

Keinton Mandeville Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above named Parish Council, held on
Tuesday 1 November 2011, at the village hall at 7.30pm.

Present

Brendan O'Hara, Michael Richardson, John Whitehouse, Chris Lane, Amanda Williams, Helen Beal,

In attendance

Jimmy Zouche, County Councillor; Sue Graham, Clerk

Public Session

Jimmy Zouche outlined details of a driving course for 60+ age group provided by the County Council. Suggested that this information could go in the parish magazine.

He also noted radical developments at Somerset County Council -

- Enormous rationalisation. Cannot go on paring services so have decided to change the way the county council operates.
- Previously operated via 170 different departments. The new arrangements intend to cluster to 26 related departments. Will cost between £3-5m but will return savings in the longer term.
- Previously had 35 centres / outposts throughout the county. These have been rationalised down to 6.

1. Apologies

Sarah Cooke, Beverley Goodall, Tom Ireland, John Calvert.

2. Declarations

None

3. Minutes of last meeting: 4th October 2011

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

- Matters arising from the minutes not covered by items on this agenda.

It was noted that with regard to the funeral bier, the Castle Museum already has 5 so cannot accommodate any more at the moment.

4 Planning.

Consider the following applications

There were no applications.

4a. Determination of Planning. The following determination was read out.

11/00802/FUL The erection of a two storey extension to dwelling house (retrospective) 4 Manor place, Keinton Mandeville. Grant permission subject to conditions.

4b. Other planning matters

- Planning consultant contact re Lakeview Quarry.

Nothing further to report.

5. Finance and Payments (RFO – Clerk)

- a) Payments The following payments were agreed 1st CL, 2nd JW unanimous
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| ▪ Clerk's salary S. Graham October 2011. | £230.18 |
| ▪ Maintenance September / October 2011 | £163.61 |
| ▪ SSDC Annual Risk assessment and inspection (happy tracks and skate park) | £86.40 |
| ▪ Reimburse M Richardson Christmas Tree 'socket' | £24.60 |
| ▪ Reimburse B O'Hara – De icer salt | £167.58 |
| ▪ Reimburse B Goodall Trophy engraving | £16.00 |
| ▪ Km Youth Council Street dance, cost of instructor(from Youth worker fund agreed 4/10) | £270.00 |

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. The balance at the end of September had been 21,169.11, expenditure in October was £253.63, there had been no income and the bank balance is 20,915.48 The bank statements are showing a total of 20,915.48. There are no outstanding payments / receipts. The accounts were circulated and checked by councillors.

d) Grant requests. Receive the following grant requests
South Somerset CAB. This will be carried forward to the January meeting along with other 'outside' grant requests.

Keinton Mandeville Sports Field Association. The request was considered and comments made as follows-

- Village facility – this will be one of the biggest projects the village will see. Will benefit the whole village.
- An amount of money was set aside in the 2010-11 budget (£2500 as the PC had anticipated there would be a need for funding for this project) and this had been carried forward.
- It was agreed that a grant of £2000 should be made. 1st JW 2nd MR unanimous.

KM Youth Council. This request was considered and comments were made as follows-

- Positive and worthwhile group with real benefits for the village.
- Consideration about whether the youth council grant money should come from the grant budget or the 'youth worker' fund.

A grant of £220 was agreed with caveat about further discussion from which part of the budget this is taken.
1st JW 2nd CL unanimous.

e) Other finance matters

Precept. Receive precept paperwork from SSDC and set budget and precept for 2012-13.

- Advice was received from SALC about precept inflationary increase (5% reasonable) together with advice from the County Councillor noting that County and District Council grants previously available for organisations would not be available. The County Councillor also noted that the Youth Work was not protected at the County Council and it was likely that this budget would also be reduced. This could have knock on effects for the Parish Council.
- Detailed discussion took place about the budget for 2012-13, especially around the grants budget; the earmarked reserve for unexpected expenditure (taking into account possible knock-on effects of reduced services from the District and County Councils) and a budget for 'youth work.'
- The precept was agreed at £14,210 which represented a budget of £18,080 minus an estimated carry forward figure of £3780 = £14,210. 1st HB 2nd MR. Unanimous vote.
- Receive advice from SALC regarding funding diamond jubilee celebrations / events.

6. Highways

Update / Items to report

- Several street lights out on Castle Street, the street light outside the hairdressers has been taken away by Western Power! County council has been informed. Clerk to forward details to J Zouche
- Drain cover on Coombe lane has been replaced.
- Signpost on Church Street to be re-welded this week.
- Common Lane, fields on L hand side - hedges need to be cut.
- Overhanging shrubs on High Street.
- Irving Road- to remain on agenda no further updates.
- Castle Street / High Street – SID results and speeding traffic – to remain on agenda.
- Grit bins / salt / winter service – update. The grit bin has been replenished. The grit purchased by the PC has been delivered and B O'Hara has distributed to volunteers at relevant points in village (top Queen St, shop, Church / Queen Street corner) BO'H has also collected ten sacks of salt from depot in Yeovil for use in the village.

7. Parish Paths

Update / items to report

- Andy Stevenson Rights of way team) has asked for the strimmer to be handed back as growing time has stopped.
- E mail received from G Montague (rights of way team) ref. Blind Lane, he has suggested that the existing gate on Blind lane be replaced with a Bristol gate. We would lose the stone stile. A query was raised about whether the PC would be responsible for the funding of this, it was understood that the Rights of Way team would cover it.

8. Happy Tracks / Skate park

- Update. Picnic tables and benches will be installed shortly.
- Receive annual inspection and risk assessment. This report was received. Happy tracks – no issues other than those already identified. Skatepark – some rust needs to be rubbed down and the skatepark needs to be painted. Clerk to arrange.

- Receive inspection report – weekly inspections note ongoing issues. A meeting has been arranged with Playdale together with happy tracks and a representative from SSDC.

9. Neighbourhood watch

- Receive monthly report.
- Nothing to report this month

10. Maintenance

- Agree requirements
Noted that fingerposts are being painted with preservative.
Village hall signpost at bottom of the lane. The vinyl letters are coming off, look untidy. JW offered to source replacement letters.

11. Suggestion box

- Contents for discussion.
- There were no suggestions.

12. Youth

- Youth Activities and youth worker – update. BO'H wished to formally note that Sarah Cooke had recently won two well deserved awards (Chairman of Somerset County Council's Award for Services to the Community and SSDC 'Female Youth Volunteer of the year' both awards recognised her contribution to youth and many other activities in the village.

13. Village Hall field

- Update. Grant applications are currently being submitted.

14. Diamond Jubilee

- Discuss village 'event'
- Noted that an event is planned for the jubilee weekend to be run by the Sports field association. To remain on agenda.

15. Remembrance service

- Agree representation at service, arrangements to lay wreath. BO'H will attend the Service on 11/11/11, and will lay wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.
- Consider donation to RBL - A donation of £100 was agreed. 1st JW 2nd AW unanimous.

16. Christmas tree service

- Arrangements were agreed for Friday 16th December at 6.30pm. The clerk noted that the Churches wished to host refreshments afterwards in the Quarry Inn, and the PC agreed that this was a good idea. Clerk to write to local groups for carol choices.
- It was agreed that the Christmas tree will be put up w/c 12th December. The 'socket' in which to house it was being installed this week.

17. Correspondence

Discussion

- From Ansford academy. Invitation to year 12 celebration evening. No councillors were available to attend. Clerk may attend.
- From P Heap, Lydford Lower Weir repair, Lydford on Fosse Parish Council ref danger of Lydford on Fosse lower weir collapse. The situation in Lydford was discussed together with the potential effect of this on the parish of Keinton Mandeville. The letter was noted.
- From Julian Gale, Somerset County Council, Somerset Electoral Review – this correspondence was noted
- From Sir Bruno Peak, ref Queen's Diamond Jubilee beacons –this correspondence was placed in circulation for consideration.
- Invitation to 'Planning for Play' workshop – Amanda Williams volunteered to attend.

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

- From SSDC Re draft core strategy committee meetings
- Somerset Waste Partnership newsletter
- From Somerset Association of local councils re data transparency.
- From Aster group annual report
- Speed indicator device installation dates 2011-12
- Parish Matters newsletter from Came and Company (insurers)

18. Parish magazine

Items for inclusion in the November edition

- Driver's courses
- Christmas tree service
- Overhanging shrubs

19. Village Plan

Consider 'refresh.'

It was noted that the village plan is 6 years old and much of it has been achieved. A refresh could be considered in the context of whether the Parish Council needs an up to date position on certain areas of the plan in order to be able to represent the village in terms of its requirements / hopes / desires. Need to give some thought to which questions are asked. Sample, up-to-date questionnaires were placed in the circulation file for consideration, and this item to remain on the agenda.

20. Future agenda items

- Funeral bier – following contact with Wells (Bishops Palace museum)
- Donation to RBL
- Christmas tree service
- Grant payments agreed at this meeting.
- Playground inspection service

21. Any other reports

There were no other reports

22. Date of the next meeting

6 December

The meeting closed at 21.39