

KINETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kineton Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 1st April 2009 in the Village Hall, Kineton.

PRESENT: Councillors Harris, Haywood, Gosling, Ingle, Mrs Knapton, Cllr Booth, 10 Members of the Public.

129/08 APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Cllrs Melville and Tuffen. DCllrs Mills and Mrs Wixey.

130/08 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 4th March 2009 had been circulated. Their adoption was proposed by Councillor Haywood seconded by Councillor Gosling. All in favour.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

131/08 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Old Library Railings – The Clerk reported he had received information that work is to commence on repairs to the railings on 1st April.

132/08 PLANNING

There was one planning application and two decisions were reported. Recommendations to the Planning Authority are appended on the Schedule attached to the minutes for signing.

133/08 GETTING KINETON GROWING

The Chairman referred to the presentation given before the meeting on the Farmers Market and read out the list of traders taking part. He also referred to the proposal by GKG for a “show plot “ on the green in Southam Street. He reminded Councillors about the application for a grant towards preparing ground adjacent to the cemetery by GKG. Proposed by Councillor Haywood seconded by Councillor Gosling and

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council will not give a grant to GKG at this time and they should reapply for February 2010. (Grant application meeting)

134/08 HGVS IN KINETON

The Chairman explained about the HGV advisory signage proposals to deter HGVs using the centre of Kineton village. The proposed location adjacent to the estate agents is totally unsuitable and these signs should be placed on approach roads such as Warwick Road, Lighthorne Road and Gaydon Road so that HGVs do not even get to the village. Cllr Booth supported this view. The Chairman and Cllr Booth both agreed to contact WCC Highways and further negotiate suitable locations for the signage.

135/08 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMP 2009

The Clerk submitted details of the six categories for the 2009 competition. Proposed by Councillor Haywood, seconded By Councillor Mrs Knapton and

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council should enter the Environment Category and an entry fee of £ 10 is approved.

136/08 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2009/2010

The Clerk reported on the annual review built into the five year maintenance contract to allow for increased fuel costs. The contractor does not wish to submit an increase on this occasion. The Clerk also referred to the unsatisfactory standard of grass cutting carried out by SDC each year and the cost of extra work by the Parish Council contractor to do this work to the usual high standard. The cost is £ 2665 for up to 13 cuts or proportionate cost as required to maintain the standard Proposed by Councillor Haywood, seconded by Councillor Ingle and

**RESOLVED: a. That the annual contract be renewed for 2009/2010 in the sum of £ 6393.04 (as 2008).
b. That additional work is carried out to cut grass on the SDC areas to maintain a high standard for a sum not exceeding £ 2665 and cost proportionate to works carried out.**

137/08 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

DCllr Mrs Wixey sent an email to the Clerk with her apologies and referred to the Library railings. Work due to commence on 1st April will be monitored by SDC. She referred to the Farmers Market and visits to retailers after the event and believes a compromise can be found. The Swan Hotel will be re-opening after refurbishment. The Kineton Rural Business Club will be meeting on 28th April in the Village Hall at 6.30 pm and all are welcome.

138/08 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

CCllr Booth informed members that WCC have now repaired the fence alongside the footpath on Warwick Road and adjacent to the old bridge. The horse chestnut trees at Red Road, Little Kineton have been inspected and although infected are not in a dangerous condition. They will be monitored in the future. He understands that Getting Kineton Growing is including training and education in their programme.

139/08 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Council considered the financial statement and accounts for payment as attached to the Minutes for signing. (Schedule 11/08). Proposed by Councillor Haywood seconded by Councillor Gosling and

RESOLVED: That the financial statements and folio 11/08 are adopted and the accounts listed paid.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

The date of the next Council Meeting is on 6th May 2009.

..... Chairman

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