation to be agreed and signed by Councillors. The accounts were reviewed. Expenditure last month was £583.40, and income was nil. The bank balance stands at 21,744.94. The bank statements are showing £21,744.94. There are no outstanding payments / receipts. The accounts were circulated amongst councillors and checked.
- d) Grant requests. Receive the following grant requests
- Yeovil Shopmobility. This grant request was noted, and will be taken forward to the January agenda when grant requests from organisations outside of the village will be considered.
- e) Other finance matters . receive thank you letter from Keinton and Kingweston Community Transport. This letter was read out.

6. Highways

Update / Items to report

Noted that resurfacing of Barton Road and Chistles Lane is good quality. The problem with regard to road closure (Barton Road) and the fact that no one was informed had been addressed by the County Councillor.

- Reference was made to the problem with Queen Street which had been raised in public session . clerk to write to Scott Davies, cc Jimmy Zouche
- Grit bin . discuss purchase of further bin(s) in light of recent correspondence with Highways, and note referral to D Heath.

Recent correspondence with Highways regarding replenishing grit bins and subsequent referral of this to D Heath was noted. No assurance had been received that grit bins would be replenished regularly. JZ provided some background about the difference in the distribution of grit across the country. Discussion took place about whether to buy further grit bins. On the one hand the council felt disinclined to buy further grit bins in view of the possibility that bins may not be filled regularly but it was also noted that the bins had been budgeted for and assurance had been given that they would be filled initially.

Proposal to buy to 2 bins - 1st JW 2nd CL, unanimous. Clerk to liaise with Highways to discuss appropriate places to locate bins.

No further updates on other matters . clerk to check with J Calvert with regard to ownership of Green on Irving Road.

7. Parish Paths

Update / items to report

- Broken stile - BO'H has visited the site on Blind Lane. Noted that it would be possible to replace the stile. Query raised about the location of the stile and the possibility that this does not form part of the footpath but part of the adjacent field. Noted that the landowner may wish to carry out maintenance work on the land on which the stile is situated. The line of the footpath needs to be clarified. BO'H to contact SCC for definitive map.

8. Happy Tracks / Skate park

Update

- Benches and picnic tables are to be installed. A bench is being purchased by village hall committee in memory of Brenda Gray.
- Receive inspection report . problems on-going. SG to contact Playdale again despite previous contact and no action.

9. Neighbourhood watch

- Receive monthly report . no report received.

10. Maintenance

Agree requirements

- Grass cutting.

11. Suggestion box

Contents for discussion

- There were no suggestions in the box.

12. Youth

Youth Activities . update

- Sarah would like to start hockey again and has asked for volunteer to lead it.
- Youth activities . potential to expand. Sarah will be looking to expand and will be approaching yr. 6 at Keinton Mandeville school, she has been in touch with Mr Benzie at Ansford. Sarah is looking to subscribe to SYRP. This will cost £30/year.
- Youth Worker courses . SC has enrolled on a course for a level 3 qualification in youth work. SC needs some information from South Petherton regarding Youth Council constitution (clerk to contact South Petherton clerk)

13. Village Hall field

Update

Quotes have been sought

Fundraising . jumble sale has taken place and over £500 was raised. The remainder was sold at car boot sale . and further £200 was raised. Zumba is going well and proving to be a successful fundraiser.

14. Diamond Jubilee

Discuss possible village event

- Suggested that this should be discussed this next month

15. Phone Box and Former Post Box

Paint and removal of tape respectively. There had been little progress with regard to these two items.

16. Garden competitions

Results noted on newsletter. Trophies to be presented at village day.

17. Funeral Bier

JZ will take up with Taunton Museum again.

18. Correspondence

Discussion

- From RHS . Britain in Bloom . this correspondence was placed in circulation
- From Avon and Somerset Police . community policing awards . there were no nominations.
- From South Somerset Together . renewable energy conference and tour . there were no Councillors available to attend.
- From SALC - Local Government Boundary Review . this correspondence was placed in the circulation file.
- From Buckingham Palace Press Office . Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend. Suggested that this should be reconsidered at next meeting.
- Network Rail . noisy works on the railway line . agreed that this should go in parish magazine.
- From SALC -Items of Interest to Councillor and Clerks . noted that the latest good councillor guide would be available for collection from the SALC AGM / Area meeting
- From SALC - Area Meeting and AGM . BO'H volunteered to attend if he was available.
- From Clerks and Councils Direct, Queen's Diamond Jubilee Mugs offer . suggested that this should go on next agenda.
- From SSDC. Invitation to Town and Parish Councils Annual Meeting. Noted that this meeting is scheduled for the same evening as the Parish Council meeting hence no Councillors would be available to attend it.

Circulation. The following was placed in the circulation file.

- From Avon and Somerset Police Authority . policing plan 2011-14
- From Avon and Somerset Police Authority . newsletter
- Somerset Waste Partnership Newsletter
- Community Buying Update
- Clerks and Councils Direct - Circular.

19. Parish magazine

Items for inclusion in the October edition

- Noisy work on railway line
- Date of litter pick
- New police number
- Hanging basket and flower competitions

20. Litter pick

Arrange date for autumn litter pick

Agreed for 8th October 10am Quarry Inn

Poster for shop, clerk will also ask school to publicise it.

21. Village day

Make arrangements for stall.

- Publicise litter pick
- Whiteboard with information on

22. Future agenda items

- Speed of traffic through Castle Street
- Ask police to attend the next meeting.
- Irving Road . speed of traffic

23. Any other reports

There were no other reports.

24. Date of the next meeting

4th October

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