

**Keinton Mandeville Parish Council**  
Minutes of a meeting of the above named Parish Council, held on  
Tuesday 2 August 2011, at the village hall at 7.30pm.

**Present**

Brendan O'Hara, Michael Richardson, Beverley Goodall, Tom Ireland, Helen Beal, Sarah Cooke

**In attendance**

Jimmy Zouche, County Councillor; John Calvert, District Councillor; Sue Graham, Clerk  
1 member of public (Vince Nguyen from Land Promotions)

**Public Session**

Mr Nguyen from Land Promotions introduced himself.

Stated that he had bought a site on Coombe Hill, and explained that there are not yet firm plans about what will be done with it, but he is keen to keep in touch and to get to know the village. He stated that he aims to keep stakeholders informed / up to date with his plans.

**1. Apologies**

Chris Lane, John Whitehouse, Amanda Williams

**2. Declarations**

S Cooke for item 5 finance . grant request junior rounders

- **Minutes of last meeting:** The minutes were approved and signed as a true and correct record of the meetings held. **5<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> MR 2<sup>nd</sup> BOQH 19<sup>th</sup> July 2011 1<sup>st</sup> SC 2<sup>nd</sup> MR unanimous**
- Matters arising from the minutes not covered by items on this agenda.

No matters arising

**4 Planning.**

Consider the following applications

- Application number 11/02651/FUL Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey extension to dwelling house. Mandy Villa, Queen Street, Keinton Mandeville

Observations were invited and comments made as follows

- No objections / comments received from neighbours
- Will look quite large
- Windows will not match
- Overall recommendation **approval** but noted that it would be more aesthetically pleasing if all the windows matched on the front elevation. **1<sup>st</sup> SC 2<sup>nd</sup> BG unanimous**

**4a. Determination of Planning.** Receive the following determinations

None received.

**4b. Other planning matters**

Planning consultant contact re Lakeview Quarry.

The Chair reported that he had been approached by the owner of and the planning consultant who is working on Lakeview Quarry . the Chair had not been prepared to discuss their plans off the record but had suggested that they may like to attend a meeting to present the possible options. This was not something that they wished to do at this stage.

(J Zouche asked for the previous planning application reference to be emailed to him)

J Calvert had had a meeting with the consultant and his view had been that there would be no point in looking at any future plans until the reason for refusal last time had been addressed.

Suggested that this remains an agenda item for a couple of months

**5. Finance and Payments (RFO – Clerk)**

The following payments were agreed, 1<sup>st</sup> HB and SC unanimous

- a) Payments
  - Clerk's salary S. Graham July 2011. £230.18
  - Moore Stephens Audit fee £162.00
  - Maintenance £140.00
  - Signpost paint . reimburse B O'Hara £51.22

- b) Receipts . no receipts when agenda prepared
- c) Review of Accounts, presentation of bank reconciliation to be agreed and signed by Councillors.  
The accounts were reviewed, expenditure last month was £730.34, income was nil and the bank balance stands at £22,328.34. The bank statements are showing a total of £22,368.34. There is a difference of £40 between the actual balance and the amount shown on the bank statements. This is because the grant cheque for Keinton and Kingweston Community Cars has not been cashed. It was noted that this cheque had been mislaid by the recipient had been reissued for signature this evening.
- d) Grant requests. *S Cooke declared an interest and did not take part in the vote.*  
Keinton Mandeville Junior Rounders. The grant request was read out and comments invited.
  - Query about previous grant to ladies rounders . noted that this was £250 last summer.
  - Acknowledged that this was a good village cause that encouraged children to take part in sporting activities as per the village plan. Some informed discussion took place about how much the equipment would cost. It was agreed that a grant of £100 would be made. 1<sup>st</sup> BG 2<sup>nd</sup> MR unanimous
- e) Other finance matters
  - Receive verbal report following finance committee meeting. BOdH reported that the finance committee met last month, the accounts had been checked and found to be in order.

## 7. Highways

### Update / Items to report

- Irving Road . SC noted that the ~~Green~~on Irving Road is used a lot, but there is some concern about cars going too fast (estate traffic) which could be a risk to children who will inevitably run out after their ball etc. Steve Barnes at the District Council has been asked about this . he suggested that railings may be an option, but ownership of the Green needs to be established. Noted that SSDC maintain the green. JZ and JC will establish ownership.
- Cottons Lane. Cars driving too fast down Cottons lane . suggested that this should be noted in the parish magazine
- Broken signpost, Church Street. The signpost has broken; residents of the Old Rectory have services of a welder who would be willing to fix it.
- Chistles Lane has been resurfaced.
- E mail from Scott Davies read out about maintaining the piece of land on which the post box is situated, Chistles Lane. Highways own the land but would only cut the grassed area once per year. Suggested that this is added to the PC's maintenance requirements.
- Notice of temporary road closure, A371 Ansford Hill. Higher Ansford, and Cummock Road, Ansford and Castle Cary. This was noted.

## 8. Parish Paths

- Update  
Stone shield on Blind Lane has broken off. BOdH will inspect.

## 9. Happy Tracks / Skate park

### Update

- Happy tracks have had a quote from playdale for new benches, picnic benches. A grant has been received from Millfield towards this.
- Wild flower meadow will need to be strimmed soon. BOdH will arrange with P Williams.
- Receive inspection report . same faults identified. This is in hand and has been reported to Playdale. An inspection report from playdale is awaited.

## 10. Neighbourhood watch

- Nothing to report

## 11. Maintenance

- Agree requirements  
Row Lane . keep under control.

## 12. Suggestion box

- No suggestions

## 13. Youth

Youth Activities . update.

DRAFT Councillors note amendments in writing to clerk

- SC had attended the youth worker evaluation feedback meeting. Tim Cook advised that it would be useful for us to be informed of what grants are available, together with what is going on in the area so that we can jump on the bandwagon.
- Youth activities.

Coming to end of rounders season, certificates have been awarded to the team. It had been very well attended and identified a demand for such activities. Hockey is planned for September. Street Dance came to an end for the summer with a performance to the parents. This will continue in September. A walk is planned with exchange children from Zambia. Youth Council will be working with the KMSFA.

- Youth activities . potential to expand.

SC reported that she had visited Martock youth council which was very well developed. SC was wondering about potential to develop something similar. Opportunities for funding this were discussed. Suggested that further details were obtained from Martock

- Youth Worker courses.

SC is attending an information evening about youth worker courses. Noted that Lewis Diffey had suggested that the PC youth development budget could be tapped into if there is a cost implication.

#### **14. Village Hall field**

Update

- Fundraising has started through zumba classes, jumble sale planned for 6<sup>th</sup> August.
- Village day will be a joint fundraiser for happy tracks and KMSFA.

#### **15. Diamond Jubilee**

Discuss possible village event

- Mention in the Parish Magazine- village hall has been booked for June 5<sup>th</sup>. Pursue joint venture with school / other village organisations.

#### **16. Garden competitions**

Winners noted. Trophies to be presented at village day, and noted in the PC newsletter.

#### **17. Funeral Bier**

Noted that the Taunton Castle museum was interested in this. Waiting to hear from T Mayberry

#### **18. Book swap**

Noted that some bookcases had been donated by Dawn Gamble

BOC will write something for Parish magazine noting that it is up and running.

A notice is required on the bookcase.

#### **19. Annual parish meeting / Christmas tree service**

- Discuss spend on refreshments . carried forward item from previous meeting. Advice from SALC is that the benefit should be commensurate with the spend. Discussion took place, noting that it would be better for the wine, mince pies etc. to be donated, perhaps by the village groups who attend the Christmas tree service. Annual parish meeting . refreshments. Agreed that this would be beneficial as a token thank you for all those volunteers who work in village organisations. (Needs to be budgeted for in the precept next year)

#### **20. Correspondence**

Discussion

- From R Quantock South Somerset District Council . consultation on Polling Districts and polling review. Comment that we are happy with arrangements at the village hall which meet all the requirements for accessibility etc.

**Circulation**

- Clerk and Councils Direct . circular
- News from Yeovil District Hospital

#### **21. Parish magazine / newsletter**

Items for inclusion in the September edition

- Travelling information from MEP
- Cycle Training . from SCC
- Licensing of septic tanks
- Speeding drivers
- Overhanging shrubs
- Solar panels

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- Book swap
- Diamond jubilee
- Village day
- Smartening up other parts of the village?(newsletter . BOFH)
- Flower competitions (newsletter)

**22. Christmas Tree**

- Socket / housing for tree . MR has found a socket. Housing for the Christmas tree. Approximate cost £20. Proposed that this should be purchased. 1<sup>st</sup> SC 2<sup>nd</sup> BG unanimous.

**23. Future agenda items**

- BT phone box paint
- PO remove yellow and black sticky tape from the post box.
- Rounders grant payment

**24. Any other reports**

Noted that the clerk has registered the PC to receive information on a community buying initiative as per recently circulated e mail.

**25. Date of the next meeting**

6<sup>th</sup> September

The meeting closed at 915pm