

**KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 P.M.ON TUESDAY 8th JANUARY 2007.**

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

1. **PRESENT** : Cllr. M. Collier (Chairman), Cllr. C.H. Bolton (Vice-chairman), Cllr. P.W.A. Dare, Cllr. G. R. Davie, Cllr. S.R. Hodges, Cllr. G.H. Hurford, Cllr. S.A. Huscroft, Cllr. S.J. Newbery, the Clerk, and Dist. Cllr. Chubb. were present. There were no members of the public present.
2. **APOLOGIES** : Cllr. R. I. Penzer, P.C. Carmichael and Cty. Cllr. Hull had tendered their apologies.
3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS** : the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2007 had been circulated to all Councillors. Cllr. Bolton seconded by Cllr. Huscroft proposed that they be adopted. Agreed.
4. **POLICE REPORT** : on behalf of P.C. Carmichael, the Clerk reported that there had been three incidents of theft/burglary since the last meeting. The Chairman said that the police had been involved with the presence of two caravans on the Roman Road near the boundary stone. He mentioned also that the signs supplied by the police, which he had affixed to posts along the Roman Road, regarding motorbiking had been ripped off.
5. **PUBLIC FORUM** : none.
6. **MATTERS ARISING OR MATTERS OF URGENCY** : the Chairman reported that the Play Group had now found a new leader. Cllr. Huscroft said that this should be notified via the website and Postscript, as should the fact that the school had had a very positive and encouraging report following the recent Ofsted inspection.

Cllr. Collier had received a letter from Mr. Hankin urging the Parish Council to follow the example set in Membury and set up a sub-committee to campaign for the retention of the Post Office facility. Cllr. Bolton said that there was nothing the Council could do at this stage. A decision would be made and notified to the Post Master in February and there would then be a six month consultation period. There was a risk that if the Post Office side of the business was closed down then the viability of the rest of the business might be threatened.

The Clerk said that she had received that morning a survey of Rural Shops and that in Kilmington there were three shops in virtual competition with one another carrying a similar range of products.

It was agreed that the dog bins, once available, would be located at Jubilee Green, The Common and at the start of Springhead Lane.

7. **FINANCIAL MATTERS** : a) Current Position - the Clerk reported that the current bank reconciliation was:

<b>BANK RECONCILIATION</b>	
05/01/08	
BANK STATEMENT St.320 30/11/07	1150.83
(Unpresented cheques)	-48.18
(Post Date Payments)	-594.51
	508.14
Post Date Receipts	391.23
Total	899.37

A cheque for £391.23 had been received from the Parochial Church Council. This was the unspent balance from the money donated to the Parochial Church Council to cover the cost of building the new Church Porch.

Interest of £1.04 had been received on the balance in the Alliance and Leicester account.

The Parish Council's funds in the Lloyds Bank Treasurers' Account for the above date were broken down as follows:

ACCOUNT SUMMARY	
P3 Balance	1331.78
Parish Business Balance	-432.41
	0.00
Total	899.37

The National Savings account stood as follows:

NATIONAL SAVINGS ACCO	£
Balance at 01/04/2007	91688.24
Interest 06	0.00
Transfer to Lloyds Bank	-7500.00
Present Balance	84188.24

The Alliance and Leicester account stands as follows:

A&L ACC	£
01/04/07	932.60
Interest	126.02
Transfer	0
Total	1058.62

b) Requests for Financial Assistance - a request for funding had been received from Victim Support. Cllr. Collier, seconded by Cllr. Hurford, proposed that no donation should be made. Agreed.

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	£	£	£
1133	Axminster Printing Co. Ltd.(Oct)	47.47	7.07	40.40
1134	Axe Skip Hire (Dec and Jan)	71.68	10.68	61.00
1135	E.D.F. Energy 1 Ltd.(Allotment Pump)	8.28	0.39	7.89
1136	B. Woodsford (3rd Qtr)	51.75	0.00	51.75
1137	H. Kirkcaldie (3rd Qtr)	218.25	0.00	218.25
1138	H.M. Revenue & Customs (3rd Qtr)	76.96	0.00	76.96
1139	Kilmington Parochial Church Council	76.00	0.00	76.00
	Total	550.39	18.14	532.25

The Clerk referred to discussions she had had with the Treasurer of the Kilmington Parochial Church Council suggesting that the Parish Council's contribution to the floodlighting of the church be set at £75. Cheque 1139 was therefore for this amount plus the one pound annual rental for the village hall car park.

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

d) Expenditure to be Approved for which Bills Have been Received : none.

e) Forthcoming Expenditure to Approve: the Clerk said that it was likely that there would be bills for staff skip hire and stationery.

f) Budget and Setting of Precept: the Clerk circulated a statement of the current financial position and projections to the financial year end. She had set out a budget for the forthcoming year based on comments from the December meeting. Adjustments were made as Councillors considered appropriate. Cllr. Hurford, seconded by Cllr. Huscroft proposed that the budget be set at £9420.00, the precept set at £5750 and that the D.A.P.C. subscription be deducted at source from the first instalment of the precept. Agreed.

**8. PLANNING MATTERS:** the following applications and decisions had been received and circulated since the meeting on 4th December.

**APPLICATIONS**

07/3428/FUL

Mr. Baksh, The Koppers, Kilmington, Devon. EX13 7RJ

Erection of conservatory at The Koppers.

**COUNCILLORS OPPOSED THIS ON THE GROUNDS OF POOR DESIGN FOR A BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA. IN ADDITION THE STANDARD OF PRESENTATION OF THE PLANS WAS CONSIDERED UNACCEPTABLE.**

07/3316/L.B.C.

L. & D. Driver and R. & H. Jenkin, Studhayes Farm, Kilmington, Devon. EX13 7DR

Porch extension to utility room, installation of windows in porch and dairy, partial removal of barns and replace with stables at Studhayes Farm.

**SUPPORT**

07/3317/L.B.C.

L. & D. Driver and R. & H. Jenkin, Studhayes Farm, Kilmington, Devon. EX13 7DR

Porch extension to utility room, installation of window and conservation roof light to dairy and replace kitchen window with french window at Studhayes Farm.

**SUPPORT**

08/0035/FUL

Mr. & Mrs. M. Hiett, Brackley, Well Mead, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7SQ

Single storey extension to rear to enlarge existing rooms. at Brackley,

**SUPPORT**

In addition to the above applications, the Clerk had taken a copy of a document received at the sub-district office in Axminster but which had not been sent to the Parish Council. This related to Pitt Orchard and was a letter from the agent indicating that his client would be willing to reposition the storage containers within the site and that their present position would be used for parking of cars.

**IT WAS AGREED THAT A LETTER BE SENT ONCE MORE TO THE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER STATING THAT IN THE COUNCIL'S OPINION THERE SHOULD BE NO DEVELOPMENT PERMITTED OTHER THAN WITHIN THE AREA SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY THE CERTIFICATE OF LAWFULNESS AND MARKED ON THE MAP APPROVED BY THE INSPECTOR WHO GRANTED THE CERTIFICATE.**

**DECISIONS**

**GRANTS**

07/2418/FUL (ADJOINING PARISH CONSULTATION)

Mr. C. Daw, Vine Cottage, Main Road, Exminster, Exeter, Devon. EX6 8DY

Replace prefabricated dwelling with 2 storey cottage and erection of single garage and workshop/store at Barnes Meadow, Whitford Road Kilmington.

07/2381/OUT

Mr. While, The Old Inn, Gammons Hill, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7RB

Erection of two dwellings with on-site parking and turning provision and alterations to skittle alley to create access at Old Inn, Kilmington.

**REFUSALS**

07/2197/OUT

J. McGrath, 54, The Cricketers, Axminster, Devon. EX13 5RQ

Erection of Dwelling on land adjacent to 21, Meadow Bank, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7RL

**Appeals Lodged**

**Appeals Upheld**

**Appeals Dismissed**

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

17/12/07 S. Heighway - re 07/2462/FUL

xx/12/07 J. Martell - re 07/1846/FUL

The contents of these letters, relating to non-compliance with agreed plans, was noted.

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

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

### 9. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Response to matters reported: no response had been received to the matters reported before Christmas.

The Chairman stated that Mr. Hoare had seen the flooding problems in Silver Street. He proposes to try and remove the branch wedge under the culvert and to remove the backed up shingle to increase the depth of the channel. He will then have the bank shuttered.

b) Matters to Report - The following matters will be reported to Mr. Hoare:-

- i) There is a pothole in Shute Road by the Baptist Channel.
- ii) There is large pothole in Nower Lane about 200 metres up from Dulcis Cross.
- iii) There is a hole in Bimbom Lane near the drainage grid just up from Pitt Orchard.

c) A35 Group - the Clerk said that Cty. Cllr. Hull had said that he had support at County level for a crossing on the A35. The next meeting of the group will be on 7th February.

There was some discussion as to whether it was intended that the hatched area at the junction of the A35.Shute Road/George Lane be converted to and extension to the actual verge itself. Opinion was divided as to whether this was desirable.

### 10. BEST KEPT VILLAGE SIGN:

The sign which was received has affixed to the posts supporting the Village Sign in front of the Village Hall Car Park. It was suggested that these posts would benefit from an application of preservative.

### 11. MAINTENANCE MATTERS:

- a) Refurbishment of notice boards - The Chairman had spoken to Cllr. Penzer who had assured him that the work was in hand.
- b) Play Area - Cllr. Bolton reported that Simon Williams would fell the tree. He said that more of the posts surrounding the play area would be concreted-in.
- c) Trees - the Chairman had spoken to the Tree Warden, Mr. Willcox, who had submitted a report on all the works he considered necessary. The only item which he did not feel he could undertake himself was the trimming of the overhanging branches of the beech tree near the A35. These branches had been removed already by Cllr. Dare.

12. ALLOTMENT MATTERS: Simon Williams will apply a coat of preservative to the shed once the weather is drier.

Cllr. Collier, seconded by Cllr. Hurford, proposed that the allotment rent be kept unchanged for the coming year. Agreed.

13. AFFORDABLE HOUSING : there was nothing to report at the moment.

14. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP : it was reported that there were two branches overhanging Boggy Lane which needed to be trimmed back.

Cllr. Newbery reported on his attendance at the P3 Christmas Workshop. He said that many parishes had a copy of a map showing the parish paths on display in the parish. Opinion was divided on the merits of doing this. It was felt that keen path walkers tended to have such maps. It was felt more helpful to include some of Mrs. Penzers maps in the Welcome booklet given to newcomers.

15. PARISH PLAN: the Chairman said that there was nothing to report.

16. CORRESPONDENCE: a copy of Clerks and Councils Direct was put into circulation.

17. DATES OF NEXT MEETING: the dates of the meetings for the forthcoming year were circulated.

DAY	DATE	MONTH	YEAR	
Tuesday	8th	January	2008	
Tuesday	26th	February	2008	
Tuesday	1st	April	2008	
Tuesday	6th	May	2008	
Tuesday	17	June	2008	
Tuesday	29th	July	2008	
Tuesday	3rd	September	2008	
Tuesday	7th	October	2008	
Tuesday	11th	November	2008	
Tuesday	2nd	December	2008	
Thursday	24th	April	2008	A.P.M.

Signed ..... Chairman. Date .....