

KINETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kineton Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 6th September 2006 in the Village Hall, Kineton.

PRESENT: Councillors Harris, Haywood, Mrs Askew, Mrs Napton, Mrs Rickman and Tuffen. DCllrs Higgs and CCllr Booth. 15 Members of the Public.

33/06 APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability attend were received from Cllr Melville and DCllr Mrs Giblin.

34/06 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th June 2006 had been circulated. Their adoption was proposed by Councillor Haywood and seconded by Councillor Tuffen.

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

35/06 PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR HANGING BASKET COMPETITION

The Chairman presented the awards to the winners etc for the Hanging Basket Competition. He thanked the judges and their drivers for their hard work during a long day and Mr Porter and their Clerk for their organisation. Mr Porter thanked the Parish Council for taking over and reviving the competition and hopes it will continue.

36/06 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- a. **Old Library Iron Railings** – Cllr Melville will continue to endeavor to make contact.
- b. **HGV signing** – The Clerk reported that the vehicle counter placed on the C31 to obtain information proved that insufficient HGVs use the road to justify a ban. The Clerk was asked to invite the Highways Officer from WCC to the next meeting to discuss the matter further.

37/06 PLANNING

New Applications and Decisions. – There were seven planning applications. Decisions and Appeals are appended on Schedule attached to Minutes for signing.

38/06 RURAL HOUSING SURVEY

The Clerk read out the reply from Charles Barlow, the Housing Enabler from WRRC.

RESOLVED: That no further action be taken with a housing survey at this time.

39/06 PITTERN HILL E ROAD

The Clerk referred to the reply from the SDC Enforcement Officer about the unauthorised access road at Pittern Hill.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should write to the Director of Planning SDC requesting that retrospective planning application should be made and invite the enforcement officer to the next meeting of this Council to discuss the matter further.

40/06 BRIDLEWAY – RED ROAD/EDGHILL

WCC now confirm that is completely open.

41/06 REMOVAL OF TREE – LITTLE KINETON GREEN

The Clerk reported that there is a diseased lime tree on the green adjacent to Norton Grange entrance and SDC have approved its removal.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk be authorised to expend £ 250 excl VAT on the tree removal.

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42/06 BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARD 2006

The Clerk reported that Kineton/Little Kineton has been awarded a Gold award in this year's competition. The Chairman agreed to collect the award on 30th September 2006 at Leek Wootton Village Hall.

43/06 BATTLEFIELDS TRUST – LITTLE KINETON GREEN

The Clerk submitted a request from the Battlefields Trust for permission to carry out ground investigations on the green to search for Civil War artifacts. They will only remove very small squares of turf on a regular pattern and replace and reinstate the surface afterwards. Artifacts found will be deposited in the County Archives.

RESOLVED: That the Battlefields Trust is given permission to carry out ground investigations subject to agreed conditions of reinstatement. They will inform residents around the Green of their work. They will not park or drive vehicles on to the Green. It is agreed that artifacts found may be deposited in the County Archives.

44/06 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Council considered the financial statement and accounts for payment as attached to the Minutes for signing. (Schedule 4/06)

RESOLVED: That the financial statements are adopted and the accounts paid.

45/06 END OF YEAR AUDIT 2005/2006

The Clerk confirmed that the audit is completed with no comments from the auditors. He is required to report that they questioned a reduction in salaries in 2005/2006 and he explained that Mr Miller retired during the year and has not been replaced. The completion of the audit has been published on the Public Notice Board.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

The date of the next Council Meeting is on 4th October 2006.

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4th October 2006.