

Keinton Mandeville Parish Council

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

Present - Brendan O'Hara, Beverley Goodall, Tom Ireland, Sarah Cooke, Tom Ireland, Amanda Williams, John Whitehouse.

In attendance Sue Graham (Clerk) Jimmy Zouche (County Councillor) John Calvert (District Councillor)

Public Session

Andy Gilbert (Somerset Rural Youth Project) spoke about 'operation adventure,' a project for young people aged 12-18. SYRP feels that this would be a diversion from anti-social behaviour. The group has met with the PCSO who supports the idea. They are approaching Crimebeat and o2 for funds. There is a grant application to the PC and if agreed this would provide evidence of community support which is often a condition for other funding.

Young people from the group then gave brief outline of this project

- Aims to enable young people to try outdoor adventurous activities.
- Young people less likely to get into trouble by providing an opportunity to try out new activities.
- The group will be supported by SYRP and will be organising various activities and trips for young people, encouraging them to come along.
- Will work alongside youth council from KM. It will be targeted at 12-18 year olds. Plans to start summer 2012.

Clarification was sought from the PC about the sort of activities and cost (outdoor adventurous and £300/day); sources of funding (mainly grants some fundraising); selection of participants (local advertising)

An invitation to visit the SYRP 'bus' was extended to Councillors.

J Zouche reported that the change programme at the County Council is progressing quickly. SCC would like input and dialogue from local communities. The PC was advised to expect an invitation to joint meetings between Somerset County Council, South Somerset District Council and Parish Councils; he suggested that it was important for PC to be represented.

J Calvert Noted budget cuts at SSDC, £1.5m savings are required. The big issue is about whether to take the Government's 2.5% uplift offer.

A recent village hall committee meeting was reported and the Chair suggested that further discussion should take place under item 13.

There is ragwort in the field behind the village hall.

Bonfires – complaints have been received about bonfires in middle of day, plea for people to be more considerate.

1. Apologies

Helen Beal, Michael Richardson.

2. Declarations

There were no declarations

3. Minutes of last meeting: 1 November 2011, 15 November 2011

- To approve and sign the minutes as a true and correct record of the meetings held. The minutes were agreed and signed 1st CL 2nd JW unanimous
- Matters arising from the minutes not covered by items on this agenda. There were no matters arising.

4 Planning.

There were no applications.

4a. Determination of Planning. The following determinations were received and placed in the circulation file.

11/03634/FUL Application for new planning permission for a proposed annexe extension to replace extant permission 08/02820/FUL to extend the time limit for implementation. Ivy House, Queen Street, Keinton Mandeville. Grant permission subject to conditions

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4b. Other planning matters

Planning consultant contact re Lakeview Quarry. Noted that there had been a consultation event at the village hall. Some queries had been raised about the advertising of the event and it was noted that the event had not been a PC initiative.

4. Finance and Payments (RFO – Clerk)

The following payments were agreed 1st BG 2nd AW unanimous

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| a) Payments | |
| ▪ Clerk's salary S. Graham November 2011. | £230.18 |
| ▪ Maintenance November 2011 | £173.17 |
| ▪ Grant KMSFA | £2000.00 |
| ▪ Grant KM Youth Council | £220.00 |
| ▪ Donation Royal British Legion | £100.00 |
| b) Receipts – Keinton book sales | £25.00 |
| c) Review of Accounts, presentation of bank reconciliation to be agreed and signed by Councillors. The accounts were reviewed, expenditure last month was £958.37, income was £25 and the bank balance is £19982.11. The bank statements are showing a total of £19957.11, the difference of £25 was accounted for by the receipt for Keinton book sales which had not yet been paid in. The accounts were circulated and checked by councillors. | |
| d) Grant requests. Receive the following grant requests | |
| ▪ Keinton Mandeville Village Hall –
Details of fundraising requested and the accounts and annual report were considered
£1000 was agreed 1 st CL 2 nd TI 6 for 1 against | |
| ▪ Stepping stones
£100 grant agreed 1 st BG 2 nd SC unanimous | |
| ▪ Somerset Rural Youth Project
Merits of project discussed. Agreed grant of £75 and suggestion that the group can come back at end of financial year 1 st AW 2 nd JW unanimous | |
| ▪ Sir Henry Irving Club – Agreed £100 1 st BG 2 nd TI unanimous | |
| ▪ Age UK Somerset - to be carried forward to January meeting when grants from outside organisations will be considered | |
| ▪ St Margaret's Hospice - to be carried forward to January meeting when grants from outside organisations will be considered. | |
| ▪ SSVCA - to be carried forward to January meeting when grants from outside organisations will be considered. | |

6. Highways

Update / Items to report

- Fingerpost signs need to be repaired.
- Road signs requested by school – consider whether to fund.
Poor signposting towards school was discussed; new signage as requested by the school will cost £50. It was suggested that the PC could consider funding this. This was not agreed.
- A letter from a member of the public was considered regarding the need for more vigorous gully cleaning in Row Lane. The need to clear gulleys on Barton Road / High Street (e of junction with Barton road) was also noted.
- Irving Road – Green ownership / speed of traffic. No further updates. To remain on agenda.

7. Parish Paths

- Update / items to report
Noted that footpath signposts are being painted.

8. Happy Tracks / Skate park

- Update – The playdale rep has been in contact to say that he will arrange a meeting between the happy tracks committee, himself and the SSDC playground inspector.
- Receive correspondence from SSDC reference ordering quarterly and annual inspections. Noted that quarterly inspections would now incur a charge from April 2012. Quarterly and annual inspections were both agreed 1st JW 2nd TI. It was noted that the happy tracks committee might be willing to make a contribution towards the cost of this.
- Receive inspection report. On-going issues as raised in previous inspections.

9. Neighbourhood watch

- The monthly report as received. There was nothing to report for the village. The possibilities of scams over Christmas were noted, together with scams in general. Note to go in the parish magazine.

10. Maintenance

Agree requirements

- Graffiti – clean sign
- Bulb planting – BG has several bulbs to distribute. Several locations were suggested including the school; Castle Street towards Lydford; post box at Chistles lane; Flower meadow; Fayrefield (Clerk to contact Hastoe)

11. Suggestion box

- Contents for discussion
Suggestion that one in four street lights should be left on if a decision is made to turn them off.

12. Youth

Youth Activities and youth worker – update There are 15 new youth councillors (20 in total.) Planned activities include

- Cooking.
- Visits to elderly people
- Cheerleading group

Noted that the Streetdance presentation has taken place.

SC is attending a youth work course.

- Youth Councillor course expenses

Noted that SC is travelling to Taunton regularly. Lewis Diffey had originally noted that expenses incurred as a result of the course would be an appropriate use of the youth worker fund. Advice received from SALC was that the Council should set its own mileage rate (generally in excess of 30p/mile.) The Council agreed 45p/mile for SC's expenses incurred as a result of travelling to youth work course, to be backdated. Claim forms will need to be submitted by S Cooke and agreed by the council.

13. Village Hall field

Update

- £600 was raised by KMSFA at a recent Christmas Fair.
- A recent village hall committee meeting to which members of the public had been invited was reported. The Parish Council expressed confidence in the Keinton Mandeville Sports Field Association together with continued support for the project and the committee. It was noted that the Parish Council have given a grant of £2000 to the project and as such have an interest in its development; some concern was expressed about the delay in the application.
- BO'H reported that he had received a telephone call from the Chair of the village hall committee to say the committee was wholeheartedly behind this project. It was suggested that in view of the recent events it would be useful to obtain some clarification about their position. It was suggested that the chair of the committee could be invited to the next meeting to discuss the project timetable. It was again noted that the PC had an interest in the matter given that it had committed funds to the project.

14. Diamond Jubilee

- Discuss village event. Clerk to write to village groups to gauge interest in a whole village event.
- Discuss school 'street party.' BO'H reported that he had a conversation with the head teacher and the school will be having a street party before the end of term. The Parish Council agreed in principle to support this by way of a contribution.

15. Appoint PC representative for village hall committee

A volunteer was sought to fill this post. Amanda Williams was proposed by SC 2nd CL unanimous.

16. Christmas tree and service

- Confirmation that tree has been purchased. Arrangements made to put it up.

17. Correspondence

Discussion

- From Area East Community Safety Action Panel, invitation to attend meeting. No councillors were available to attend this meeting.
- From Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue. Fire Alarm Response Consultation. No response to consultation considered necessary
- From Somerset County Council (SCC) Waste Core Strategy. TI reported that he had read it and considered that there were no significant issues for the parish. No response to consultation considered necessary.
- From SCC – Blue Disabled Parking badge Consultation. No response to consultation considered necessary.
- SALC December Area Meeting 12 December. There were no councillors available to attend the meeting.

Circulation

The following correspondence was placed in the circulation file for councillors consideration.

- From SSDC Area East Annual Meeting with Town and Parish Councils, notes from meeting.
- Area East Bulletin
- South Somerset News - circular

18. Parish magazine

The following items were agreed for inclusion in the January edition

NHW warning about scams
Happy New Year
Bonfires
Diamond jubilee village event.

19. Village Plan

- Consider 'refresh'
Agreed to hold in abeyance until localism agenda confirmed.

20. Future agenda items

Christmas tree cost - reimburse
Grant payments
Village hall field

21. Any other reports

BO'H has been asked by the Chairman of the school Governors to become an associate governor of the school. Councillors felt that this would represent a good link between the school and the PC.

22. Date of the next meeting

3 January

The meeting closed at 9.45pm