

KILMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7.30 P.M.ON TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER 2009.****IN THE CUDMORE ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHITFORD ROAD, KILMINGTON.**

1. **PRESENT** : Cllr. M. Collier (Chairman), Cllr. C.H. Bolton (Vice-chairman), Cllr. P.W.A. Dare (arrived part of the way through the meeting), Cllr. G.H. Hurford, Cllr. S.A. Huscroft Cllr. S.J. Newbery, Cllr. D.A. Vickers, the Clerk, Cty Cllr. Moulding, Dist. Cllr. Chubb and P.C.S.O. Jones, There were 8 members of the public present.

2. **APOLOGIES** : Cllr. S.R. Hodges (holiday), Cllr. R. I. Penzer, (prior engagement) and had tendered their apologies.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** : the Clerk said that although both the minutes of the the 30th June and 16th July meetings had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the last meeting and had been approved, she had since noticed that she had inadvertently omitted those of the 16th July from the agenda for the last meeting. In the interests of clarity she felt that they should be re-approved at the same time as the minutes from 11th August were being proposed. Cllr. Hurford, seconded by Cllr. Huscroft proposed that both sets be adopted. Agreed.

4. **POLICE REPORT**: P.C.S.O. Jones said that there had been no crimes since the last meeting but that in the last week there had been a further, unwitnessed, incident, with fatalities, of sheep worrying in Shute. A dog, described as a terrier, had attacked a walker passing an encampment of travellers in the upper part of the Roman Road. The owner had been charged with keeping a dog untethered and out of control. She reported that it is hoped to get the site of the lower encampment of travellers, which appears to have been abandoned, cleared of the abandoned vehicles and other items once prescribed time limits have elapsed. Cty. Cllr. Moulding arrived at this point and confirmed what had been reported.

5. **MATTERS OF URGENCY AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**: none.

6. **FINANCIAL MATTERS** : a) Current Position - the Clerk reported that the current bank account stood as follows:

BANK RECONCILIATION	
	22/09/09
BANK STATEMENT St.341 24/08/20	2848.54
(Unpresented cheques)	-23.00
(Post Date Payments)	-2314.87
	510.67
Post Date Receipts	2878.00
Total	3388.67

This sum is broken down as follows:

ACCOUNT SUMMARY	
P3 Balance	1196.78
	2191.89
	0.00
Total	3388.67

The Alliance and Leicester Account stands at

A&L ACC	£
01/04/09	1060.75
Interest	0.82
Transfer	0
Total	1061.57

The National Savings Bank Account stands at

NATIONAL SAVINGS ACCOI	£
Balance at 01/04/2009	91708.26
Transfer to Lloyds Ac.	-4000.00
	0.00
Present Balance	87708.26

The following income had been received since the last meeting ;

LLOYDS BANK ACCOUNT	£
Allotment Rents	27.00
Precept	2875.00
Donation	5.00

b) Requests for Financial Assistance - none..

c) Approval of Intervening Expenditure - the following payments had been made since the previous meeting:

CHQ NO.	PARISH BUSINESS	Sum	V.A.T	Goods
	Payee	£	£	£
1265	Kilmington Village Hall (Grant)	1750.00	0.00	1750.00
1266	R.G. Landscaping (Grass cutting)	448.50	58.50	390.00
1267	Axminster Printing Co. Ltd. (August)	30.07	3.92	26.15
1269	R.E.J. Wareham (Allotment and Common)	71.30	9.30	62.00
	Total	2299.87	71.72	2228.15

Cllr. Hurford seconded by Cllr. Vickers proposed that these be approved. Agreed.

d) Expenditure to be Approved for which Bills Have been Received : the following bills had been received and were due for payment: none.

e) Forthcoming Expenditure to Approve: the Clerk said that it was likely that there would be bills for Grass cutting, stationery, staff cost, allotment pump electricity due for payment before the next meeting.

7. **PUBLIC FORUM:** a resident said that in the letter from the Charity Commission by Cllr. Bolton at the last meeting, specie meant cash. He requested a copy of the letter.

A resident of Silver Street expressed his concerns that despite assurances from the Highway Authority following an inspection in spring that work would be carried out on the culvert under Bimbom Lane nothing had been done. The Clerk will write to the Authority.

Cllr. Collier said that reports that the water in the brook had been yellow in colour recently could be explained by the movement of soil upstream near the source of the brook.

8. **PLANNING MATTERS:** the following applications and decisions had been received since the meeting on 11th August 2009:

09/1420/FUL AMENDMENTS DATED 19TH AUGUST

Koppers Retirement Home, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7RJ
Erection of two storey extension to provide 10 no. bedrooms and ancillary space.

SUPPORT

09/1753/FUL

Studhayes Farm, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7DR
Removal of steel portal barn and erection of wooden stable block.

SUPPORT

CLLR. HURFORD DECLARED A PREJUDICIAL INTEREST AS BEING RELATED TO THE APPLICANT AND TOOK NO PART IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS.

09/1812/L.B.C.

Hurfords Stores, Whitford Road, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7RG
Replace "turnerised" roof with natural slate, including repairs to parapet gables.

SUPPORT

09/1842/COU

Hill View, Whitford Road, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7NT
Change of use of agricultural land to form extension to domestic curtilage, formation of new access and creation of parking area (retrospective)

SUPPORT

09/1839/COU

Hill View, Whitford Road, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7NT
Change of use of agricultural land to form extension to domestic curtilage, erection of summerhouse and shed and creation of pond (retrospective)

SUPPORT

Decisions

09/1420/FUL

Koppers Retirement Home, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7RJ
Erection of two storey extension to provide 10 no. bedrooms and ancillary space.

9/1314/FUL

Kilmington Cross Services, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13 7RB
Installation of car wash.

09/1072/COU

Fernwood Farm, Gore Lane, Kilmington, Axminster, Devon. EX13
Retention of existing domestic ancillary building, change of use to garden and erection of additional ancillary domestic building.

The Clerk will attend the training session at East Devon District Council on 30th September and Cllr. Vickers will attend the full day session on 5th October.

In response to a question from the Chairman, the Clerk said that she had not heard any further regarding enforcement enquiries regarding a static caravan at Rhea Farm and the plastic window at The Koppers. She will write to the appropriate officer.

9. HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Progress with Matters Reported - Cllr. Newbery reported that the Highway Technician had inspected the parish. Some trees in Springhead Lane had been cut back and some potholes infilled.

b) Matters to Report - there is a pothole by Millgreen on the Stockland Road. The ditch by Mr. Bond's farm on Shute Road needs attention from the lengthsman and the blocked drain near The Beeches in Shute Road also needs attention. It has been suggested that culverts be put on either side of byway 25 to alleviate drainage problems there. Mr Lavender had requested that clarification be sought as to whether responsibility for the area in front of the shop lay with the Highway Authority or the owner of the premises.

c) A35 Group - Cllr. Vickers reported that the antiskid surfacing had been done. Cllr. Collier said that it should have been taken back to the Axminster side of the filling station as that is where many of the

incidents take place. Cllr. Vickers said that 20 snag points had been identified on the plans received for further works and the Highways Agency is being pressed for a response, though with little success so far. He said that the press release was in conflict with what had actually been done.

10. MAINTENANCE MATTERS:

a) Bus Shelters - Cllr. Vickers said that as it is proposed that the top bus shelter be relocated as part of the proposed improvements on the A35 no work should be done at this stage. It had been suggested that a panel be placed on the west side of the shelter once it has been moved to enable waiting passengers to see the approach of the bus.

b) Play Area - the Parish Council's insurers had confirmed that public liability for the equipment would be covered under the existing policy but that responsibility for matters relating to the condition of the ground (as opposed to the play surface itself) would rest with Kilmington Playing Fields Association. This will mean that the Parish Council will not, in future, make a contribution towards the cost of the Playing Fields Association insurance. The Clerk will obtain a quotation for a sign stating NO DOGS ON PLAY AREA.

c) Trees - the Chairman confirmed that the District Council Tree Officer had not yet contacted him regarding the trees on Jubilee Green. A local resident had spoken to him requesting that one of the trees on The Green be reshaped as it was becoming unbalanced.

d) Water Spout on The Hill - the Chairman will put a notice in Postscript stating that the Parish Council is not responsible for this. A local resident who claims to have evidence that the Parish Council is responsible has not put forward any proof in support of such a contention.

11. ALLOTMENT MATTERS: a resident living in a property adjoining the allotments had complained that brambles were growing out from the mutual hedge into his garden. The Chairman will speak to a contractor about this.

12. AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Further clarification will be sought from the Charity Commission as to whether it would be permissible for housing to be built on The Common. There was no further progress to report regarding the ransom strip. The current economic situation, with falling rental values but soaring construction costs, was having the effect of making the most viable way of funding affordable housing that whereby the profit from the sale of, say, two private houses is used to defray the cost of building four to six affordable homes. The general slow-down in the market makes it unlikely that any real progress will take place until next spring. It was felt that it would be useful to know who the best point of contact for affordable housing was at the District Council.

13. PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP :

a) Areas in Need of Upgrading/Maintenance - there was nothing further to report.

b) Travellers Encampment on Roman Road - this had been discussed in the course of the Police Report.

14. PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION: Cllr. Vickers said that following the recent public consultation, conducted via a response form in Postscript, which had produced a 76% response rate, they would be pressing for the introduction of a 20 m.p.h. speed limit throughout the village. Cty. Cllr. Moulding said that Devon County Council would unlikely to support this but would consider implementation in the immediate vicinity of schools, provided the measure was included in the school's travel plan. It was noted that the 30 m.p.h. sign on Whitford Road, inbound from Whitford, was obscured by vegetation.

Cllr. Hurford, seconded by Cllr. Dare, proposed that the Parish Council support the Parish Plan Implementation Group's decision to seek a 20 m.p.h. speed limit throughout the village. Agreed.

Cty. Cllr. Moulding referred to the Axminster Community Enterprise group which was investigating the provision of a bus serving Axminster and the surrounding villages using a subsidy from the Making It Local funding stream. He will liaise with Cllr. Vickers.

15. THE COMMON : there was nothing further to report at this stage.

16. NEWCOMERS' COFFEE MORNING: Cllr. Huscroft said that responses from organisations were coming in gradually. The Chairman approved a letter she had drafted to be sent to new comers. The Clerk will arrange for it to be printed.

17. CORRESPONDENCE: various newsletters and reports were put into circulation. Notification had been received that the annual meeting with the District Council would be on 3rd November, which will clash with the next meeting of the Parish Council. The Clerk will try to find an alternative date for the Parish Council meeting. The results of the Best Kept Village Competition had been received. Kilmington had been awarded 89 points but had not been in the running for a prize.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING : see item 17.

Signed Chairman. Date