

KINETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kineton Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 4th January 2012 in the Village Hall, Kineton.

PRESENT: Parish Councillors Gosling (Chairman), Cahill, Ingle and Tuffen. Clerk – Jane Cove. Cllr Chris Williams and DCllr Chris Mills
Members of the Public 6

121/11 APOLOGIES for inability to attend were received and accepted from PCllrs Clarke Marais & Priddis, DCllr Wixey

122/11 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 7th December 2011 had been circulated. Proposed Cllr Tuffen, seconded Cllr Cahill and

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

123/11 ONGOING REPORTS

- a. Village Plan:** Cllr Cahill reported that there is now a revised timetable and the newly created work groups will refine the questions for the questionnaire. Volunteers have been allocated to the different groups and people will be contacted during the next week by the Steering Group Chairman. An advertisement will also be placed in Outlook and on the website.
- b. HGV's -** The Clerk reported no further update on this issue
- c. Superfast Broadband – BT cables:** The Clerk reported there is no change on previous report
- d. Heart Start:** Cllr Gosling reported that the Heartstart group are proceeding with its planning application for equipment to be sited in Kineton and it will then progress to applying for permission to site another defibrillator in the telephone box in Little Kineton.
- e. Library Update:** Cllr Gosling reported that discussions with WCC regarding various agreements are on-going and it is hoped these will be in place by Monday 9th January. Training is on-going for the present volunteers and more volunteers are coming forward. Cllr Mills expressed thanks to Mike Harris for organising a Community Library for the village. Cllr Williams added that Kineton deserves an accolade thanks to Mike Harris. Kineton's is the first of the 15 community libraries to put together a scheme which has worked.
- f. Website:** Cllr Cahill advised that it is planned to relaunch the website and have a new 'front' page that is frequently changed. A website is only as good as the content it is given and some very clear ideas have been put forward which will be brought to the next meeting.

124/11 PLANNING: The responses agreed are noted on the Planning Sheet attached to these Minutes.

125/11 GRAVEYARD VANDALISM: The Clerk reported that following the Parish Council's letter, Mr Hurley had kindly agreed to make good the fence at the northern end, on this occasion. Cllr Ingle suggested that a meeting be held to include the Parish Council, PCSO's, District Councillors and the two Ministers, together with the families involved. Clerk to co-ordinate dates and venue.

126/11 AMENDEDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS AND CHARGES FOR DOCUMENTS: Cllr Gosling presented an amendment to the Standing Order regarding the change in procedure of the Public Forum. It was agreed to postpone any decision on this until the February meeting, after the Councillors had a chance to study it.

127/11 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS: Cllr Ingle reported the Tree Preservation List has now been updated to include all of Kineton and Little Kineton. No concerns were raised.

128/11 QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION: Cllr Gosling reported that the Sports and Social Club may organise events to coincide with the Beacon.

129/11 PLAY AREA ANNUAL INSPECTION: The Clerk reported that three companies had been suggested by SDC to conduct the Annual Play Area Inspection. Cllr Cahill proposed, Cllr Ingle seconded and it was

RESOLVED: To instruct ROSPA to conduct the annual inspection at a cost of £63.00 plus VAT

130/11 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT: Cllr Mills reported that the car and trailer in Lighthorne Road has now gone. The Senior Citizens had enjoyed a wonderful party in the Village Hall and thanked the Parish Council for its contribution to this event.

131/11 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr Williams' report is attached to these Minutes.

132/11 FINANCIAL REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The Council considered the financial statement and accounts for payment as attached to the Minutes for signing. (Schedule 9/11). Proposed Cllr Ingle, seconded Cllr Tuffen, all in favour and

RESOLVED: That the financial statements and folio 9/11 are adopted and the accounts listed paid.

The date of the next Council Meeting is on 1st February 2012

The Meeting closed at 8.28 pm

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Chairman
1st February 2012

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County Councillor's Report

- **Fiscal Matters** – In four weeks time the County Council will have to present its budget for next year. I can confirm that there will be no increase in Council Tax next year. This is the second consecutive year that Council Tax has been frozen. When the Council sets its financial plan for the next four years it was thought that the financial landscape would improve over the four years of the plan. When the government made its financial settlement to local authorities before Christmas it was clear that there would be no easing of pressures for local authorities for at least the next seven years. We are looking at how further savings can be made but we still face considerable pressure. For example, the government statement that public sector pay settlements will be restricted to 1% adds a cost burden to Warwickshire CC of additional £3 million. Together with inflation which can cost next year some £18 million, I hope you will understand why some unpalatable savings will have to be found.

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Notes on Public Forum held prior to meeting on 5th January 2012

- 1) Mr Gerry Lewis commended the Police on their efforts to prevent vandalism in the graveyard.
- 2) Mr Graeme Bassett suggested that any documents requested by a member of the public should come from the Clerk, as it leaves it open for such documents to be 'doctored' if given by the 'author'.
- 3) Mr Graeme Bassett suggested that non-agenda items raised in the Public Forum should be recorded.
- 4) Mr Graeme Bassett asked if the Village Plan timetable has changed and who has been appointed to specific groups.
- 5) Mr Brian Lewis suggested that had details of the amendment to the Public Forum been made available before, the Parish Council may have been advised by the public on its thoughts regarding the proposal, before taking a decision.
- 6) Mr Brian Lewis enquired who will make the decision regarding which 'non-agenda' items are taken forward.
- 7) Mr Brian Lewis asked for clarification regarding the 'answering of questions'. Were the public there to answer or ask questions? Cllr Gosling explained this would be in the case of a planning application, when the PC may have questions for the applicant and/or objector to answer.
- 8) Mr Graeme Bassett suggested that if a comment from the Public is recorded it would be helpful if the PC's response was also recorded.

A copy of the written statement from Mr Bassett is available from the Clerk.

The Parish Council is not responsible for the accuracy of written statements as true reflections of the statement made by the author at the PC meeting