

KINETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kineton Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 6th May 2009 in the Village Hall, Kineton.

PRESENT: Councillors Harris, Haywood, Gosling, Mrs Knapton and Tuffen DCllrs Mills and Mrs Wixey, CCllr Booth, 4 Members of the Public.

1/09 APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Cllrs Ingle and Melville.

2/09 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2009/2010

The Clerk invited nominations for the appointment of Chairman. Proposed by Councillor Haywood, Seconded by Councillor Mrs Knapton and all in favour.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Michael Harris be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year 2009/2010.

Councillor Harris in the Chair

3/09 APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR 2009/2010

The Chairman invited nominations for the appointment of Deputy Chairman. Proposed by Councillor Harris, seconded by Councillor Mrs Knapton and all in favour.

RESOLVED: That Councillor John Haywood JP be elected as Deputy Chairman for the ensuing year 2009/2010.

4/09 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 1st April 2009 had been circulated. Their adoption was proposed by Councillor Haywood seconded by Councillor Mrs Knapton. All in favour.

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

5/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Old Library Railings – The Clerk reported that he understood although work had started on 1st April it stopped soon after and no further work has been done.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue this issue with SDC and DCllr Mrs Wixey.

6/09 PLANNING

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

7/09 PROPOSED FOOTPATH CHANGES

The Chairman referred to the letter from WCC proposing footpath changes at SD92e and SD355 – Pittern Hill. These changes were discussed.

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised to the proposed footpath changes.

8/09 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – KINETON TEMPLATE

The Chairman referred to the Kineton Template issued to all Councillors and asked them to consider carefully the proposed document. It will be further considered at the June meeting and then adopted as Council policy. Linked to this there is a need for a professionally produced risk assessment statement for the council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange two estimates for risk assessments for the June meeting.

9/09 FORMAT OF THE PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman drew attention to the proposed change to the arrangements for the public forum period before each council meeting and asked Councillors to consider this for adoption at the next meeting.

10/09 WARWICKSHIRE ASSN OF LOCAL COUNCILS

The Chairman asked Councillors to reconsider whether there is now a case for membership of Assn of Local Councils. Advice and training may well be required in the near future and currently the Assn is offering a years free trial membership subject to one attendance for 2 persons at a training session and attendance at the AGM in October 2009. Proposed by Councillor Haywood, seconded by Councillor Tuffen and all in favour.

RESOLVED: That free membership be taken for one year and membership be reviewed after twelve months.

11/09 LITTER PROBLEMS

Litter problems are becoming more prevalent in the playing fields, toddlers playground, churchyard and cemetery. DCllr Mrs Wixey with the Youth Club is organizing litter collections in these areas. The Parish Council has already indicated it would be willing to contribute funds to the Youth Club for this service on a regular basis. Proposed by Councillor Haywood, seconded by Councillor Gosling and all in favour.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council pays £ 10 per recorded litter collection to the Youth Club Funds. That the Clerk arranges a supply of safety gloves, pickers and collection bags.

12/09 HANGING BASKET COMPETITION 2009

The Clerk asked if the Council requires a hanging basket competition in 2009 and if so authority is needed for the expenditure to cover judges catering, prizes etc. Proposed by Councillor Haywood, seconded by Councillor Mrs Napton and all in favour.

RESOLVED: That the sum of £ 280 be approved for the Hanging Basket Competition 2009.

13/09 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

DCllr Mrs Wixey said that the Kineton Business Club had a very successful relaunch meeting with much interest and many projects planned. Next meeting is in September – date to be confirmed. The Swan Hotel has not been let at present. DCllr Mills referred to refuse collection problems relating to use of black bags in the village and these are awaiting resolution. Details will be passed to Outlook magazine.

14/09 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

CCllr Booth spoke about the 50 mph controversy currently in the media and the B4100 has had 58 injury accidents in the past few years. The HGV advisory signs for Kineton have made no progress so far and he will pursue this. They have been approved for Gaydon. This year WCC Social Services will be putting more services out to contract. Elections for County Council and Euro MP on 4 June. There is an action plan in place if swine flu affects Kineton High School and it has been issued to parents.

15/09 GRANT FOR SPEED CAMERA

The Chairman referred to a letter asking for a contribution towards a speed camera for the safety partnership covering Wellesbourne, Kineton and surrounding villages. Proposed by Councillor Haywood, seconded by Councillor Harris. Vote 4 in favour. 1 abstention.

RESOLVED: That a sum of £ 600 be granted towards the purchase of a speed camera.

15/09 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Council considered the financial statement and accounts for payment as attached to the Minutes for signing. (Schedule 1/09). Proposed by Councillor Tuffen seconded by Councillor Gosling and

RESOLVED: That the financial statements and folio 1/09 are adopted and the accounts listed paid.

16/09 ANNUAL AUDIT OF COUNCILS ACCOUNTS 2008/2009

The Clerk reported that accounts go to first stage audit on 7th May and on public deposit in June/July.

17/09 CLERKS APPOINTMENT

The Chairman reported that the Clerk has given written notice to terminate his contract of employment from 1st October 2009 and leaving on 31st December 2009. This early notice gives the council time to prepare a structured programme of recruitment, training and handover.

The Meeting closed at 9 pm.

The date of the next Council Meeting is on 3rd June 2009.

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Chairman

3rd June 2009