

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk – Mrs. L. C. Wood

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 17th March 2016, at 7.30 p.m. in Whitesheet CEVA Primary School.

Present: Cllrs. G. Cotton (Chairman), Mrs. E. Hames (Vice-Chairman), M. Curtis, R. Flower, G. Hunt, N. Meeker & C. Reeves

PCSO Peter Tcherniawsky & Cllr. George Jeans.

Public Session

The Chairman will convene the Parish Council meeting after the public session – please note that members of the public will be no longer permitted to speak unless invited to do so by the Chairman.

A note from Mr. Eric Coombes was read out “ The Pound is an enclosure where stray animals were shut up until claimed. It was the job of a pinder who was appointed at the annual courts who would receive a small (about 2d) fee each time he turned the key (one when he put them in and once when they came out) and later he received one shilling. The Old Sheep Cote should be referred to as The Pound.” The Council said that there had been a full discussion about the naming of this previously and the Council was not prepared to reverse its decision now.

To receive apologies for absence – None received

127. To receive declarations of interest from Members and to consider requests for new DPI dispensations.

(Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Kilmington Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011)

- None received

128. Minutes – The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday, 26th November 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record of proceedings.

129. Matters Arising

a) Superfast Broadband (see Minute 120b) – update from Broadband Working Group – The Chairman reported that the Broadband situation is becoming quite interesting: the National Trust line for Stourhead is coming in via Bourton now and BT are not admitting that the box in Norton Ferris is upgraded to fibre. Since last November, Wessex Internet have been trying to establish whether they could provide Kilmington with a service and 2 days ago they confirmed that they definitely could. Costs are difficult to pin down because it depends on the level of interest from the village. Basic infrastructure costs would be between £5k & £8k. If there is enough interest in the village they are happy to absorb that because they would be getting subscribers. The first thing we need to establish is the level of interest – 20/30 people is enough. Tomorrow Wessex Internet will be delivering flyers to houses and businesses in the village asking people to register if they are interested. The monthly cost is anticipated to be around £25-£30 but subscribers will no longer have to pay BT line rental so that would offset some of the expense.

b) Transparency Code – website (see Minute 120c) – The Clerk reported that Mr. Thornley had registered the website and was hoping for some general background or historical information on Kilmington to add to the content. Members said that there was a lot of information on Google and that Mrs. Celia Cotton may have some information to add.

130. Reports

a) Neighbourhood Policing Report – PCSO Peter Tcherniawsky reported that they were now in the last but one week of System Operational Thinking where he was now operating out of Warminster. He said he was hopeful that officers would be out to do speed checks in the village soon. He had produced a written report for the meeting: there had been a break-in to a motor vehicle parked at Tower Road where the police think a female

was watched as she hid valuables in the boot as that was targeted specifically. There have been a couple of non-dwelling burglaries in Tisbury and Maiden Bradley area where power tools have been taken. Reports of 2 smartly dressed Indian males jumping into the road and asking people for money for petrol and offering worthless rings have been noted in the area. Local issues at The Street, Kilmington cause police activity and the local police are continuing to work with other agencies to resolve this. The courts have placed conditions on one resident.

b) Wiltshire Councillor's Report – Cllr. Jeans reported that Wiltshire Council had withdrawn funding for Wiltshire Good Neighbours Scheme but devolved some money to the Area Boards to employ people to continue some of the services they provided. The South West Wiltshire Area Board is trying to set aside money for mini buses & the Area Board has also set aside some money for fireworks in Mere to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations. The Chairman stated that he had received some comments in the village about the expenses Wiltshire Council had paid out in tarmac the car parks for the flats. Cllr. Jeans explained that the money used to tarmac the car parks owned by the property services department of Wiltshire Council comes from the Housing Revenue Budget. This is money that can only be spent on Wiltshire Council's own housing stock and it cannot be spent on highways. It was agreed that this should be emphasised in the pink paper so that people understand the restrictions.

131. Planning

(All applications can be viewed on Wiltshire Council's website

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/environmentandplanning/planninganddevelopment/planningapplicationssearchonline/planningsearch.htm> – and type in the relevant application number)

a) Applications to consider at the meeting:

b) Applications considered since last meeting:

Application Ref: 15/11896/FUL

Application for: Full Planning

Proposal: Proposed single storey extensions forming new dining room and entrance, sky lights into existing roofs, conversion of existing garage and associated internal alterations to existing building and proposed 3 bay garage.

At: Dairy House, Norton Ferris. BA12 7HT

Parish Council's response: Support

Application Ref: 16/00200/FUL

Application for: Full Planning

Proposal: Proposed erection of single garage/store for use as agricultural storage (resubmission of 15/07112/FUL)

At: Land at Greenfields, Butts Lane, Kilmington. BA12 6RB

Parish Council's response: Support with conditions

Planning Authority's decision: Approve with Conditions Decision date: 10/02/2016

Application Ref: 15/12661/FUL

Application for: Full Planning

Proposal: Conversion of roof space with new dormer window and new roof lights, with addition of glazed extension to the rear of the property.

At: Ferngo, Norton Ferris. BA12 7HR

Parish Council's response: Support

Planning Authority's Decision: Approve with Conditions Decision Date: 25/02/2016

132. Highways, Rivers, Footpaths & Transport

a) Highway and footpath issues for My Wiltshire App – the following issues were reported:

- Large pot hole at the top of Cote Lane where it joins Tower Road

- Kilmington Common sign at top of Cote Lane is buckled

Cllr. Reeves offered to buy two cheaper batteries for the Speed Indicator Device.

b) Signage – this was raised as there had been an issue relating to delivery drivers aiming for Martins Brothers Removals repeatedly calling at private residents at ‘The Old Swamill’. The Chairman had been to talk to both parties and it seems that the problem has subsided for the time being so it was agreed that the Parish Council need to take no action at this time.

c) Wiltshire Council’s Public Consultation on the Future Provision of Subsidised Bus Services in Wiltshire:

please see: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/bus-service-consultation> - members noted the information. Cllr. Jeans said that he thought the only buses that would be guaranteed to stay would be those that connect with the railway station at Gillingham. Members discussed the buses that stopped in the village and also placed a high value on the Mere Taxibuzz Service that can play a necessary part in meeting essential appointments and accessing essential services in rural areas such as Kilmington. However, it was thought that many residents did not know enough about the service and the Clerk was asked to publish the details in the Council’s Pink Paper report. The Parish Council agreed to delegate authority to the Chairman to respond to the abovementioned public consultation on the Council’s behalf.

d) Proposed Temporary Closure of: Tower Road (Part), Kilmington / Stourton with Gasper - The Lionheart Cyclo sportive, 17th April 2016 – the Clerk reported that she had received a copy of the application from Human Race E vents Ltd together with an indicative plan for the above temporary road closure. Members raised no comments.

e) Breast Cancer Care Stourhead Pink Ribbon Walk 2016 – the Clerk reported that she had received communication from Breast Cancer Care to say that last year’s Breast Cancer Care Pink Ribbonwalk at Stourhead had been a huge success raising over £100,000 (the UK wide series of Pink Ribbonwalks raising well over £1 million). They are arranging a further Pink Ribbonwalk event to take place on Saturday, 11th June – the proposed route being similar to last year but with a few tweaks. Members noted this information and raised no concerns as they agreed that last year’s event was well organised.

f) Urgent Closure of C279 Butts Lane, Kilmington – The Clerk said that she had today received notice that on 18th March 2016, the C279 Butts Lane, Kilmington between its junctions with C341 Church Road and Cokers Lane, shall be closed to all traffic in the interests of public safety to enable Wiltshire Council to carry out carriageway repairs and associated works. It is anticipated that the work will take 1 day to complete.

133. Play Area

134. Finance, Policy & Resources

a) Payments - To approve the following payments:

L. C. Wood	Salary Q4	288.00
HMRC	PAYE Q4	72.00
Cash	Petty Cash reimbursement (postage)	8.09
D. L. Davis	Weekly play area inspections	130.00

b) Financial Regulations – deferred

c) Pension – Automatic Enrolment – the Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council’s Automatic Enrolment staging date was 1st January 2016 and that the Declaration of Compliance deadline was 31.5.16. On 21st January the Clerk had completed the declaration of compliance with the Pensions Regulator for Kilmington Parish Council and had received an acknowledgement from The Pensions Regulator (there being no eligible jobholders that the Parish Council automatically enrolled into a pension scheme).

d) To review and assess the effectiveness of internal controls - the Clerk presented members with an assessment of risks facing the council, a review of insurance provision and an assessment of internal controls. Members agreed with all assessments.

135. General Items

a) Community Litter Picking initiative – The Clerk informed members that she had equipment that could be made available if there was the wish to carry out a Community Litter Picking Initiative within the village.

b) Assessment of Flood Risks – it was agreed to inform Wiltshire Council that there was a water leak on The Street, where it meets the B3092.

c) The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations – Arrangements were being made to hold a party at the Home Guard Club on Saturday 11th June. There would be an activity afternoon/evening for all ages. The party would not involve any street closures. The Council agreed not to order any memorabilia and agreed that the sample medal could be given to Whitesheet Primary Academy.

d) Date of next meeting (Annual Parish Meeting + Annual Parish Council Meeting) – The Clerk pointed out that it was a legal requirement to hold the Annual Parish Meeting before 1st June and it was therefore agreed to hold the next meeting on 26th May.

12. Forthcoming Meetings/Events

a) Invitation to Parish & Town Council Involvement Evening – Local Highways

b) South West Wiltshire Area Board Meeting – Wednesday, 23rd March

Members are reminded that the Parish Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health & Safety and Human Rights.