

**KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 P.M.ON TUESDAY ~~29th JULY~~ 2008.**

3 SEPTEMBER

**IN THE CUDMORE ROOM AT KILMINGTON VILLAGE HALL.**

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**: Both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman being absent at the start of the meeting, Cllr. Huscroft, seconded by Cllr. Hodges proposed Cllr. Hurford take the chair until the arrival of the Chairman. Agreed.
2. **PRESENT** : Cllr. M. Collier (Chairman) (arrived during the course of the meeting having been detained by an urgent matter at work), Cllr. G. R. Davie, Cllr. P.W.A. Dare (arrived during the course of the meeting), Cllr. G.H. Hurford, Cllr. S.A. Huscroft, Cllr. S.R. Hodges, Cllr. S.J. Newbery, Cllr. R. I. Penzer, the Clerk, Dist. Cllr. Chubb and Cty. Cllr. Hull were present. There were 14 members of the public and one member of the press present.
3. **APOLOGIES** : Cllr. C.H. Bolton (Vice-chairman), Cty Cllr. Hull and Dist. Cllr. Chubb and P.C.S.O. Jones had tendered their apologies.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** : the minutes of the meetings held on 29th July 2008 had been circulated to all Councillors. Cllr. Newbery seconded by Cllr. Huscroft proposed that they be adopted. Agreed.
5. **POLICE REPORT** : P.C.S.O. Jones had reported to the Clerk that there had been no crimes since the previous meeting. There had been no further progress with the A35. It was not proving possible to take any action against the travellers who were camped on land off the Roman Road because they were not obstructing the road and the landowner on whose land they were encamped had not raised any objections. The Environmental Health Officer said no offences were being committed about which action was necessary.

It was pointed out that there had been two or three instances when the fire brigade had had to attend incidents, including one during the last few days.

6. **MATTERS ARISING OR MATTERS OF URGENCY** : none.
7. **FINANCIAL MATTERS** : a) Current Position - the Clerk reported that the current bank account was healthy. It stood as follows:

BANK RECONCILIATION	
31/08/08	
BANK STATEMENT St.328 31/07/08	2614.68
(Unpresented cheques)	-307.00
(Post Date Payments)	-489.89
	1817.79
Post Date Receipts	0.00
Total	1817.79

This sum is broken down as follows:

ACCOUNT SUMMARY	
P3 Balance	1266.78
Parish Business Balance	551.01
	0.00
Total	1817.79

The Alliance and Leicester Account stands at

A&L ACC	£
01/04/08	1058.62
Interest	1.07
Transfer	0
Total	1059.69

The National Savings Bank Account stands at

NATIONAL SAVINGS ACCO	£
Balance at 01/04/2008	84188.24
Interest 07/08	4084.03
Transfer to Lloyds Bank	0.00
Present Balance	88272.27

No moneys had been received since the last meeting.

b) Requests for Financial Assistance - none.

c) Approval of Intervening Expenditure - the following intervening payments had been made since the last meeting of the Parish Council

CHQ NO	PARISH BUSINESS	Sum	V.A.T	Goods
	Payee	£	£	£
1181	R.G. Landscaping (grass cutting)	365.13	54.38	310.75
1182	Axminster Printing Co. Ltd.	31.08	4.63	26.45
1183	D.A.P.C. (Village Green sub)	22.00	0.00	22.00
1184	Axe Skip Hire (Aug & Sept)	71.68	10.68	61.00
	Total	489.89	69.69	420.20

Cllr. Hurford seconded by Cllr. Penzer proposed that these payments be approved. Agreed.

d) Expenditure to be Approved for which Bills Have been Received : the Clerk said that the only bill outstanding was to cover the cost of any delegates attending the annual general meeting of the Devon Association of Parish Councils. The cost would be £15 per delegate. Only Cllr. Hurford was able to attend. Cllr. Hodges, seconded by Cllr. Huscroft proposed that his fee be paid. Agreed.

e) Forthcoming Expenditure to Approve: the Clerk said that it was likely that there would be bills for grass cutting, staff costs and stationery before the next meeting of the Council.

8. PUBLIC FORUM : Cllr. Huscroft proposed that this be deferred until the arrival of the Chairman. Agreed.

9. PLANNING MATTERS: the following applications and decisions had been received since the meeting on 29th July 2008

08/2091OHL

Western Power Distribution Ltd., Venture Way, Priorswood Industrial Estate, Taunton. TA2 8DG  
Erection of new overhead powerline on two poles and dismantling of old lines on land adjacent to South View Works, Kilmington.

SUPPORT

Cllr. Dare arrived at this point.

08/2022/FUL

Mr. & Mrs. R. Dawe, Doultling, Kilmington, Axminster. EX13 7ST  
Erection of single storey extension and alterations at Doultling, Kilmington.

SUPPORT

08/2327/FUL

J. Martell, 2, Whitehays Cottages, Kilmington, Axminster.  
Detached dwelling with double garage and repositioned access on land adjacent to 2, Whitehays Cottages.

SUPPORT

**Decisions**

**GRANTS**

08/1754/FUL

Mr. M. Dainton, Brook House, Whitfield Road, Kilmington, Devon. EX13 7RG  
Proposed external alterations and single storey rear courtyard extension at Brook House, Whitford

08/1755 L.B.C.

Mr. M. Dainton, Brook House, Whitfield Road, Kilmington, Devon. EX13 7RG  
Proposed external alterations and single storey rear courtyard extension at Brook House, Whitford Road.

08/1625/LBC

J.C. and R.H. Palmer Ltd., The Old Brewery, Bridport, Dorset. DT6 4JA  
Erection of open-sided shelter at the New Inn, The Hill, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7SF

08/1624/FUL

J.C. and R.H. Palmer Ltd., The Old Brewery, Bridport, Dorset. DT6 4JA  
Erection of open-sided shelter at the New Inn, The Hill, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7SF

**REFUSALS**

08/1837/L.B.C.

Mr. S. Littley, Hills Farm, Whitford Road, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7NS  
Installation of two roof lights at Hills Farm

**Appeals Lodged**

**Appeals Upheld**

**Appeals Dismissed**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

E.D.D.C. re Section 106 meetings.

It was agreed that Cllr. Hurford would attend the meeting at Membury on 29th September.

Blackdown Hills Management Strategy consultation.

Copy Letter Others to E.D.D.C.

**10. HIGHWAY MATTERS**

a) Response to matters reported: the Clerk stated that Mr. Hoare had reported that he had cleared the gravel at the top of Gore Head and arranged for the verge down through the Street to be strimmed. The blocked drain by Doultling would be added to the jetting list, along with the gully heads in Gore Lane. Pot holes had been repaired as necessary.

b) Matters to Report - the following matters will be reported to the local highway technician:

Cllr. Daviie reported that the problems caused by over large vehicles trying to use Silver Street were continuing to inflict damage on the fabric of some houses. It had been suggested that the road be made one way from the westerly end which would might indicate to vehicles relying on satellite navigation devices that the road was unsuitable for large vehicles. Not all Councillors felt that it was appropriate that this measure be taken but the Clerk will consult Mr. Hoare.

Other problems to be reported are:

i. A pothole in Shute Road.

c) A35 Group - there was nothing to report at this stage.

11. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING**: Cllr. Huscroft proposed that this matter be deferred pending the arrival of Cllr. Collier. Agreed.

12. **BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION:** Cllr. Hurford said that Kilmington had performed well and had been awarded 91 points in the category for past winners. The section had been won by Offwell. The Clerk read out the Judges' report. Cllr. Collier arrived at this point and assumed the Chairmanship of the meeting.

He said that he proposed to take public forum at this point to enable those who so wished to put any points to the Council and explained that thereafter the Councillors would debate the matter without any further input from the public.

8. **PUBLIC FORUM (RESUMED):** Cllr. Collier outlined the processes which had been undertaken leading up to the present situation when the District Council, having scrutinised the various possible sites identified within the village, had indicated that their preferred site was at the top of Meadow Bank. He stated that the Parish Council owned the strip of land between Meadow Bank and the site. The Council's solicitors had confirmed that there were no covenants in the deeds which precluded the Council from allowing access to the field over that strip of land, which had been gifted to the Parish Council at a time when a developer had been seeking to build some eighty houses in the field.

The Rural Housing Trust had sent a sketch of a possible site lay out to the District Council. The next step is for survey forms to be distributed to gauge what demand there is in the village for such housing. Once this has been ascertained, a public meeting will be held.

Mr. Kerslake said that he had visited a site in Wiltshire and had been impressed by the quality of the design. He stressed that the housing was for people from the local community.

Mr. Dutton asked why, when planning permission for the larger site had been turned down in 1988 on grounds that the surface drainage was inadequate and development would spoil the character of the village, this present development should be acceptable, especially given that global warming is likely to have exacerbated any problems relating to drainage.

Mr. Kerslake said that the District Council had looked at several sites in the village and this one was their preferred choice. He stressed that all houses would be affordable and would never come onto the commercial market. The maximum percentage which would have shared equity would be fifty percent. The rest would be for rental. The site would not be considered for commercial development but affordable housing only was permitted on exception sites outside the development line.

Mr. Dendle suggested that the land had been given to the Parish Council by Mrs. Constable to protect the field from future development and that for the Parish Council to allow access across the strip of land was a betrayal of her wishes. He also pointed out that any extension of the road would involve removal of a hedgerow which would be contrary to planning policy. Cllr. Collier said that this would be a matter for the District Council to determine.

Mr. Martell said that the proposed development was small in scale.

Cllr. Hodges said that the views of Parish Councils changed with time and the present proposal could be seen in a different light from the larger proposal of twenty years ago.

Cllr. Huscroft asked what the District Council's second-choice site had been and Cllr. Collier replied that it was land opposite The Orchard. However, the access from The Orchard onto George Lane was viewed as a disadvantage for that site.

The question of future expansion of the site was raised. Cllr. Newbery observed that the needs of the local community would have to be taken into consideration. Mr. Kerslake said that all letting was via the Rural Housing Trust.

9. **AFFORDABLE HOUSING (RESUMED):** Councillors had nothing further to add at this point.

10 **MAINTENANCE MATTERS:**

a) Refurbishment of notice boards - this had been completed.

b) Play Area - there were no matters to report.

c) Trees - it was noted that there are some dead elms on Jubilee Green which should be dealt with.

d) Dog Bins - these had been put in place and were being emptied as arranged.

11. ALLOTMENT MATTERS: Cllr. Hodges reported that a contractor had quoted £783 (excluding V.A.T) to carry out removal of the lower 20 feet of branches on the trees on land adjacent to the allotments. The land owner had offered to make a modest contribution towards the cost. The Clerk was instructed to obtain further quotations.

12. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP : there had been no further progress to report.

13. PARISH PLAN: Mr. Quincey and Miss Cudmore are continuing to work on the Village Design Statement. The Chairman stressed the importance of this work as appeals can hinge on the contents of such a statement. It would play a key role in Local Development Framework meetings which are on-going local planning documents.

14. PROPOSED CHANGES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT: Cllr. Hurford stated that Councillors had attended several meeting in relation to these proposals. Overall, their feeling was that the present situation was known and there was too much lack of detail regarding the new proposal. Cllr. Collier proposed that the Parish Council should write in support of the retention of the status quo. Agreed.

15. CORRESPONDENCE: various items were put into circulation. There were no Councillors able to attend the reception at Sidmouth on 18th September.

16. DATES OF NEXT MEETING : the next meeting will be 7th October.