

KINETON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Kineton Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 2nd September 2009 in the Village Hall, Kineton.

PRESENT: Councillors Harris, Haywood, Ingle, Mrs Knapton and Tuffen. DCllr Mrs Wixey, CCllr Williams.
11 Members of the Public.

49/09 HANGING BASKET COMPETITION AWARDS

The Chairman presented awards to the prizewinners for 2009.

50/09 APOLOGIES

Apologies for inability to attend were received from Cllr Gosling and DCllr Mills.

51/09 MINUTES

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

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

52/09 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Old Library Railings – The Clerk reported that the issue of enforcement is being considered by the District Council at a meeting on 14th September and Cllr Gosling will be attending to put the Parish Councils case before the committee.

HGVs – The Clerk informed members that a revised HGV Preferred route map has been issued by WCC and supplied copies to all Councillors. This is an advisory document only.

53/09 PLANNING

There were three planning applications and five decisions were reported.

Recommendations to the Planning Authority are appended on the Schedule attached to the minutes for signing.

54/09 RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Chairman referred to the risk assessment action plan before Councillors at this meeting. This results from examination of the Risk Assessment Report and the action required by this Council. Proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Haywood and:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtain quotations for the various items contained in the action plan.

55/09 LITTER BIN, BANBURY STREET

The Clerk informed the Council that the owner of the property adjacent to the litter bin by the paper shop has asked that it be replaced by a lidded bin to prevent waste being blown around in high winds. Proposed by Cllr Haywood, seconded by Cllr Mrs Knapton and:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange for a replacement lidded bin.

56/09 STREET LIGHT- DENE CLOSE

The Clerk informed members that a street light in Dene Close is leaning at an angle of 25 degrees and requires urgent replacement for safety reasons. Due to the urgency the work has been put in hand. Proposed by Cllr Haywood and seconded by Cllr Mrs Knapton and

RESOLVED: That the Clerks action be approved and the work authorized in the sum of £ 1600 ex VAT.

57/09 PUBLIC TELEPHONE BOX – LITTLE KINETON

Proposed by Cllr Ingle and seconded by Cllr Tuffen and :

RESOLVED: That the decision by the Council not to purchase the telephone box at Little Kineton be confirmed.

58/09 MANOR LANE – PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from WCC asking for agreement to no waiting restrictions being imposed at the junction of Manor Lane and Banbury Street. Proposed by Cllr Haywood and seconded by Cllr Ingle and all in favour.

RESOLVED: That the proposed no waiting restrictions be supported only for the area marked on the plan.

59/09 SDC LOCAL PLAN

The Clerk reported that two items relating to Kineton have been removed from the local plan which expired in July 2009. Development at King Johns Road (problem with agreement on ownership) and the Battlefield Museum at Banbury Road (No funds available in the short term)

60/09 SDC LOCAL DEVELOPMENT – CORE STRATEGY

The members considered various documents and plans relating to the Development Core Strategy proposed for Kineton by SDC. Various issues were raised including unsuitability of the site Kin901 due to flooding, loss of good agricultural land and overloading of the infrastructure including highways and drainage. This site is also outside the Village Plan area as it extends the village outwards. Site Kin 702 was also considered unsuitable for development because it includes the playing fields and the cemetery and because it would overload the infrastructure. Members therefore recommended that these sites should be removed from the core strategy. The site of the closed garage within Kin001, which is excluded from development, should be changed as it is a brown field site and suitable for housing development. Housing development in Site Kin704 should remain within the footprint of the present school.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk should submit these responses to the Core Strategy to the District Council.

61/09 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

DCllr Mrs Wixey reported on the Gaydon Community Liaison Group which has organized free financial advice sessions for residents on Tuesdays from 1 to 4 pm at SDC offices in S-on-Avon. The Swan Hotel is for sale and in the meantime is being made safe. Aston Martin are holding a Families Open Day on 27/28th September and tickets are available. Please apply to Mrs Wixey.

62/09 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

CCllr Williams gave a report to the members and submitted a written report which is attached to the minutes for signing.

63/09 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Council considered the financial statement and accounts for payment as attached to the Minutes for signing. (Schedule 3/09). Proposed by Councillor Haywood seconded by Councillor Tuffen and all in favour.

RESOLVED: That the financial statements and folio 4/09 are adopted and the accounts listed paid.

64/09 AUDITORS REPORT

The Clerk reported that the final report is awaited but some minor points have been raised and dealt with. The reserve balances have been reapportioned as shown in the financial report at Minute 63/09.

65/09 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC– LGA 1972 Section 100

As the following items deal with staff matters and are confidential the press and public should be excluded. Proposed by Cllr Haywood and seconded by Cllr Mrs Knapton, all in favour.

66/09 CLERKS APPOINTMENT

The Chairman reported that seventeen application had been received and the panel appointed had selected four for interview. The results of these interviews will be reported to the next meeting.

67/09 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Clerk reported one applicant for the vacancy. Proposed by Cllr Haywood and seconded by Cllr Mrs Knapton and all in favour.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the applicant, Mr Haydn Dunant, and invite him to join the Council from 1st November 2009.

The Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The date of the next Council Meeting is on 7th October 2009.

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Chairman
7th October 2009

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Notes on Public Forum prior to the Council Meeting held on 1st July 2009

Mr David Talbot asked about the proposed no waiting in Manor Lane.

Mr Lewis, Mr Bassett, Mr Ingle and Mr McIntyre spoke on the Core Strategy document for Kineton and in particular the proposed development shown as Kin 901 on the plan. Mr Lewis submitted a paper which is attached to these minutes.

3rd September 2009

M.A.Gaffney
Clerk to the Council

Kineton Parish Council 02.09.09.

County Councillor's Report

1. Since your last meeting, I have been allocated responsibilities in areas of Health and the Environment and the Economy. I am expecting a very busy period starting in September when inevitably financial issues affecting all of us will be the subject of much debate. You may recall that last month, I intimated that savings would have to be made. The task being set for the Council is to find savings of some £20 million. This is in addition to savings already achieved last year. Over the next four years, the Council is facing the prospect of making further savings of this magnitude every year. Certain services, obviously, have a priority and the difficulties facing the authority are an increasingly ageing population at one end of the scale and the requirement to implement the ramifications of child care after the 'Baby P' incident. We have seen a notable increase in the number of children taken into care after this sad case.
2. Fire Service – You may have read in the Press that the Fire and Rescue Service are formulating proposals to improve the safety of the public and our firefighters through more effective operational responses. The review which followed the incident where four firemen sadly lost their lives shows that the Fire Service faces different risks and expectations than those facing us even ten years ago. The aim is to redeploy our resources so that the Fire Service is better placed to deal with the challenges we now face.
3. Increased car ownership and congestion on our roads mean that firefighters are more involved in rescue operations at road traffic accidents and we need crews that even better equipped and trained to deal with this.
4. We also need to reassess how we deal with non-domestic call outs together with the issue of false alarms. Flooding is another issue that has in recent years plagued us in Warwickshire and an area where our crews need to play a vital role in safeguarding lives and properties. Currently, it is proposed that there will be comprehensive consultation and the process is likely to take six months before any final decision is taken.
5. I thought you might like an update on the Swine Flu pandemic. At present, reports indicate that cases of Swine Flu continue to spread across the region. There is a perception that the number of people suffering from the influenza like illness has now plateau'd. It does appear that the young and those with other congestion illnesses are most vulnerable. However, an anti-viral collection point has been established in Stratford and a new pandemic flu service has been launched to ensure that people with flu, or flu-like symptoms, are able to get advice and help. The new service is made up of a dedicated website which provides people with a quick way to check their symptoms and get access to anti-viral drugs. The web link is www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu. To authorities such as ours, of greater concern is the maintaining of essential services if significant numbers of essential staff were affected. Emergency plans are in place to relocate staff and the military are on stand-by to assist in providing cover for the Police and Fire Service. At the moment the indications are that this pandemic is having less impact and the normal winter flu in our district.

CCLr Chris Williams