

**MINUTES OF THE KINGSDON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 14th July 2016 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

Parishioner comment time:

A weight limit sign is not visible. G.Osborne will look at it.

D. Norris explained that the six monthly review of the SSDC local plan is being done – still grossly under performing with the number of houses producing, therefore there is a penalty. We now have to deliver 1100 houses a year. However they are viewing the number of houses we have to deliver. They are now going to start taking into account whether people in South Somerset can actually buy the houses. Developers don't want to build here as people cannot buy them. The local plan does now carry some weight again.

D.Beswick asked if our small rural community is threatened – D.Norris felt not as more consideration can now be given to SS2.

Present:

Mr. D.Beswick (chairman), Mr. Wally Elliott, Mr. I. Dibben, Mr G. Osborne, Mrs S. Mackay (Parish Councillors); Mr. D Norris (District councillor); Mr D Ruddle (County Councillor), and Mrs. K Hatt (Parish Clerk) plus 7 parishioners.

1. Apologies: B.Paine, P.Waters and L.Moore.

2. Declarations of Interest:

As already declared, no changes.

3. Minutes:

The minutes of the monthly parish council meeting held on the 9th June 2016, which had been previously circulated and were approved and signed; proposed by S.Mackay and seconded by G.Osborne, all in favour.

4. Matters arising not covered by agenda items

G.Osborne and I.Dibben have looked at the gate and have a partial plan, still looking at.

Grant for notice board in recreation field – James Divall came back to us and said yes they can help and would also like to meet about how he could help in general, so D.Beswick, B.Paine and W.Elliott will be meeting him at some point in the near future. I.Dibben will gather three quotes for the notice board and then D.Beswick will follow up with the grant application.

5. Chairman's Report

D.Beswick began by setting the record straight about a comment made at the Annual Parish Meeting with regard to the lawn mower belonging to the Boules and Croquet Club. He believed that it had been bought with a grant from the Parish Council some 2 or 3 years ago but that is not the case. It was bought with a grant to the club from the Somerset County Council Health and Wellbeing Fund and he apologised for his mistaken belief.

Should the council get involved in disputes between neighbours? D.Beswick does not believe parishioners should ask the council to sort out a problem with neighbours unless it is something that affects the village as a whole or in extremis, to act as arbitrators between both parties. There is a tendency for some people to come straight to the council when they have a problem before seeking to resolve it themselves. In those circumstances he would wish to understand what action they are prepared to take before even considering council involvement.

The second point is whether the council should take up an action on behalf of a parishioner when they have no authority to act to resolve an issue. Whilst he believes we should make information available that tells parishioners what to do, he sees little point in acting as a go between when we add no value to the process and simply pass on hearsay information.

There are clearly circumstances where some people may be unable to progress an issue, perhaps due to physical, mental or emotional constraints and in those cases the council could perhaps act. But they must be the exception. He does not warm to the concept of “Nanny State” involvement and strongly believes people should be encouraged to act for themselves.

D.Beswick pointed out these were his views only and welcomed any comments from the councillors.

6. Correspondence

D.Beswick read out some emails from a few parishioners. As a result of these:

The salt is now in Jim Smiths barn for us to use in winter.

Councillors agreed it would not be wise for them to become involved in neighbourly disputes.

We also received a letter of thanks for the wedding being able to happen on the village field from Winslow and Jenny.

The temporary cones have stopped parking in Frog Lane. The only way to stop parking on the road is to paint yellow lines. Councillors will keep an eye on it.

7.1 and 7.2 Finance- report and cheque signing.

D.Beswick reported that all the councillors have seen the accounts.

Any questions?

KPC Account	Opening Balance 01.06.2016	£24,834.06
	Net Cheque Balance	£2,283.42
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance 30.06.2016	£22,550.64

Savings Account	Opening Balance 01.04.2016	£33,293.20
	Net Cheque Balance	£0.00
	Interest	£2.68
	Transfer In	£0.00
	Transfer Out	£0.00
	Closing Balance 30.06.2016	£33,295.88

Clerk Services - June	£75.00
Marquee Hire	£2,194.02
F E Attwell - Scalpings	£14.40
Padlock - clerk	£4.49
Clerk services - July	£75.00
Transparency fund website training	£54.00
Negotiating planning meeting	£150.00

These payments were proposed by W.Elliott and seconded by I.Dibben, all in favour.

8. Former Primary School sports field - sited at the (North West) junction of MowBarton Road and Lower Road, and diagonally opposite the Village Hall.

D.Beswick read out the following from B.Paine:

Although we have a Parish Council minute authorising the purchase of the field the e-mail from Ivor Tetley below proposes a resolution approving the necessary transfer and contract documentation and authorising David and I to sign on behalf of the Council.

As the Council will have paid our solicitor to go through the documentation in detail, and hence the length of time to get us to this point, I hope Councillors might be able to approve such a resolution on Thursday evening.

You will have seen in my earlier e-mails that I am trying to get the documentation signed this month, and most certainly want to be able to report to the September Council meeting the contract has been signed and thus we have access to the field.

Thereafter I shall still need to work with SCC on the S77 submission, and until that is approved by the D of E we cannot move to completion.

A Resolution, that the Contract , Land Registry Transfer and Deed of Covenant documents received from the Parish Council's solicitor be approved, and that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Parish Clerk are authorized to sign/and or witness as necessary, was proposed by D.Beswick, seconded by W.Elliott, and unanimously agreed.

9. Annual tree planting strategy

This is being worked on and planting taken place in September.

There have been some questions about the poplars in Lower Road and Mowbarton road. **Action – K.Hatt to check what previous information was found out about this issue.**

10. Kingsdon Village Website

Elaine Owen has been doing the website single handly. Some other people are happy to be reporters.

I.Dibben is still looking for another person to up load.

I.Dibben and K.Hatt are having training on the 6th August and will at this point arrange technical support.

I.Dibben will be the person reporting into the Parish Council.

W.Elliott – chronicle and village hall

Elaine – shop page

K.Hatt – parish council and church page

There will be a bi-monthly meeting.

I.Dibben will report back to council on how much it is being used. He would also like feedback on if the website is being used from parishioners.

11. Use of village Field

D.Beswick has put some notes together about the use of the village field by parishioners. Guidance notes have been written and will be displayed on the new field notice board when it arrives.

Dogs only permitted with prior approval from the parish council for organised events only.

B.Paine will do a final circulation and then publicise.

12. Dog warden

D.Beswick will put in the chronicle guidance on what to do if you have a problem with a neighbour's dog. He feels that we do not need a dog warden as we do not have authority to do anything but we can give advice on where to help. We have an SSDC dog warden.

I.Dibben asked if we could contact the RSPCA to see if they have any guidelines, or can advice parishioners of contacting them if there are concerns. **Action - D.Beswick to contact RSPCA.**

13. Date of next meeting

Thursday 8th September 2016, 7.30pm.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm