

## Keinton Mandeville Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the above named Parish Council, held on  
Tuesday 7 September 2010, at the village hall at 7.30pm.

**Present** Michael Richardson (vice chair in the chair), Belinda Simson, Chris Lane, Sarah Cooke, Beverley Goodall, Kathy Low, Helen Beal

**In attendance** - John Calvert (District Councillor) Sue Graham (clerk,) 6 members of the public.

Brief Summary of public session

- Suggestion from a member of the public that the PC could improve its communications with the village by keeping a database of email addresses for those parishioners who would like to receive information in this way. Views were briefly heard and the Chair noted that this matter would be discussed by the Council as a future agenda item.
- John Calvert (District Councillor) noted that SSDC would be making comment with regard to the planning application to extract Blue Lias, Westfield Farm, Coombe Hill, and that copies of their response would be made available to the Parish Council.

### 1. Apologies

Brendan O'Hara, Jimmy Zouche (County Councillor)

### 2. Declarations

None

### 3. Minutes of last meetings: 3 August, 24 August 2010

To approve and sign the minutes as a true and correct record of the meetings held. 3 August - the minutes were agreed as a true and correct record of the meeting held. 1<sup>st</sup> KL 2<sup>nd</sup> SC unanimous. 24 August - It was noted that Kathy Low had sent apologies for this meeting, the minutes were amended to show this. In addition the clerk noted that the published draft minutes for 24<sup>th</sup> August do not show minutes for the item about precept capping. The clerk read out the revised minute and this was agreed. A revised set of minutes will be published to take account of this error. The minutes were then agreed as a true and correct record of the meetings held 1<sup>st</sup> SC 2<sup>nd</sup> BS unanimous

### 4. To fill the Parish Councillor vacancy by co-option

The vacancy was filled by Mary D'Arcy by unanimous vote.

### 5. Planning.

- No applications for consideration this month

#### 5a. Determination of Planning.

The following notices were read out

- Application number 10/01830/FUL. Erection of a 2 metre high boundary wall to the northern boundary of dwelling. Box Cottage, High Street, Keinton Mandeville.
- Application number 10/02732/FUL. Demolition of existing bungalow and the erection of a replacement dwelling and garage. The application is now withdrawn.

#### 5b. Other planning matters

The following notice was received

- Notice of Tree Preservation Order – Common yew, adjoining the SE corner of St Mary Magdalen Church, Keinton Mandeville

### 6. Finance and Payments (RFO – Clerk)

a) Payments The following payments were agreed

- Clerk's salary S. Graham August 2010. £230.18
- Paul Williams maintenance August 2010 £30.00
- Reimburse B Goodall, flower competition trophy engraving £17.00
- Keinton Mandeville Short Mat Bowls grant agreed at July meeting £100.00
- Zambia exchange students grant agreed at August meeting £125.00
- Keinton Mandeville PCC, grant agreed at August meeting £600.00

b) Receipts

c) Review of Accounts, including quarterly budget review

The accounts were reviewed

Expenditure for August was £1127.20, income was £nil. The bank balance is £16817.25 The bank statements are showing a total of £17,458.80. The difference of £641.55 is accounted for by a cheque for

£641.55 (drinking water fountain installation) which has yet to be cashed. The budget statements, account book and bank statements were passed around for councillors to check.

d) Grant requests. Consider the following grant requests

- Keinton Mandeville Village Hall committee.

The grant request was read out, account statements considered and discussion took place about the request. It was agreed that a grant of £1000 should be made. 1<sup>st</sup> BS 2<sup>nd</sup> KL unanimous.

e) Receive thank you letter from Keinton Mandeville PCC.

A thank you letter from the PCC was read out.

## 7. Highways

- Update / Items to report.

It was noted that Barton Road remains in a poor state. The clerk reported that she had received a reply from the Highways officer on this matter and that he had agreed to inspect the road in September.

The clerk reported that the Chair had attended the winter service workshop run by the Highways agency and it was noted that de-icing materials (i.e. grit) would be provided to parishes for the coming winter.

- Grit bin – agree to order

It was agreed that the grit bin should be ordered as discussed at a previous meeting.

## 8. Parish Paths

- Update

Nothing to report

## 9. Happy Tracks / Skate park

- Update. Nothing to report other than an incident of dog fouling in the park.
- Receive inspection report. The cracks in the wobble board and the gap between the sections of the train were noted and will continue to be monitored. It was noted that neither is considered to be dangerous.

## 10. Neighbourhood watch

- Receive monthly report

There was nothing to report from the NHW co-ordinator regarding incidents in the village. There was a general report of the increase in distraction burglaries in South Somerset as a whole.

It was reported in the meeting that there is evidence of drug use on Spring Gardens Lane (syringes etc.)

## 11. Maintenance

- Agree requirements

It was suggested that the bus shelter should be cleaned if considered necessary.

## 12. Suggestion box

- Contents for discussion

There were no suggestions

## 13. Youth

- Youth Activities – update

Sarah Cooke reported on the activities of the Youth Council as follows

- A youth worker has been appointed by the District Council and attended the Youth Council meeting this week. It was a successful meeting with many positive ideas forthcoming.
- It is hoped that the Youth Council can again be involved with Glastonbury carnival as a means of fundraising

## 14. Village Hall field

Update on development of the field

- There had not been a meeting since the last update, therefore nothing further to report.

## 15. Village defibrillator

It was agreed that the clerk should arrange a special meeting between the gentleman who could provide a defibrillator and do the training and the volunteers.

## 16. Funeral Bier

Discuss in light of comments from member of public at a previous meeting

- It had been suggested at a previous meeting that it was a shame that the Bier was stored in a container and that it would be nice to display the Bier, perhaps in the rural life museum. Discussion took place about this and it was suggested that some clarification would be needed on the following points before any decisions could be taken
- Who owns the Bier?
- Would be possible to give the Bier to the rural life museum on loan?
- What is the PCC view?

It was suggested that the clerk writes to the PCC and contacts the rural life museum to clarify these points.

## **17. Correspondence**

### **Discussion**

- From SALC Invitation to AGM and Area meeting. M Richardson volunteered to attend.
- From Community Council for Somerset – invitation to AGM. No Councillors were available to attend
- From 'No need for Nuclear' campaign – request for letter to MPs to support EDM no. 557. It was not considered necessary to respond.
- From Mr T W Cooper – re damage to fence bordering playing field. It was suggested that the clerk should respond to the complainant noting that this has been passed to the playing field committee. In addition, Clerk to write to the playing field committee to find out what has been done about the problem.
- From Somerset Libraries re future of libraries consultation event. M D'Arcy and B Goodall agreed to attend the focus group.

### **Circulation.**

The following were placed in the circulation file for Councillors perusal

- From SCC re Tour of Britain Cycle race
- From NALC re Communities right to build
- Copy of Somerset County Council Chairman award nomination form.

## **18. Design Statement**

- Update

No volunteers had been forthcoming.

## **19. Newsletter**

Items for inclusion

- Funeral Bier
- Design statement
- Quarry Meeting
- New Councillor
- Information on website

## **20. Parish magazine**

Items for inclusion in the September edition

The following were agreed

- Bonfires – appropriate times – consider neighbours before lighting.
- Dog bin locations - reminder

## **21. Future agenda items**

- Clerks appraisal
- E mail database to help share information with electors
- Grant payments
- Litter pick
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug minutes for reissue.
- Christmas tree service
- Litter pick

## **21. Any other reports**

There were no other reports

## **22. Date of the next meeting**

5<sup>th</sup> October 2010