

Keinton Mandeville Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above named Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 4 January 2011, at the village hall at 7.30pm.

Present Michael Richardson, Chris Lane, Beverley Goodall, Kathy Low, Helen Beal.

In attendance – John Calvert (District Councillor) Sue Graham (clerk) 1 member of the public

Brief Summary of public session

- Sarah Villiers noted that she had a laptop and that she would be willing to give to the PC for a donation. Clerk to liaise with Sarah for more details, to appear on a future agenda.
- John Calvert noted that the SSDC portion of the council tax would not rise. He reported that the government grant received by SSDC would be subject to 'damping' and this would reduce their spending power. He reiterated that he was making a case for Parishes to receive some of the proposed 'New Homes Bonus.'
- It was noted that this year's Christmas tree service was a great success and very well attended.

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1. Apologies

Brendan O'Hara, Mary D'Arcy, Belinda Simson, Sarah Cooke, Jimmy Zouche (County Councillor)

2. Declarations

None

3. Minutes of last meeting: December 7th 2010

The minutes were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting held. 1st CL 2nd HB unanimous

- Matters arising from the minutes not covered by items on this agenda. There were no matters arising.

4. Planning.

Consider the following applications

Application number 10/04614/COU Construction of a menage, Newcombe Farm, Combe Lane, Keinton Mandeville.

The application was considered and observations invited. Comments were made as follows

- No lighting is proposed and as such would not affect any other properties.
- No neighbours affected / other properties in the vicinity

No objections, recommend **approval**. 1st CL 2nd BG unanimous

Application number 10/05168/LBC erection of a heritage plaque to the front façade of Irving House, the birthplace of Sir Henry Irving. Irving House, Castle Street, Keinton Mandeville.

The application was considered and observations invited. Comments were received as follows

- No objections

The application was received very positively and **approval** was recommended 1st HB 2nd CL unanimous.

4a. Determination of Planning.

- **10/04049/S73** to remove condition 03 of planning permission 10/01916/FUL Oriana, Church Street, Keinton Mandeville. Refuse permission. The refusal notice was read out and it was agreed that this together with the planning officer's report would be placed in the circulation file.

4b. Other planning matters

- Receive correspondence from planning officer re solar energy developments. The correspondence was read out noting that pre application enquiries had been made regarding a solar park array. The potential financial gains from this type of development

were outlined, together with a suggestion that should an application arise, it would be wise to seek advice from the LPA prior to making any agreement.

5. Finance and Payments (RFO – Clerk)

- a) Payments. The following payments were agreed 1st BG 2nd CL unanimous
- Clerk's salary S. Graham December 2010. £230.18
 - Reimburse B O'Hara for Xmas tree £60.00
- b) Receipts – local history book sales £160.00.
A query was raised about the cost of printing the history books, and it was noted that the parish council was aiming to cover its costs and not to make a profit. It was noted that the printing bill had been £250.
- c) Review of Accounts, presentation of bank reconciliation to be agreed and signed by Councillors. The accounts were reviewed. Expenditure in December had been £983.39, income was £161.25, and the balance stands at £12,848.73. The bank statements are showing £12,848.73. The accounts were checked and signed by Councillors.
- d) Grant requests. The following grant requests were considered paying close attention to the grants budget.
- Keinton Mandeville PSA. It was noted that at the previous meeting it had been suggested that the PC could donate a specific item to the school instead of giving a grant. The PSA had since provided a 'wish list' of items (together with costings) for the PC to consider. It was agreed that 5 x A2 paper trimmers (at a cost of £85 each) should be bought for the school in order that each classroom would benefit. It was suggested that the items should be personally delivered to the school. 1st BG 2nd KL unanimous.
 - Castle Cary RFC. The clerk had requested details about the number of members from Keinton Mandeville and to date had not received the information. It was agreed that should the information be received the request would be reconsidered.
 - South Somerset CAB. The likely need for this service in the forthcoming year was noted. Information from the Bureau noted that 61 people from Northstone Ward (5 parishes) had used the service in the past 12 months. It was proposed that a grant of £75 should be made 1st CL 2nd KL unanimous
 - SSVCA. Benefits of the community transport provided by this organisation and the fact that this is used by residents in the village was noted. It was proposed that £75 should be given. 1st CL 2nd HB unanimous.
 - Community Council for Somerset. It was noted that Keinton Mandeville at the present time does not require any of the areas for which the Community Council for Somerset provides support. It was agreed that at this stage the Parish Council subscription to Thatch was a sufficient and appropriate donation to the Community Council. 1st BG 2nd CL unanimous.
- e) Other finance matters
- Receive thank you letter for RBL Poppy Appeal donation. The letter was read out.

6. Highways

- Update / Items to report. No items to report
- Receive notice of road closure A371 Prestleigh Hill, Doultling, and diversion. The notice was read out.

7. Parish Paths

- Update. Nothing to report.
- Receive e-mail from H Lang about proposed diversion of public footpath and positioning of driveway. It was noted that this had been dealt with at this stage by the Parish Paths representative (Brendan O'Hara) who would be visiting the right of way.

8. Happy Tracks / Skate park

- Update.

- Receive inspection report. It was noted that with the change in the weather the cracks in the wobble board have reduced. P Williams to work on snags identified in previous report.
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- 9. Neighbourhood watch**
- Receive monthly report. The report was read out. There were no incidents to report in the village. The missing neighbourhood watch signs will soon be replaced.
- 10. Maintenance**
- Items agreed at previous meetings carried over
 - Put up heritage plaque
 - Clean bus shelters
 - Paint / treat noticeboard
 - Deal with happy tracks snagging
- 11. Suggestion box**
- Contents for discussion. The box had not been checked, to be carried forward to next month.
- 12. Youth**
- Youth Activities – update. Nothing to report
 - Update on youth activities funding. The clerk reported that the application reported at the previous meeting was still pending a decision.
- 13. Village Hall field**
- Update. It was noted that this would be discussed with all interested parties at the special meeting on 18th January.
- 14. Village defibrillator**
- Update. The clerk noted that because of conflicting advice / information she had been in touch with the two organisations that offer advice / defibrillators and had made contact with the man responsible for the Kingsdon defibrillator. The following information had become apparent
 - The conflicting advice seemed to be related to the different ambulance services involved, and one having a preference for a pool of volunteers to operate the defibrillator.
 - The total cost of the unit in Kingsdon had been in excess of £2000 (defibrillator, cabinet, electrical installation, sign)
 - The defibrillator in Kingsdon had been used once in two years.
- Taking all of the above information into account it was suggested that the cost benefit may not justify the expense. The possibility of a first aid training was suggested as a more cost-effective alternative. It was suggested that the village should be consulted about spending the money on a defibrillator. To remain on agenda for two months after which a decision whether to pursue will be made.
- 15. Funeral Bier**
- Update. Awaiting a reply from the PCC ref. their thoughts on this. Noted that local museums were not interested as they do not have room.
- 16. Correspondence**
- Discussion**
- From 'Project 65 - The Veterans Charity' re request for assistance during the Forces' March, May 2011. Further information required about numbers involved. Clerk to enquire and to pass on information to Sea Scouts and Ansford School.
 - From P Burr, ref. Henry Irving plaque – update. Beverley Goodall and the clerk reported that a meeting would be taking place with the organisers to establish the Parish Council role.
 - From Saveria Moss, SSDC invitation to LSP event. MR may be available to attend. Clerk to reserve one place.

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Councillors, please note proposed amendments in writing to clerk

- From M Lewis, re SSDC annual meeting with Town and Parish Councils. Clerk to ask Chair if he would like to attend. MR will also attend if Chair can make it. Clerk to reserve two places.
- From SSDC re publicising census. The request for help in publicising the census was considered. It was suggested that relevant information could be published in the parish magazine and posters displayed on noticeboards.
- From SCC re library consultation. CL agreed to attend one of the library consultation events.
- From The Green Company re Solar farm public consultation exhibition. No councillors were available to attend.

Circulation.

It was agreed that the following items would be distributed in next month's circulation file.

- Yeovil District Hospital newsletter
- Somerset Rail Guide

17. Design Statement

- Update. KL reported that she would put this on hold for a while pending the outcome of the Localism Bill and the elections in May.

18. Christmas Tree Service

- Confirm arrangements to take down tree. Arrangements were agreed for Wednesday at 10am.

19. Parish magazine

Items for inclusion in the March edition

- Census
- Defibrillator
- History books available.

20. Future agenda items

- Delivering agendas to Councillors via email
- Grant payments agreed at this meeting.

21. Any other reports

Height of wall at Box Cottage queried – clerk to raise again with planning officer

22. Date of the next meeting

18 January (precept and hall field meeting,)

1 February (ordinary council meeting)

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.