

## KINETON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 8.15 pm on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008 in the Village Hall, Kineton.

**PRESENT** Councillor Mike Harris in the Chair  
Councillors Haywood, Gosling, Mrs Napton and Tuffen  
CCllr Booth and 9 Members of the Public

Prior to the meeting the Chairman introduced the Councillors.

### 1/08 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs, Melville, DCllrs Mills and Mrs Wixey. Mrs S Henman.

### 2/08 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007 had been circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Gosling and seconded by Councillor Haywood and

**RESOLVED That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007 is accepted as a true record. The Chairman of the Parish Council signed the Minutes.**

### 3/08 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman said that this year each member of the Parish Council will report on their person area of responsibility.

Cllr John Haywood – Reported on further improvements at the Dene Valley Project and Little Kineton Pond. He drew attention to the recently completed coppicing, the new extended footpaths and a new hedge. Last years extreme weather conditions has created extra work and costs due to the amount of tree and other debris removed from the river. There is an ongoing management plan in place to enhance and improve the Dene Valley for public use. Kineton pond improvements continues with the removal of overgrown vegetation and trees. A small parcel of land at the rear of the pond has now been purchased which enables work to be carried out all round the pond area. Driving and parking on the Little Kineton village green still proves problematic but it has improved. Arrangements are in hand to repair access track.

Cllr Mrs Napton – As Footpaths member reported on recent SDC Seminar on Dog Fouling. Litter picking is still a problem and she has personally taken to picking up litter as necessary.

Cllr Tuffen – Reported on the Village Hall. It is difficult to maintain the fabric in good repair but new carpet tiles and new double glazed windows and main door have been installed. Lettings are good and income covers expenditure. The Parish Council makes a grant each year towards the upkeep. The Chairman, Robert Bradnam is an excellent driving force and puts in many hours to ensure this facility continues. It is used by many groups of different age ranges.

Councillor Gosling – Report as Representative on the Youth Club Committee – He is very impressed with their work and young peoples involvement is improving. There are health clinics operating in both youth centres. Steps have been taken to exclude persistent trouble makers.

Chairman – Reported on planning issues – Applications for Take Away and Post Office signage have been strongly objected to. Precept will be same as 2007. He is member of United Charities Board which offers financial help to youngsters with training for careers etc . Applications to him.

### 4/08 REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR BOOTH

County Councillor Booth spoke on Council Tax with SDC at 3.9 % and WCC same. New Refuse collection scheme (paper issued at meeting to all present). Local issues of speeding vehicles, HGVs, footpath flooding and traffic management have all been dealt with in last twelve months. Banbury Road scheme now in operation and Warwick Road being considered. WCC in 2008 have increased provision for Adult Social Services and 5 extra flexi buses. There will also be 5 more CPSC officers in this area. Highway drainage and flooding has been earmarked as a priority and student truancy will be monitored. He is responsible for 15 Parish Councils in his area in addition to County Council duties.

**5/08 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Mr Briggs, Shortacres** - There a large number of cigarette butts on the ground outside the Carpenters Arms. Could a bin be provided ?

First Responders have identified a problem of houses without numbers. He agreed to write to Outlook and send a copy to the clerk for the District Advertiser.

**Mr Bassett**

Asked a question about replacement buildings for Kineton High School. Cllr Booth answered the question.

Debris at rear of Kineton Post Office – Cllr Booth would take action with SDC.

Kineton Post Office – Coning off road for delivery lorries. Clerk will contact PC Cutherbertson.

**Marika Reinholds**

Litter bin has gone missing from Green Farm End junction with Mill Street today. Clerk will deal with this.

**Mrs Henman**

Extending footpath from Pittern Hill to Compton Verney.  
WCC are looking at the costs of this and funds are unlikely to be available. (Costing is between £100,000 and £200,000 per km)

Overhanging trees at Pittern Hill.  
This was dealt with when raised last year but action will be taken again.

Bridleway sign is missing at Pittern Hill.  
Clerk to enquire.

Highway flooding and possible pond at Millenium Wood.  
Pond not viable but flooding will be reported to Highway Authority for drainage action.

**Mr Lewis**

Possibility of Battlefield Museum being located at Compton Verney ?  
The Museum is identified in SDC Local Plan but at present time funds are not available.

**6/08 CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS**

The Chairman thanked the public and Councillors for attending and reminded them that Parish Council meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday each month (except August) and all are welcome to attend. There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor and the Clerk has the necessary application form. He thanked the Clerk and his fellow Councillors for all their work in 2007.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

Chairman

Date