

Keinton Mandeville Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above named Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 18th January 2011, at the village hall at 7.00pm.

Present Brendan O'Hara, Michael Richardson, Helen Beal, Beverley Goodall, Mary D'Arcy

In attendance – Sue Graham (clerk)

Brief Summary of public session

- Noted that residents on Church Street/Church Lane (Neill Thomas, Steve Baker and the resident from Stoneleigh) had cleared Church Lane during the bad weather over the Christmas period, noted that this was very public spirited and should be mentioned in the Parish magazine.
- Footpath being created by walkers diagonally across the field to rear of village hall, this is not the official right of way.
- Electric fence in field behind village hall (the one with the sheep in) is too close to the edge, making it difficult for dog walkers
- Finger post has been moved outside Box Cottage – is now obscured.

1. Apologies

Chris Lane, Kathy Low, Sarah Cooke, Belinda Simson, Jimmy Zouche, John Calvert

2. Declarations

None

3. Finance

- Consider donation towards cost of the reception following the unveiling of the Blue Heritage Plaque (birthplace of Sir Henry Irving) on Irving House, including discussion about who to invite.

It was agreed that invitations should go to Jimmy Zouche, John Calvert, John Irving (grandson of Sir Henry Irving) and members of the Sir Henry Irving Club. It was also agreed that 3 Parish Councillors should attend to include BG and BO'H. BG agreed to try to arrange for invitations to be printed.

It was noted that Equity bought the plaque. A reception will take place at the Quarry Inn following the unveiling of the plaque, and it was suggested that the Parish Council's contribution to mark the event could be to pay for the coffee. About 50 people will be attending the reception. BG to obtain a price for the coffee and this decision to be confirmed at PC meeting on 1st February.

A discussion took place about whether to offer to subsidise the Sir Henry Irving Club members' lunch. It was noted that the club had not asked for a grant this year and agreed that it would be an appropriate gesture. BO'H to liaise with D Moir about the cost of the lunch for the club members, BG to ascertain how many would like to attend. To be revisited and decision confirmed at PC meeting on 1st February.

- Agree budget and precept for 2011-12

The budget for 2011-12 was discussed in detail, considering each item of likely expenditure and taking account of possible increases in cost. Particular discussion took place about the potential increase in costs given the possible cuts at the District and County Councils, which may include grants to voluntary groups, youth funding, verge cutting, horticultural services, ditch clearing. As such it was agreed that the earmarked contingency fund should be increased to cover the anticipated increases, it was considered that if the budget was not increased there would be an unacceptable risk that some services may not be provided. In addition it was agreed that two further grit bins for the village should be budgeted for at a cost of approximately £250 each. Advice from SALC was considered about recommended % increases and earmarked contingency funds. Taking account of this as well as direct guidance from the County and District Councillors respectively that there is likely to be a substantial shortfall in SSDC and SCC grants and services, the budget for next financial year was agreed

at £16,785, an estimated £2000 will be carried forward, and the precept proposed at £14,785.
1st MR 2nd BG unanimous.

4. Village Hall Field

Discuss future development of village hall field and decide whether or not future development can go ahead.

Members of the Village Hall Committee (Charles Fleming, John light, Rev Cranshaw) and Olympic Field Committee (Becky Collins, Kate Craigie, Gary Cox, Andrew Wallwork, Fiona Howes) attended for this item.

The Chair noted that the meeting had been called to bring relevant parties together to try to bring some momentum back into the development of the field. It was hoped that a way forward could be established by this meeting.

Summary of discussion

- Clarification was sought on phases of development. Confirmed by OFC that the MUGA was planned as phase 1 in order to take advantage of the income this could generate.
- VHC are keen to progress this project, would like to see what is proposed, costings and funding sources. In particular how the maintenance costs will be accounted for. Noted that MUGA can generate income, and agreed that it is sensible to have it as phase 1.
- OFC reported that it could provide all of the information requested. Noted that the first step must be to obtain planning permission, as funding is dependent on it. The plans are being drawn at the moment and the OFC should be in a position within next two weeks to present plans to VHC. They would propose to meet with VHC and planning officer to discuss the plans. VHC agreed that this was sensible idea
- Queries about the size of the MUGA and whether lighting was proposed. Photographs of other local MUGAs and details of the sites were passed around, some had floodlights, other not. Suggested that floodlights would be desirable for the project but would be restricted to use within certain time brackets. Minimum sizes were discussed to take account of the size required for netball pitch.
- The cost implications of clearing the site for the MUGA are currently being considered and D Ruddle is preparing a quote.
- The total cost of the whole project is estimated at £100k
- Some initial indications of maintenance costs / income have been sought - £6/hour to cut using playing field mower. Hire charges for MUGA potentially £25-£30/hour.
- Support for the project has been expressed by the school, netball club, football club, rounders team and youth council.
- C Fleming suggested that a covenant scheme might be an appropriate way of raising guaranteed income. Also suggested that if villagers' support is required then a presentation to the village would be necessary. Further discussion about whether this was necessary and the form it should take. Suggested a visual presentation on boards on display in the foyer could be an appropriate way of doing this.
- VHC felt that this now needed to be presented to the rest of the Trustees for approval. Some concern expressed as the OFC felt that this had already taken place, but agreed that OFC were in a position to present plans to VHC as required.
- OFC have a number of funding sources for sporting projects identified but it will be necessary to have a specific bank account for the project.
- Some discussion took place about what the status of the OFC should be and it was suggested that they would need to be a charity in order to reap benefits of gift aid etc.
- Further discussion resulted in an agreement that the OFC could be a sub committee of the VHC.
- It was confirmed that no lease / rent would be payable for the field under this set up.
- VHC suggested that the VHC could have a separate Playing Field Account for the OFC.